

# **Syro-Malabar Liturgical Calendar**

2013 - 2014



## 2013 December

### 1 Sun ✕ **First Sunday of Annunciation**

*25 days fasting begins.*

Gen17: 15-22 (17: 1-27) I will bless Sarah and I will give you a son by her.

Is 43: 1-7,10-11 (42:18-43: 13) O Israel I have redeemed you.

Eph 5: 21-6:4 The Christian household.

Lk 1: 5-25 (1: 1-25) The birth of John the Baptist foretold.

2 Mon Gal 3: 9-14 The just man lives by faith.  
Lk 9: 37-43a The generation without faith.

### 3 Tue **St. Francis Xavier**

Dt 26: 16-19 You are a holy people.

Is 45: 20-24 There is no God besides me.

2 Cor 6: 3-10 We are God's servants.

Mk 6: 7-13 Jesus sends out His disciples.

4 Wed 1 Cor 1:4-9 God who called is faithful.  
Jn 8: 26-30 Jesus sent by the Father.

5 Thu 1Tim 4: 11-16 Be model in Holiness.  
Mt 24: 45-51 Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives.

### 6 Fri *First Friday.*

Col 3: 1-10 Seek the things that are above.

Mt 13: 12-17 The purpose of the parables.

7 Sat Gal 3: 1-9 Justification through faith.  
Lk 9: 57-62 Total dedication in the discipleship.

### **St. Ambrose**

Dt 7: 1-11 You are a holy people.

Sir 15: 1-6 The man of God received God's wisdom.

2 Tim 4: 1-8 The crown of righteousness.

Lk 14: 25-33 Cost of discipleship.

### 8 Sun ✕ **Second Sunday of Annunciation**

Num 22: 20-35 (22: 20-23: 2) Balaam gets instructions from the angel.

Is 43: 25-44: 5 (43: 14-44: 5) Restoration and protection promised to Israel.

Col 4: 2-6 (4: 2-18) Make use of your time fully.

Lk 1: 26-38 (1: 26-56) Birth of Jesus is announced.

### ✕ **Feast of Immaculate Conception of Our Lady**

Sir 24: 1-14 (24: 1-34) The greatness of wisdom.

Is 7: 10-16 Virgin will give birth to a child.

Heb 1: 1-3+2: 16-18 Son of God.

Lk 1: 46-55 (Mt.1: 1-17+Lk.1: 46-55) The magnificat.

9 Mon *Death anniversary of Mar Louis Pazheparampil (1919).*  
Eph 4: 13-16 We must grow up in every way into Christ.  
Jn 14: 11-14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

10 Tue 1 Thes 5: 5-11 Children of the day.  
Lk 10: 21-24 Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.

11 Wed Eph 1: 3-12 God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.  
Lk1: 34-38 Behold the handmaid of God.

12 Thu Rom 12: 9-18 Love one another with mutual affection.  
Lk 1: 39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth.

13 Fri 2 Cor 8: 11-15 Be ready to help others.  
Lk 1: 46-56 Magnificat.

14 Sat Heb 3: 12-19 Do not stray from God.  
Lk 11: 33-36 Power of light.  
**St. John of the Cross**  
1 Cor 2: 1-10 Hidden and mysterious wisdom.  
Lk 14: 25-33 Discipleship demands sacrifice.

**15 Sun ✘ Third Sunday of Annunciation**

Gen 18: 1-10 (18: 1-19) A son is promised to Abraham.  
Jud 13: 2-7, 24 (13: 2-24) The birth of Samson.  
Eph 3: 1-13 (3: 1-21) Paul, the apostle of gentiles.  
Lk 1: 57-66 (1: 57-80) Birth of John the Baptist.

16 Mon 1 Cor 5: 1-8 Give up immorality.

Lk 6: 43-45 Be a good tree which produces good fruit.

17 Tue Eph 2: 1-10 Salvation is the gift of God.

Mt 3: 1-6 Heavenly kingdom is nearby.

**18 Wed The Miraculous Cross of Mylapore**

Ex 17: 4-6 Stream from the rock.  
Acts 2: 29-36 (2: 14-36) God raised Christ whom you crucified.  
Eph 2: 14-22 All are united in Christ Jesus.  
Jn 14: 1-6 Jesus the way, the truth and the life.

19 Thu *Death anniversary of Mar John Menacherry (1919).*

Gal 3: 26-29 Put on Christ.

Lk 1: 67-79 Prophetical Hymn of Zachariah.

20 Fri Col 1: 10-16 Lead a life pleasing to Jesus Christ.

Mk 1: 1-8 He who comes after me is more powerful than me.

21 Sat *The establishment of Syro-Malabar Hierarchy (1923).*

Gal 1: 11-17 Those who are called by God's grace.

Jn 3: 31-36 Who is from the above is above all persons.

**22 Sun ✘ Fourth Sunday of Annunciation**

Gen 24: 50-67 Isaac receives Rebekah.  
1 Sam 1: 1-18 (1: 1-28) Samuel's birth and dedication.  
Eph 5: 5-21 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.  
Mt 1: 18-24 God's intervention in birth of Jesus.

23 Mon Eph 6: 18-20 Pray continuously.

Jn 1: 1-5 The Word was in the beginning.

24 Tue Gal 4: 1-7 Son of God is born from the woman.

Jn 1: 6-13 He came to give witness to the light.

**25 Wed ✘ Christmas – The Nativity of our Lord  
(See the Liturgy of Christmas)**

*Day of Obligation.*

Is 7: 10-16+9: 1-3, 6-7 The young woman shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Mic 4: 1-3+5: 2-5, 8-9 From you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel.

Gal 3: 15-4: 6 In the fullness of time God sent his Son.

Lk 2: 1-20 The Birth of Jesus Christ.

26 Thu Heb 5:11-14 Discern good and evil.

Mt 12: 43-45 Evil spirit comes back.

**St. Stephen**

Act 6:8-10+7:54-59 The martyrdom of St. Stephen.

Mt 10:16-22 Whoever holds out to the end will be saved.

27 Fri **St. John, the Apostle**

*Patron's day of Mar John Vadakkal.*

Ex 33: 12-23 (33: 9-23 )God is with the people.

Sir 15: 1-6 The God's servant will receive the rewards.

Rom 8: 35-39 Who can separate us from the love of Christ?

Jn 21: 20-24 The disciple whom Jesus loved.

28 Sat **Holy Childhood Day (The Infant's Day)**

Gen 4: 3-8 Cain murders Abel.

Jer 31: 15-17 A voice of lamentation and bitter weeping from Ramah.

Heb 11: 32-38 (11: 3-10+11: 32-12: 2) Persecuted for faith.

Mt 2: 13-18 The massacre of the infants.

29 Sun ✘ **First Sunday of Nativity**

Gen 21: 9-21 (21: 1-21) God protects the son of the slave woman.

1 Sam 1: 21-28 (1: 19-28) Samuel is given to the Lord.

Gal 4: 21-5: 1 Christ has set us free.

Mt 2: 1-12 (2: 1-23) Visit of the magi.

### Feast of Holy Family

Gen 1: 26-28 He created them male and female.

Sir 3: 1-9 The duties of the parents.

Col 3: 18-21 The family life in Christ.

Mt 2: 13-14, 19-23 The flight to Egypt.

30 Mon 1 Jn 3: 11-17 Who hates his brother is a murderer.  
Jn 8: 12-18 Jesus is the light of the world.

### 31 Tue End of the Year

2 Cor 1: 18-22 We are instituted in Christ.

Jn 13: 31b-35 Mutual love is the sign of Christ's disciple.

## January 2014 Seasons of Nativity and Epiphany

### 1 Wed ✕ Holy Name of Jesus (Circumcision)

#### New Year Day

Gen 17: 1-14 (17: 1-27) The circumcision of the Israelites.

Is 43: 1-7 (42: 18-43: 13) God who calls us by name.

Phil 2: 5-11 (Gal. 5: 1-6+ Phil. 2: 5-11) The name of Jesus is greater than every other name.

Mt. 1: 18-25 + Lk. 2: 21 He was named Jesus.

2 Thu Acts 3: 20-26 Prophet like Moses.  
Mt 4: 12-17 Jesus begins the mystery.

### 3 Fri The Divine Motherhood of Mary

#### First Friday

Ex 15: 11-21 (15: 11-21+Mic.6:1-5+Jer.31: 13-17) The song of Miriam.

Acts 1: 12-14 (1: 1-14) Apostles in prayer together with Mary.

Rom 16: 17-20, 25-27 (16: 1-27) It is God who reveals the mysteries.

Lk 1: 39-45 (Lk.1: 26-55+Mt.1: 1-16,18-25) Blessed are you among women.

#### Blessed Kuriakose Elias Chavara

Gen 12: 1-4 God calls Abraham.

Is 44: 1-4 I will bestow my grace upon your children.

1 Pet 4: 12-19 Live according to God's will.

Mt 5: 1-12 True happiness of the followers of Christ.

4 Sat 1 Cor 2: 11-15 Spiritual man discerns everything.  
Lk 12: 35-40 Watchful servant.

### 5 Sun ✕ Second Sunday of Nativity

Ex 2: 1-10 Birth of Moses.

Is 49: 1-6 Israel the Chosen People of God.

2 Tim 2: 16-26 Lord knows his own.

Lk 2: 21-35 (Lk 2: 21-52) Presentation of Jesus in the temple.

## Season of Epiphany

The word Epiphany in Syriac is known as 'Denha'. It means 'dawn' 'revelation' 'manifestation' etc. In this season, the Church recalls the manifestation of Jesus which began with his baptism at Jordan. Jesus reveals Himself to the world; Father and the Holy Spirit witness to it: 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased' (Mt. 3:7). The mystery of the Holy Trinity is revealed at His baptism.

The Feast of Denha which is celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> January is called 'Pindikuthiperunnal' by faithful who live in the northern part of Kerala and 'Rakkuli' by people of the south. 'Pindikuthiperunnal' originated from the practice of going around the 'vazhapindi' decorated with lights and singing 'God is light' commemorating Jesus the light of the world. The name 'Rakkuli' came from the ritual bath that our forefathers used to have in the river or pool near by, on the eve of the feast. It was a religious ceremony.

The saints who witnessed the revealed mystery of Christ through their lives are remembered by the Church on the Fridays of this season. The most important themes commemorated during these days are the baptism of Jesus, His public life, His divine and human nature, His intimate relation with the Father and the Holy Spirit and his self-emptying love. In this season the Scriptural proclamations (readings) chosen are mainly connected with the public life of Jesus. This period reminds us of the baptism of Jesus and our own baptism and the responsibilities we have undertaken with it. Hence, let us strive hard to know Him more intensely and to live like the children of God during this season.

### 6 Mon ✠ **The Feast of Epiphany**

*Important feast day and a day of obligation.*

*Episcopal Ordination of Mar Mathew Moolakkatt (1999).*

Num 24: 15-25 (24: 2-9, 15-25) The Spirit of God came upon him.

Is 11: 1-5 (4: 2-5+11: 1-5+12: 4-6) The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.

Tit 3: 1-7 (2: 11-3: 7) God poured out Holy Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ.

Mt 3:13-17 (3:1-17) Baptism of Jesus.

- 7 Tue Tit 3: 8-11 Be vigilant in doing good things.  
Lk 13: 23-30 Door of salvation is narrow.
- 8 Wed *Death anniversary of Mar Alexander Choolaparambil (1951).*  
1 Cor 6: 15-20 Temple of Holy Spirit.  
Jn 2: 13-17 Don't merchandise the temple of God.
- 9 Thu 1 Cor 2: 6-10 Wisdom of God.  
Lk 7: 11-17 The rise of a great prophet among us.
- 10 Fri **St. John the Baptist**  
*Death anniversary of Mar Augustine Kandathil (1956).*  
Is 40: 1-8 (35: 3-10+40: 1-8) Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Acts 13: 16-26 (13: 13-33) John preached a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.  
Eph 2: 19-3:7 (2: 19-3: 21) St Paul Who bore witness to Jesus Christ.  
Mk 6: 14-29 Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist.
- 11 Sat Rom 9: 30-33 Justice obtained by the gentiles.  
Jn 10: 31-39 The Father sent the Son to the world.
- 12 Sun ✠ **First Sunday of Epiphany**  
*Syro-Malabar Mission Sunday (Special Collection).*  
Ex 3: 1-12 Moses is entrusted with the task of delivering Israel from Egypt.  
Is 44: 28-45: 4 (44: 21-45: 4) Cyrus is made the liberator of Israel.  
2 Tim 3: 10-15 (3: 1-15) Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.  
Lk 4: 16-22a (4: 14-30) Jesus is the Liberator.
- 13 Mon 1 Cor 11: 17-22 There should not be divisions among you.  
Jn 17: 20-26 Prayer of Jesus for unity.
- 14 Tue 1 Cor 12: 12-18 Different members of one body.  
Jn 15: 1-10 Abide in my love.
- 15 Wed Eph 2: 11-19 All are one in Christ.  
Jn 21: 15-19 Peter the shepherd.

- 16 Thu 1 Pet 5: 5-9 Entrust all worries to God.  
Mk 4: 35-41 He has power over wind and sea.
- 17 Fri **Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles**  
2 Kgs 4: 32-37 (4: 8-37) The child is brought to life by Elisha.  
Acts 9: 36-42 (9: 32-42 ) Peter resuscitates Thabitha.  
2 Cor 11: 21b-31 (2 Cor 10: 1-7,11: 21-31) Sufferings of Paul.  
Mt 16: 13-19 (Mt 16: 13-19+Jn 21: 15-19) Peter's proclamation of faith.
- 18 Sat **Unity Octave begins**  
Rom 10: 10-20 Faith and proclamation.  
Mk 1: 21-28 Teaching with authority.  
*Beginning of the unity octave.*  
Eph 4: 1-6 Exhortation for unity.  
Jn 17: 6-11 Let they may be one.
- 19 Sun ✠ **Second Sunday of Epiphany**  
Num 10: 29-36 (10: 29-11: 10) Moses leads the people of Israel.  
Is 45: 11-17 Israel is saved by the Lord with everlasting salvation.  
Heb 3: 1-6 (3: 1-4: 7) Jesus is greater than Moses.  
Jn 1: 14-18 (1: 1-28) Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
- 20 Mon **St. Sebastian**  
*Patron's day of Mar Sebastian Vadakkal and Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath.*  
Dt 32: 37-43 There is no God besides me.  
Is 49: 1-4 My property is God.  
2 Tim 2: 1-5 The Lord's disciple should suffer.  
Mt 10: 24-33 Bear witness without fear.
- 21 Tue Rom 15: 14-21 Servant of Christ for the gentiles.  
Jn 17: 6-11 Let they may be one.
- 22 Wed 2 Cor 6: 4-10 Proud to be the servants of God.  
Lk 3: 15-18 He baptizes in the Holy Spirit and in the Fire.
- 23 Thu 1 Cor 9: 24-27 Run after eternal things.  
Mk 10: 17-22 Sell and give your property to the poor.

- 24 Fri **Evangelists**  
1 Kgs 18:30-39 Elisha who reveals the True God.  
Acts 5:12-16 (5:12-32) Signs and wonders by the hands of the Apostles.  
I Cor 4: 9-16 (I Cor.4: 9-16+2 Cor 1: 8-14) I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.  
Mt 10: 1-15 (9: 35-10: 15) Jesus sends out the Apostles.
- St. Francis de Sales**  
Eph 3: 8-13 Paul who preached Christ to the Gentiles.  
Jn 15: 9-17 Remain in my love.
- 25 Sat **The Conversion of St. Paul**  
**Unity Octave ends**  
Ex 3: 1-14 God calls Moses.  
Acts 9: 1-22 The Conversion of Saul.  
1 Cor 15: 1-10 Jesus appears to one who is untimely born.  
Mt 20: 1-16 The workers in the vineyard.
- Sts. Timothy and Titus**  
2 Sam 22: 2-4 Lord is my redeemer.  
Wis 7: 28-8:3 God loves the wise.  
1 Tim 6: 11-16 Fight for faith.  
Mt 16: 24-27 Christ's disciple has to suffer
- 26 Sun ✠ **Third Sunday of Epiphany**  
**The Republic Day**  
*Next Sunday is the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple (Purification of Our Lady).  
Death anniversary of Mar Mathew Makil (1914).*  
Num 11: 11-20 Moses who bears the sufferings of his people.  
Is 45: 18- 46:4 Turn to God and be saved.  
Heb 4: 1-10 (3: 14-4: 10) Let us enter Lord's rest through obedience.  
Jn 1: 29-34 (1: 29-42) The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

- 27 Mon Acts 16: 25-34 Believe in Jesus Christ.  
Lk 5: 12-16 Jesus cleanses a Leper.
- 28 Tue Heb 4: 1-7 Those who believed enter into the rest.  
Lk 4: 22-30 The rejection of Jesus at Nazareth.  
**St. Thomas Aquinas**  
1 Kgs 3: 5-12 A wise and discerning mind is given to Solomon.  
Wis 7: 7-14 Those who pray will get wisdom.  
1 Cor 1: 18-25 Folly of the Cross.  
Mt 5: 13-16 You are the salt of the earth.
- 29 Wed *Major Archiepiscopal status to Syro-Malabar Church.*  
*Mar Antony Padiyara, the first Major Archbishop (1992).*  
Gal 1: 6-10 No other gospel.  
Jn 10: 1-6 Jesus the good shepherd.
- 30 Thu 2 Cor 5: 11-14 Love of Christ inspires us.  
Jn 1: 34-42 Call of the first disciples.  
**World Day of Peace**  
Eph 2: 14-22 Jesus is our peace.  
Jn 14: 27-31 The peace given by Jesus.
- 31 Fri **St. Stephen**  
1 Kgs 21: 1-21 Naboth is stoned to death.  
Acts 7: 54-60 (6: 8-15+7: 51-8: 2) The martyrdom of St. Stephen.  
2 Cor 4: 8-18 (3: 18-4: 18) Carrying in the body the death of Jesus.  
Mt 23: 34-39 (11: 20-30 + 23: 29-39) Bloodshed of the righteous for Christ.  
**St. John Bosco**  
*Patron's day of Mar Bosco Puthur.*  
Phil 4: 4-9 Do whatever you have heard from me.  
Mt 18: 1-5 Welcome children in my name.

## February 2014

### Seasons of Epiphany and Lent

- 1 Sat 1 Jn 5: 13-21 Those who are born of God do not sin.  
Jn 8: 39-47 One who is from God listens to the Word of God.
- 2 Sun ✕ **Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar George Alencherry (1997).*  
Num 11: 23-35 He reveals Israel's redemption.  
Is 46: 5-13 I am God, and there is none like me.  
Heb 7: 23-28 (7: 18-28) Christ holds His priesthood permanently.  
Jn 2: 1-11 (1: 43- 2: 11) Jesus' glory is revealed at Cana.  
**The Presentation of our Lord in the Temple**  
**(Purification of Our Lady)**  
Lev 12: 1-8 Purification of mothers.  
Is 42: 1-7 Servant of God.  
Rom 9: 30-10: 4 Christ, the fulfillment of law.  
Lk 2: 22-38 Presentation of our Lord in the temple.
- 3 Mon Gal 3: 21-25 Law and faith.  
Jn 5: 41-47 Real faith is based on God's love.
- 4 Tue 1 Jn 3: 18-24 Those who obey commandments are the favoured ones.  
Mk 3: 7-12 Jesus cures many.  
**St. John Britto**  
1 Cor 9: 19-23 I became all things to all men.  
Jn 15: 18-25 The world will hate you because of me.
- 5 Wed Col 2: 6-10 Fullness of life in Christ.  
Mt 12: 15b-21 The servant whom God has chosen.
- 6 Thu *Death anniversary of Mar Mathew Pothanamuzhy (1982).*  
Eph 6: 10-17 Withstand and conquer evil.  
Mk 9: 33-37 The first one should be the servant of all.
- 7 Fri **Greek Fathers**  
*First Friday*  
1 Sam 22: 11-21 (22: 6-21) Those who are persecuted for truth.

Acts 22: 22-29 (22: 27-23: 16) Trial before the tribunal on behalf of faith.

2 Tim 2: 8-13 (2: 8-19;4: 1-8,14-18) Suffering hardships for the Gospel.

Mt 5: 1-12 (4: 23-5: 19) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness.

8 Sat *Episcopal ordination of Mar Thomas Elavanal (1997)*  
1 Cor 3: 10-17 Foundation is Jesus Christ.

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**✠ Fifth Sunday of Epiphany**

*Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Arackal (2001) and Mar George Madathikandathil (2013).*

Dt 18: 13-18 (18: 9-22) A Prophet like Moses.

Is 48: 12-20 The Lord who teaches and leads Israel.

Heb 6: 9-15 (6: 9-7: 3) We are confident of things that belong to salvation.

Jn 3: 14-21 (3: 1-21) Those who do what is true come to the light.

10 Mon **Three days' Fast**

Is 64: 1-9 (63: 17-64: 12) Remember not our iniquity for ever.

Hab 3: 13-19a (3: 1-19) God, the Lord, is my strength.

1 Tim 2: 1-7 (2: 1-3: 10) Pray for all.

Mt 18: 23-35 Forgive your brother from your heart.

11 Tue **Three Days' Fast**

1 Sam 7: 3-9 Return to the Lord with all your heart.

Is 59: 1-8 (59: 1-18) Our iniquities make separation between us and God.

Rom 12: 1-8 (12: 1-21) Be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

Lk 18: 9-14 (18: 2-14) Pray with repentance.

**Our Lady of Lourdes (Day of the sick)**

Rev 12: 1-6 The woman crowned with stars.

Jn 2: 1-11 Do whatever He tells you.

12 Wed **Three Days' Fast**

Joel 2: 15-19 (2: 15-27) Return to God with your whole heart.

Jon 3: 1-10 (3: 1-4: 11) The fasting and prayer of Nineveh.

Rom 9: 19-29 (9: 14-10: 17) God who shows mercy.

Mt 6: 1-4 (6: 1-18) God remunerates for the good deeds.

13 Thu *Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Powathil (1972).*  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Bosco Puthur (2010).*

Col 1: 21-23 Constancy in Faith.

Lk 13: 10-17 Jesus heals a crippled woman.

14 Fri **Syriac Fathers**

2 Kgs 13: 14-21 The Lord's arrow of victory over Aram.

Acts 13: 4-12 (12: 25-13: 12) Paul against false prophet.

Heb 13: 7-9,17-19 (13: 1-9,16-21) Obey your leaders those who watch over your souls.

Mt 16: 24-28 (16: 24-17: 9) Take up your cross and follow me.

15 Sat 1 Cor 15: 50-57 mortal body puts on immortality.

Mt 23: 1-12 All who exalt themselves will be humbled.

16 Sun **✠ Sixth Sunday of Epiphany**

Deut 24: 14-22 (24: 9-22) Do justice.

Is 63: 7-16 Lord, the Saviour of the People.

Heb 8: 1-6 (8: 1-9: 10) Christ, the only Mediator.

Jn 3: 22-31 (3: 22-4: 3) Christ, the One from above.

17 Mon 2 Pet 3: 8-13 The day of the Lord will come like thief.

Mk 13: 32-37 The need of watchfulness.

18 Tue 1 Jn 2: 12-17 Do the will of God and remain with Him.

Lk 14: 25-35 The cost of discipleship.

19 Wed 1 Thess 2: 17-20 Participation in the suffering of Christ.

Mk 10: 35-45 The first should be the servant of all.

20 Thu *Death anniversary of Cardinal Mar Joseph Parecattil (1987).*

2 Pet 1: 10-15 Remain in truth.

Lk 5: 33-39 Dispute over fasting.

21 Fri **Patron of the Church**

Is 41: 8-16 People chosen by God.

Acts 19: 8-20 The power of the Word of God.

2 Cor 10: 5-11 (10: 3-18) Apostle's authority to build up the Church.

Mt 25: 14-23 (24: 45-47+25: 14-23) Increase the God-given talents.



- 22 Sat *Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Pastor Neelankavil (1987).*  
 2 Thess 2: 5-12 Punishment to those who do evil.  
 Mt 11: 20-24 Punishment to the unrepentant.  
**St. Polycarp (23 Sunday)**  
 Ex 3: 1-6 God calls Moses.  
 Dan 3: 19-26 Three young men in the blazing furnace.  
 2Cor 6: 4-10 We are servants.  
 Lk 11: 43-52 Prophets will be persecuted.
- 23 Sun ✕ **Seventh Sunday of Epiphany**  
 Deut 14: 22-15:4 (14:2-15:4) The Lord your God will bless you.  
 Is 42: 5-9 (42: 5-9, 14-17) A covenant to the people and a light to the nations.  
 1 Tim 6: 17-21 (6: 9-21) Rich in good works and generous to share.  
 Mt 8: 5-13 (7: 28-8: 13) Let it be done for you according to your faith.
- 24 Mon *Episcopal ordination of Mar Kuriakose Kunnachery (1968).*  
 2 Thess 3: 1-5 Lord is faithful.  
 Mt 9: 18-26 Your faith has saved you.
- 25 Tue 1 Cor 15: 20-28 The resurrection of the dead.  
 Mt 24: 37-44 The coming of the Son of Man at an unexpected time.
- 26 Wed *Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Vattakuzhy (1987).*  
 2 Tim 4: 1-6 Proclaim the Word.  
 Jn 4: 27-38 I have food to eat that you do not know.
- 27 Thu 2 Pet 3: 14-18 Do not examine the patience of God.  
 Lk 6: 37-42 Do not judge others.
- 28 Fri **Commemoration of the Dead**  
 Ezek 37: 1-14 The Lord promises new life to His people.  
 Sir 44: 1-15 (44: 1-45: 6) Glory of Fathers.  
 1 Cor 15: 39-49 (15: 34-57) The resurrection of the body.  
 Mt 25:31-40 (25: 31-46) Crown of justice to those who do good.

## 2014 March Season of Lent

- 1 Sat Rev 3:14-22 Behold! I knock the door.  
 Mt 15:29-31 Jesus cures many people.

## Season of Lent

The passion, death and resurrection of Jesus mark the climax of His salvific acts. The seven weeks between Denha and the feast of Easter are set apart for prayer, fasting, abstinence and reparation. The basis of this lenten season is the forty days fast of Jesus. Still, we call this period 'Anpathu Nombu'(50 days' fasting). Probably, because St.Thomas Christians fasted and abstained from 'pethurtha' Sunday to Easter Sunday. The Syriac term 'pethurtha' means 'looking back', 'reconciliation' etc. Lent is a season set apart mainly for repentance and reconciliation.

We who became God's children and new creation in baptism drifted away from God by committing sin. During this season we meditate upon man's sin and its consequences, the need for repentance and conversion, the infinite love and mercy of God towards repentant sinners and the passion, death and burial of Jesus Christ. Lenten season calls our attention in a special way to the need for reconciliation with God and fellow beings. Therefore, in this period, the Church persuades the faithful to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

The Church reminds us to spend the lenten period in fervent prayers, sincere fasting and generous almsgiving and to eradicate our evil desires. Like Jesus who conquered death and entered into life, let us also die to sin and enter into eternal life.

- 2 Sun ✕ **First Sunday of Lent**  
*Lent begins at midnight. Fasting on the first day of Lent.  
 Marriage is banned from tomorrow until Easter.  
 Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Anikuzhikkattil (2003).*

Ex 34: 27-35 (34: 1-7, 27-35) The fasting of Moses.  
Is 58: 1-10 (58: 1-12,14) The spirit of the true fasting.  
Eph 4: 17-24 (4: 17-5:4,15-21) Put away your old self and  
clothe yourselves with a new self.  
Mt 4: 1-11(3: 16-4: 11) Jesus overcomes temptation through  
fasting.

- 3 Mon Gen 1: 1-19 God creates heaven and earth.  
Josh 1: 1-15 Be careful to act in accordance with all the laws.  
Rom1: 16-25 (1: 1-25) The sin of man and its consequence.  
Mt 5: 17-26 (5: 17-37) Reconciliation with brothers and sisters.

**Penitential Service (See the Liturgy of the Beginning of Lent)**

Gen 1: 1-19 The Lord creates all.  
Jon 3: 1-10 The conversion of Niniveh.  
Rom 12: 1-15 The new life in Christ.  
Mt 5: 1-12 The beatitudes.

- 4 Tue Gen 1: 20-2: 7 Creation of man.  
Josh 1: 16-18 (1: 16-2: 11) People offers obedience.  
Rom 2: 1-6 (1: 28-2: 6) Do not judge others.  
Mt 5: 38-42 (5: 38-48) Love generously.
- 5 Wed Gen 2: 18-25 Creation of Eve.  
Josh 2: 8-24 Rahab protects the spies of Israel.  
Rom 2: 12-24 (2: 7-27) Salvation is not through the law.  
Mt 6: 5-8 (6: 1-18) Power of the secret prayer.
- 6 Thu Gen 3: 1-13 (3: 1-19) Sin of the first parents.  
Josh 3: 1-13 I am with you.  
Rom 3: 9-20 (2: 28-3: 26) All are sinners.  
Mt 6: 25-34 (6: 19-34) Depend on the divine providence.
- 7 Fri *First Friday*  
Gen 4: 1-16 (3: 20-4: 16) Punishment to Cain.  
Josh 3: 14-4: 9 The Israelites cross the Jordan.  
Rom 4: 13-25 (3: 31-4: 25) Faith of Abraham.  
Mt 7: 1-6 (7: 1-14) Do not judge.
- 8 Sat Rom 3: 21-26 Those who believed are justified.  
Mt 6: 9-15 (6: 5-15) The prayer taught by Christ.

- 9 Sun ✘ **Second Sunday of Lent**  
Gen 5: 19-31 Persons who lived with God.  
Josh 4: 15-24 God dried up river Jordan for the people to pass.  
Rom 6: 15-23 (6: 1-23) Newness of life in Christ through  
baptism.  
Mt 7: 21-27 (7: 15-27) The true disciple.

- 10 Mon Tit 3: 1-7 Laws of Christian life.  
Mk 7: 14-23 Internal and external holiness.
- 11 Tue Rom 8: 18-25 Glory that is to be revealed.  
Mt 7: 7-12 The power of prayer.
- 12 Wed Rom 6: 15-23 Eternal life is the gift of God.  
Mt 9: 1-8 Jesus heals the paralyzed.
- 13 Thu Rom 3: 1-8 Justice and fidelity of God.  
Mt 5: 33-37 Do not swear.
- 14 Fri Gen 6: 5-12 (5: 32-6: 22) Sin increases.  
Josh 5: 1-12 Punishment to those who brake the commadments.  
Rom 7: 7-12 (7: 1-13) Commandment of God is holy and right.  
Mk 11: 27-33 (11: 27-12: 12) Authority of Jesus.
- 15 Sat 1 Cor 5: 9-13 Keep away from immorality.  
Mt 11: 16-19 Unrepentant attitude.
- 16 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Lent**  
*Patron's day of Mar Abraham Mattam.*  
Gen 7: 6-24 (7: 1-24) Noah and family are saved.  
Josh. 5: 13-6: 5 Joshua is near Jericho.  
Rom. 7: 14-25 The fight against evil.  
Mt. 20: 17-28 The first among you must be the servant  
of the all.
- 17 Mon Rom 7: 1-6 Serve in the novelty of the spirit.  
Mk 12: 28-34 Commandment of love.
- 18 Tue 1 Cor 10: 1-13 Those who stand may not fall.  
Lk 21: 29-36 Always be watchful.

### St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Deut 4: 1-8 Be faithful.

Sir 39: 6-14 Be proud of the Covenant of God.

1 Cor 10: 14-21 Get away from idol worship.

Mt 10: 23-28 Bear witness without fear.

### 19 Wed Death of St. Joseph

*Patron's day of Mar Joseph Powathil, Mar Joseph*

*Perumthottam, Mar Joseph Pallikaparambil, Mar Joseph Pastor*

*Neelankavil, Mar Joseph Kunnath, Mar Joseph Kallarangat,*

*Mar Jose Porunnedam, Mar Joseph Pandarasseril, Mar Joseph*

*Arumachadath, Mar Jose Chittooparmbil, Mar Joseph*

*Kollamparampil and Mar Jose Puthenveetil.*

*Episcopal ordination of Mar Simon Stock Palathara (1993).*

Is 41: 8-16 Jacob, I have chosen you.

Acts 19: 11-20 (19:8-20) Power of the Lord revealed through Paul.

2 Cor 10: 3-11 (10: 3-18) The spiritual weapons.

Mt 1: 18-25 Joseph the Just.

20 Thu Eph 6: 1-9 Reward from the Lord according to the deed.  
Mk 12: 35-40 Jesus criticises the scribes.

21 Fri Gen 9: 8-17 (9: 8-29) Covenant with Noah.  
Josh 6: 8-27 Fall of Jericho.  
Rom 8: 1-6 (7: 25-8:11) Spiritual desires lead to life.  
Mk 12: 18-27 (12: 13-44) God the Lord of the living.

22 Sat Eph 4: 25-32 The evils that is to be renounced.  
Mt 21: 28-32 Kingdom of God is for those who repent.

### 23 Sun ✕ Fourth Sunday of Lent

*Death anniversary of Mar Antony Cardinal Padiyara (2000).*

*Patron's day of Mar Vijay Anand Nedumpuram.*

Gen 11: 1-9 (11: 1-32) Tower of Babel and the punishment.

Josh 7: 10-15 (6: 27-7: 15) Punishment for the transgression.

Rom 8: 12-17 (8: 12-21) Heirs of God.

Mt 21: 33-44 (21: 23-46) They are those who reject Son of Man.

24 Mon Gen 12: 1-9 God calls Abraham.  
Josh 7: 16-26 The sin of Achan.

Rom 9: 1-13 Election of Israel.

Jn 5: 1-18 Miracle at Beth-zatha.

### 25 Tue The Feast of Annunciation

*Episcopal Ordination of Mar Antony Chirayath.*

Ex 15: 11-21 (15: 1-21+Mich 6: 1-5+Jer 31: 13-17) The Lord of majesty and holiness.

Acts 1: 1-14 Wait for the promise of the Father.

Heb 1: 1-13 (1: 1-13+2: 16-18) God has spoken through His Son.

Lk 1: 26-38 The birth of Jesus foretold.

26 Wed Gen 13: 8-18 Abraham and Lot separate.  
Josh 8: 18-29 Destruction of Ai city.  
Rom 10: 1-13 (9: 30-10: 17) Salvation to those who believe.  
Jn 6: 60-69 (6: 51-69) Words of eternal life are with you.

27 Thu Gen 14: 8-16 (14: 1-16) God saves Lot.  
Josh 8: 30-35 Joshua builds altar.  
Rom 11: 1-10 (10: 17-11: 12) The remnant part which is elected by the grace.  
Jn 7: 1-13 Feast of the Tent.

28 Fri *Death anniversary of Mar Januarius Palathuruthy (1995).*  
Gen 15: 1-15 (14: 18-15:15) God makes covenant with Abraham.  
Josh 9: 1-15 Deception of Gibeonites.  
Rom 11: 25-36 Renovation of Israel.  
Jn 7: 25-31 (7: 14-36) Christ sent by God.

29 Sat Rom 13: 1-7 All authorities are from God.  
Jn 7: 45-53 Unbelief of the authorities.

### 30 Sun ✕ Fifth Sunday of Lent

Gen 16: 6-16 (16: 1-16) Hagar is comforted by the Lord.

Josh 9: 16-27 Cleansing water and wood for fire.

Rom 12: 1-11 (12: 1-21) Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Jn 7: 37-39, 8: 12-20 (7: 37-52+8: 12-20) Jesus, the living water and light of the world.

31 Mon Col 2: 16-19 Substance belongs to Christ.  
Lk 18: 18-25 Sell and give to the poor.

## April 2014

### Seasons of Lent and Resurrection

- 1 Tue *Death anniversary of Cardinal Mar Varkey Vithayathil (2011).*  
2 Cor 9: 10-15 Service of the ministry.  
Lk 10: 33-37 Be good neighbour.
- 2 Wed *Death anniversary of Pope John Paul II (2005).*  
Jude 8-13 Woe to those who abandon God.  
Jn 8: 1-11 Do not commit sin again.
- 3 Thu 1 Tim 4: 6-10 Duties of a real minister.  
Lk 18: 31-34 Glory through passion.
- 4 Fri *First Friday*  
*Death anniversary of Mar Abraham Kattumana (1995).*  
*Death anniversary of Mar Sebastian Valloppilly (2006).*  
Gen 18: 1-14 (18: 1-19) God visits Abraham.  
Josh 14: 5-12 (14: 5-15) Advice of Joshua.  
Rom 13: 8-14 (13: 1-14) Wear the weapons of light.  
Jn 8: 49-59 (8: 31-59) I am before Abraham.
- 5 Sat 1 Cor 13: 1-13 Love is great of all.  
Mk 10: 1-12 What God has joined together, let no one separate.
- 6 Sun ✘ **Sixth Sunday of Lent**  
*Death anniversary of Mar Emmanuel Pothanamuzhy (2003).*  
Gen 19: 15-26 (19:1-7, 9-26) God saves Lot from Sodom.  
Josh 21: 43-22:5 (21: 43-22:9) The Lord gave all the land to Israel.  
Rom 14:13-23 Do not be a scandal to your brother.  
Jn 10: 11-18 (9: 39-10: 21) Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
- 7 Mon *Episcopal ordination of Mar George Njaralakatt (2010).*  
1 Thess 3: 6-13 Foster faith and unity.  
Jn 12: 44-50 Those who believe do not dwell in darkness.
- 8 Tue *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Remigios Inchananiyil (2010).*  
2 Pet 2: 4-10 Warning to those who live without God's fear.  
Lk 13: 31-35 Lamentation over Jerusalem.
- 9 Wed 1 Jn 2: 7-11 Those who hate the brother dwell in darkness.  
Mt 18: 15-20 Correct each other.
- 10 Thu *Episcopal ordination of Mar Raphael Thattil (2010).*  
2 Pt 2: 11-17 May your behaviour be good.  
Lk 3: 8-11 Produce the fruits of repentance.
- 11 Fri *Episcopal ordination of Mar Paul Alappatt (2010).*  
Gen 19: 27-30 God save Lot.  
Josh 22: 10-20 A Memorial altar East of the Jordan.  
Rom 15: 7-13 (15: 1-13) Exhortation to the unity.  
Jn 11: 38-45 (11: 1-45) Lord raises Lazarus to life.
- 12 Sat *Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakel (2000).*  
Acts 20: 22-38 Give testimony to the gospel amidst the torments.  
Jn 12: 1-8 Mary anoints Jesus.
- 13 Sun ✘ **Palm Sunday (Seventh Sunday of Lent)**  
**See the Liturgy of Palm Sunday**  
*Next Friday is Good Friday (day of fasting and abstinence).*  
*Next Sunday is Easter.*  
Gen 49: 8-12, 22-26 (49: 1-12, 22-26) The scepter shall not depart from Judah.  
Zech 9: 9-12 (4: 8-14+7: 9-10+8: 4-5, 12-19+9: 9-12)  
The coming of Ruler of God's people.  
Rom 11: 13-24 You have been cut from wild olive tree and grafted into a cultivated olive tree.  
Mt 21: 1-17 (20: 29-21: 22) Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
- 14 Mon *Episcopal ordination of Mar Thomas Chakiath (1998).*  
Gen 37: 5-13, 18-22 (37: 1-22) Dream of Joseph.  
Josh 22: 21-29 God is omnipotent.  
Heb 1: 5-14 (1: 1-14) The Son is superior to angels.  
Jn 11: 47-57 (11: 47-12: 11) Plot to kill Jesus.

15 Tue Gen 37: 23-36 The brothers sell Joseph.  
Josh 22: 30-23: 1 Lord reestablish the peace.  
Heb 5: 1-10 (4: 14-6: 8) Merciful high priest.  
Jn 12: 20-26 (12: 12-43) Whoever serves me must follow me.

16 Wed *Till Holy Saturday "Christ was obedient ...." is recited.*  
Gen 40: 1-23 Joseph interprets the dream.  
Josh 23: 1-11 (23: 1-16) Be faithful to God.  
Heb 9: 15-28 (9: 11-28) New covenant.  
Jn 12: 27-33 Son of man should be lifted up.

17 Thu **Pesaha Thursday (See the Liturgy of Pesaha Thursday)**  
*(Only one Qurbana in the churches. Bl. Sacrament is given only to the sick outside Qurbana).*  
Ex 12: 1-20 The first Passover instituted.  
Mal 1: 10-14 make a pure offering.  
1 Cor 11: 23-29 The Institution of the Lord's Supper.  
Jn 13: 1-14+ Mt 26: 26-30 Washing of the feet and Institution of Holy Qurbana.

18 Fri **Passion Friday (Today fasting and abstinence)**  
**(See the Liturgy of Passion Friday)**  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Pauly Kannoorkadan (2010).*  
Gen 22: 1-19 Sacrifice of Abraham.  
Is 52: 13-53: 9 A man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity.  
Rom 5: 6-16 Christ died for the ungodly.  
Part I Lk 22: 63-23: 12 + Mt 27: 19 + Lk 23: 13-23 + Mt 27: 24-25 + Lk 23: 24-45+ Mt. 27: 51-54+Jn. 19: 23-30  
Passion of Christ  
Part II Jn 19: 31-42.

19 Sat **Great Saturday**  
**(See the Liturgy of Great Saturday)**  
*Till the feast of the Holy Trinity "Queen of Heaven" is recited.*  
Gen 22: 1-19 Sacrifice of Abraham.  
Jon 2: 1-10 Jonah in the belly of fish for three days and three nights.

Rom 6: 3-11 If we are united with Christ in a death like his, we will be united with Him in a resurrection like his.  
Mt 28: 1-20 Goodnews of Resurrection.

## Season of Resurrection

The Season of Resurrection consists of seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost. It is a time of joy recalling the new life obtained through the resurrection of the Saviour. In fact, the prayers and hymns of this period reflect this joy. Some of the important themes of this liturgical season are the resurrection of Christ, his victory over sin, death and Satan, the cross which was a sign of folly becoming the sign of redemption and glory, the resurrection of Christ as a pledge of our resurrection, His resurrection as a basis Christian faith etc.

The early Church was administering the sacrament of baptism in connection with Easter. As St. Paul reminds us, 'We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.' (Rom 6: 4-5) The week after Easter was set apart for the newly baptized. It is worth imitating this ancient tradition of administering baptism in connection with Easter.

20 Sun ✠ **Easter Sunday (Resurrection of our Lord)**  
**(See the Liturgy of Easter Sunday)**  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath (2002).*  
Is 60: 1-7 The glory of God in Jerusalem.  
1 Sam 2: 1-10 Rejoice in Christ.  
Rom 6: 1-14 (5: 20-6: 23) Dying and rising with Christ.  
Mt 28: 1-6 Resurrection of Christ.  
✠ **First Sunday of Resurrection**  
Old Testament readings and the Epistle reading are same as that of Easter Liturgy.  
Jn 20: 1-18 The Lord is risen.

21 Mon **World Prayer Day for Vocations**  
Is 60: 15-22 (60: 9-22) Future glory of Jerusalem.  
Acts 2: 22-36 (2: 14-36) Jesus is risen.  
Rom 4: 1-8 Justification through faith.  
Jn 14: 18-28 (14: 18-15: 5) Jesus promises the Holy Spirit.

22 Tue Is 61: 1-9 Good news of liberation  
Acts 2: 37-47 Early Christian Community  
1 Cor 15: 12-19 (15: 1-19) Resurrection of the dead.  
Lk 24: 13-27 (24: 13-35) The walk to Emmaus.

23 Wed Is 61: 10-62: 5 Future of Sion.  
Acts 4: 23-31 Faithful are strengthened through prayer.  
Eph 4: 1-6 (4: 1-16) Unify in Christ.  
Jn 15: 1-10 (15: 1-25) Abide in Christ.

24 Thu **St. George**  
*Patron's day of Major Archbishop Mar George Alencherry, Mar George Punnakottil, Mar George Valiyamattam, Mar George Njaralakatt, Mar George Rajendran and Mar George Madathikandathil.*  
*The Episcopal ordination of Mar George Punnakottil (1977) and Mar George Karotemprayil (1983).*  
Dan 6: 12-24 Daniel is thrown to the lions.  
Acts 12: 1-5 (12: 1-23) Martyrdom of St. James.  
2 Cor 12: 1-10 (12: 1-14) Be happy in sufferings.  
Mt 10: 37-42 (10: 37-42+16: 24-27+19: 29-30)  
Give up life for the sake of Christ.

25 Fri **The Feast of All Saints**  
Dan 3: 25-31 (3: 25-45) Song of the three young men in the furnace.  
Acts 6: 8-15 (6: 8-7: 10) Life of Jesus inspires saints.  
Heb 11: 3-10 (11: 3-10, 32-12: 2) By faith our ancestors received approval.  
Mt 10: 26-33 (10: 16-33) Be witnesses without fear.

**St. Mark the Evangelist**  
Gen 41: 39-45 Joseph ruler of Egypt.  
Ezek 1: 10-14 The vision of Ezekiel.  
2 Tim 4: 6-18 Mark helps Paul in the mission journey.  
Mk 16: 15-20 Go and preach the Gospel.

26 Sat *Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Kundukulam (1998).*  
Col 3: 1-4 Glory to us along with Him.  
Mk 16: 1-8 Resurrection of Christ.

27 Sun **✠ Second Sunday of Resurrection** (Sunday of Neophytes).  
Is 55: 4-13 He who gathers the unknown people.  
Acts 4: 32-37 (4: 32-5: 11) Unity and generosity in early Christian community.  
Col 1: 12-20 (1: 1-20) Jesus, the crown of creation.  
Jn 20: 19-29 (20: 19-31) Thomas the apostle professes his faith in Jesus.

28 Mon 1 Cor 1: 10-17 Live in harmony.  
Lk 24: 28-35 Disciples recognise the risen Christ.

29 Tue Acts 9: 20-25 Saul preaches the risen Christ.  
Jn 5: 41-47 Writings of Moses about Christ.  
**St. Catherine of Sienna**  
1Jn 1: 5-2: 2 Jesus who wipes away the sins.  
Mt 11: 25-30 Hidden and mysterious knowledge.

30 Wed *Episcopal ordination of Mar Abraham Mattam (1977).*  
Gal 5: 1-6 Love activated through faith.  
Mk 7: 31-37 Jesus cures a deaf man.

## May 2014

### Seasons of Resurrection and Apostles

- 1 Thu **St. Joseph, the Patron of the working class**  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy (1973),  
 Mar George Valiamattam (1988) and Mar Andrews Thazhath (2004).*  
 Gen 3: 17-19,23-24 With the sweat of your forehead you shall eat your bread.  
 Wis 9: 10-18 Nothing is possible without hard work.  
 Col 3: 14-17 Do everything in the name of the Lord.  
 Mt 13: 53-58 Jesus, son of a carpenter.
- 2 Fri *First Friday*  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Kallarangatt (2004).*  
 1 Cor 1: 18-24 Folly of the Cross.  
 Mk 4: 1-9 Parable of the sower.  
**St. Athanasius**  
 2 Sam 22: 1-7 David's song of deliverance.  
 Sir 45: 1-5 Equal with angels in glory.  
 2 Cor 4: 5-14 Treasure in earthen vessels.  
 Mt 10: 23-28 Suffering for Jesus.
- 3 Sat **Sts. Philip and James, Apostles**  
 Ex 15: 1-6 Song of Moses.  
 Wis 5: 1-7 Face persecution with fortitude.  
 1 Cor 9: 16-23 To preach the good news is the duty of a Christian.  
 Jn 14: 1-6 (14: 1-14) Jesus the way, the truth and life.
- 4 Sun **✠ Third Sunday of Resurrection**  
*Death anniversary of Bp. John Medlikott (1918).*  
 Is 56: 1-7 Salvation to all who obey.  
 Acts 5: 34-42 Jesus is the Messiah.  
 Eph 1: 3-14 (1: 1-14) Redemption through the blood of Jesus.  
 Jn 14: 1-14 Jesus, the way to the Father.
- 5 Mon Jas 5: 7-12 Wait for the coming of Christ.  
 Mt 25: 1-13 Be prepared to receive the Bridegroom.

- 6 Tue 1Thess 5: 12-22 Do good always.  
 Mk 4: 13-20 Produce good fruits.  
**St. Dominic Savio**  
 1Jn 2: 14-17 Word of God abides in you.  
 Mk 10: 13-16 Kingdom of heaven belongs to children.
- 7 Wed Phil 1: 21-26 Life is Christ and death is profit.  
 Mt 8: 1-4 Jesus cleanses a leper.
- 8 Thu 2 Cor 8: 1-11 Be generous.  
 Mk 4: 35-41 Jesus calms the sea.
- 9 Fri Rom 15: 1-6 Please others, not yourselves.  
 Lk 6: 6-11 Do good in Sabbath.
- 10 Sat Jas 2: 14-17 Faith without is dead.  
 Lk 6: 46-49 Do the will of God.
- 11 Sun **✠ Fourth Sunday of Resurrection**  
 Is 49: 13-23 God will never forget us.  
 Acts 8: 14-25 You cannot buy God's gift with money.  
 Eph 2: 1-7 (1: 15-2: 7) Salvation is a gift of God.  
 Jn 16: 16-24 (16: 16-33) Your sadness will turn into gladness.
- 12 Mon 1 Tim 6: 13-16 Obey the commandments.  
 Lk 20: 9-16 The parable of the wicked tenants.
- 13 Tue 1 Tim 6: 17-21 Secure the future life.  
 Mt 19: 23-30 Everything is possible to God.
- 14 Wed **St. Mathias, the Apostle**  
 1 Sam 16: 4-13 (16: 1-13) Anointing of David.  
 Acts 1: 15-26 The election of Mathias.  
 1 Cor 1: 26-30 God who chooses the foolish.  
 Mt 11: 25-30 Jesus the comfort of the poor and the afflicted.
- 15 Thu *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Porunnedam (2004).*  
 2 Pet 2: 1-3 Beware of false prophets.  
 Mt 15: 1-9 Dedication of heart is important.

- 16 Fri *Patron's day of Mar Simon Stock Palathara.*  
Eph 5: 13-21 Christ will light on you.  
Mk 6: 35-44 Multiplication of Bread.
- 17 Sat 1 Cor 14: 20-25 Behave with maturity.  
Mk 6: 1-6 Jesus is rejected in the home town.
- 18 Sun ✕ **Fifth Sunday of Resurrection**  
Is 49: 7-13 God's mercy and compassion.  
Acts 9: 1-9 (9: 1-19) Saul encounters the Risen Lord.  
Heb 10: 19-25 (10: 19-36) Approach God with true heart.  
Jn 21: 1-14 The Lord who cares.
- 19 Mon 1 Pet 4: 12-19 Do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal.  
Lk 11: 29-32 Sign of Jonah.
- 20 Tue *Inauguration of the first Syro-Malabar Bishops' Synod (1993).*  
*Consecration of Mar Antony Cardinal Padiyara, the first Major Archbishop of Syro-Malabar Church (1993).*  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Perumthottam (2002).*  
Jas 1: 22-27 Hearing and doing the word.  
Mt 21: 18-22 Jesus curses the fig tree.
- 21 Wed Col 3: 5-11 Put on the new man.  
Jn 3: 1-8 Reborn through water and spirit.
- 22 Thu Heb 3: 7-13 Do not go away from the living God.  
Jn 5: 24-29 Life giver of all.
- 23 Fri 1 Cor 2: 1-5 Message about the crucified.  
Mt 15: 10-20 Internal and external holiness.
- 24 Sat Heb 7: 11-17 Jesus, the eternal priest.  
Jn 15: 26-16: 4 Holy Spirit witnesses about Christ.
- 25 Sun ✕ **Sixth Sunday of Resurrection**  
Is 52: 7-12 (51: 9-11 + 52: 7-12) All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.  
Acts 10: 9-16 (10: 1-16) Salvation to gentiles.

Eph 2: 11-22 (2: 4-22) We are one in Christ.  
Jn 17: 20-26 (17: 1-26) Let them may all be one.

- 26 Mon *Episcopal ordination of Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara.*  
1 Pet 2: 1-5 Living stone and chosen people.  
Mt 23: 23-28 Hypocrisy of Pharisees.
- 27 Tue 2 Pet 3: 10-13 New heaven and new earth.  
Mk 13: 32-37 Be watchful.
- 28 Wed Eph 5: 1-5 Live in love as Christ loved us.  
Jn 15: 11-17 Love each other.
- 29 Thu **Ascension of our Lord**  
Important feast day and a day of obligation. In those places where today is not a holiday, all those who can are requested to participate in the Holy Qurbana and other liturgical ceremonies.  
*Installation of Major Archbishop Mar George Alencherry.*  
2 Kgs 2: 1-12 (2: 1-15) Elijah is taken up to heaven.  
Acts 1: 6-11 (1: 1-14) Jesus is taken to heaven.  
1 Tim 2: 1-7 (1: 18-2: 15) Jesus is the only mediator.  
Lk 24: 44-53 (24: 36-53) Ascension of Jesus.
- 30 Fri Phil 3: 12-15 New life in Christ.  
Jn 3: 31-36 The one who come from above is above all.
- 31 Sat 1 Cor 7: 32-35 Chance to serve the Lord.  
Mt 3: 7-12 Produce the fruit of repentance.  
**Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Rom 12: 9-16 Share your blessings.  
Lk 1: 39-45 The Blessed Virgin Mary visits Elizabeth.  
**St. Justin (June 1 Sunday)**  
Gen 18: 23-32 God punishes the wicked.  
Wis 10: 9-14 Wisdom rescues from trouble.  
1 Cor 1: 18-25 Cross is the power of God.  
Lk 12: 2-8 Acknowledge God without fear.



## June 2014

### Seasons of Resurrection and Apostles

- 1 Sun ✘ **Seventh Sunday of Resurrection**  
*Patron's day of Mar Gratian Mundadan CMI.*  
Is 6: 1-13 Here I am; send me.  
Acts 1: 15-26 Matthias was enrolled with the eleven apostles.  
Phil 2: 1-11 (1: 27-2: 11) Every tongue must confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.  
Mk 16: 14-20 (16: 9-20) Go into all the world and preach the Gospel.
- 2 Mon Death Anniversary of venerable Mar Thoma Kurialacherry (1925)  
2 Thess 2: 13-17 You are the first fruits of salvation.  
Jn 4: 3-15 Jesus gives the water of life.
- 3 Tue 1 Cor 8: 8-13 Do not be a scandal to the weak.  
Lk 12: 13-21 The parable of the rich fool.
- 4 Wed 1 Jn 4: 12-21 God gives His spirit.  
Jn 17: 1-5 Knowledge of Christ provides eternal life.
- 5 Thu 1 Jn 1: 1-3 Testimony to the word of life.  
Lk 14: 25-35 Cost of discipleship.
- 6 Fri *First Friday.*  
1 Jn 2: 22-25 Eternal life is the promise of Christ.  
Mt 24: 7-14 those who endure to the end will be saved.
- 7 Sat **Blessed Mariam Theresia (8 Sunday)**  
Gen 12: 1-4 God calls Abraham.  
Sir 2: 1-6 Trust in the Lord.  
Gal 2: 19-21 Crucified with Christ.  
Mt 25: 31-40 Express your love of God through good deeds.

## Season of Apostles

This season comprises 7 weeks from the day of the feast of Pentecost. In this season we give importance to the working of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is a feast intimately connected with the history of salvation. In the Old Testament, we read that the Israelites celebrated Pentecost in connection with harvest. The term 'Pentecost' means 'fifty' - the feast on the fiftieth day. It was a feast of first fruit connected with the harvest. Later this feast turned out to be the commemoration of the covenant by which the Israelites became the people of God.

In the New Testament, this feast is given a new meaning. It was on the fiftieth day after Easter that the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles. It is the birthday of the new people of God. On that day, God our Father sealed the new covenant in the Holy Spirit, the personification of love. This covenant is written not on stone tables but in human hearts. It is only after Pentecost that the spirit-filled apostles went around the world with the message of the New Covenant and laid the foundation of the communities of faith. The term 'apostle' means 'one who is sent'. This season reminds us that all those who have received baptism and anointing are 'being sent'. The main themes of this period are the work of the Holy Spirit, deep relationship between the apostles and the Church ie, the people of God, the spirit and unity of the primitive Church and the mission and missionary nature of the Church. Let us join the apostles who moved around the world with the message of their master and formed new communities of the faithful.

### 8 Sun ✘ **First Sunday of Apostles** **The Feast of Pentecost**

Ex. 19: 1-9 (19: 1-9+20:13-21) You are a holy people of God.  
Acts 2: 1-13 (2: 1-21) Holy Spirit comes down on the Apostles.  
1 Cor. 12: 1-11 (12: 1-27) Gifts of the Holy Spirit.  
Jn. 16: 5-15 (14: 15-16, 25-26, 15: 26-16: 15) The work of the Holy Spirit.

- 9 Mon **Mar Aprem**  
 Dt 26: 16-19 You are a holy people.  
 Sir 45: 1-5 The Glory of Moses.  
 Rom 5: 1-5 Rewards of righteousness.  
 Mt 5: 13-20 You are the salt of the earth and light of the world.
- 10 Tue 2 Thess 1: 3-12 Accept the sufferings for the sake of the Kingdom of God.  
 Mt 20: 29-34 Jesus heals two blind men.
- 11 Wed **St. Barnabas, the Apostle**  
*Death anniversary of Mar Sebastian Mankuzhikary (1994).*  
 1 Chr 16: 8-12 Proclaim the works of the Lord.  
 Acts 11: 21-26 (11: 21-26+11: 1-3) Barnabas' Mission.  
 Gal 2: 1-10 Barnabas with Paul.  
 Mt 10: 16-22 Give testimony to Christ before the Gentiles.
- 12 Thu Heb 8: 7-13 The new covenant inscribed in the heart.  
 Jn 2: 13-25 Jesus is the true temple.
- 13 Fri **Friday of Gold**  
 If only two readings are taken for this day, it is desirable that *Acts* is read instead of *Corinthians*.  
 Is 35: 3-10 The Glorious future.  
 Acts 3: 1-26 A lame man is healed by Apostles.  
 1 Cor 12: 31-13: 13 (12: 28-13: 13) Love is eternal.  
 Lk 7: 11-23 (7: 1-23) The blind see and the lame walk.  
**St. Anthony of Padua**  
*Patron's day of Mar Antony Chirayath.*  
 1 Cor 2: 1-10 Wisdom is the power of God's Spirit.  
 Lk 10: 1-9 Pray to the Lord of harvest.
- 14 Sat 1 Cor 12: 12-20 We are one body in spirit.  
 Jn 6: 25-29 Believe in whom He has sent.
- 15 Sun ✠ **Second Sunday of Apostles**  
*Next Thursday is the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.*  
 Joel 2: 18-26 (2:15-26) The mercy of God.  
 Acts 4: 8-22 (4: 5-22) Salvation only through Christ.

- 1 Cor 6: 1-11(5: 6-6: 11) You have been baptized by Christ and the Spirit of God.  
 Lk 7: 36-50 (7: 31-50) Forgiveness to the sinful women.  
**Feast of Holy Trinity**  
 Rom 5: 1-5 Share in the glory of God.  
 Jn 16: 12-15 Fulfillment in true spirit.
- 16 Mon Phil 3: 16-21 Let us hold what we have attained.  
 Jn 11: 17-27 Jesus is the resurrection and life.
- 17 Tue 1 Cor 9: 1-12 The right of the apostle.  
 Jn 6: 64-71 Words of eternal life are with you.
- 18 Wed *Death anniversary of Mar John Perumattam (2011).*  
 1 Cor 6: 12-20 Our body is the temple of Holy spirit.  
 Jn 6: 37-44 Eternal life to those who believe in the Son.
- 19 Thu **The Body and Blood of Christ**  
 Gen 14: 17-20 (14:1-20) Melchizedek brings bread and wine.  
 Mal 1: 7-12 (1: 6-12) Unceasing sacrifice offered.  
 1 Cor 11: 23-30 (10: 15-17+11: 23-30) This is my body which is offered for you.  
 Jn 6: 51-59 (6: 51-64) This is the life-giving bread that came down from heaven.
- 20 Fri 1 Cor 3: 18-23 Wisdom of the world is folly to God.  
 Jn 6: 45-50 Eternal life to those who believe.
- 21 Sat 1 Cor 10: 14-22 Breaking of the bread is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
 Jn 6: 1-15 Multiplication of the bread.  
**Sts. John Fisher and Thomas Moore (22 Sunday)**  
 1 Pet 4: 12-19 Suffer with Christ.  
 Mt 10: 16-22 The Spirit of the Father will speak through you.
- 22 Sun ✠ **Third Sunday of Apostles**  
*Next Friday is the Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus.*  
 Dt 1: 5-8 (1: 3-17) God who is faithful in His promises.  
 Is 1: 1-9 People that went astray from God.

1 Cor 7: 1-7 Every call is God's special gift.  
Lk 10: 25-37 (10: 23-42) The good samaritan.

23 Mon 1 Cor 12: 18-27 We are one body in Christ.  
Jn 6: 30-36 Those who believe in Christ do not have hunger.

24 Tue 1 Cor 4: 15-21 Kingdom of God is not in words but in power.  
Mt 18: 6-9 Temptations to sin.

**Birth of John the Baptist**

Gal 4: 1-7 You are no longer a slave but a son.  
Lk 1: 57-66 The birth of John the Baptist.

25 Wed Phil 2:12-16 Become sons of God.  
Jn 4: 39-42 Jesus is the redeemer of the world.

26 Thu 1Cor 3: 1-9 You are God's field, God's house.  
Lk 8: 4-15 The parable of the Sower.

27 Fri **Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Gen 13: 8-18 Abraham and Lot separate.  
Is 52: 13-53: 9 He is wounded for our sake.  
Rom 10: 1-10 (9: 30-10: 17) Jesus is the salvation for all.  
Jn 19: 30-37 (Mt 11: 25-30+Jn 19: 30-37) The pierced heart.

28 Sat **Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Eph 1: 2-8 We have been chosen in Christ.  
Lk 2: 41-51 Mary treasured everything in her heart.

**St. Irenaeus**

Ex 28: 28-30 The priests who serve in the Holy place.  
Mal 2: 4-7 A priest must store wisdom in his tongue.  
2Tim 3: 14-17 All Scripture is profitable for teaching and correction.  
Jn 14: 26-30 Holy Spirit teaches us everything.

29 Sun ✠ **Fourth Sunday of the Apostles**

Dt 1: 16-18 (1: 16-33) Judge justly.  
Is 1: 10-20 Wipe out sin and do good.  
1 Cor 9: 19-27 (9: 13-27) run after eternal crown.  
Lk 6: 27-36 (6:12-46) Love for the enemies.

**Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles**

*Important feast day and a day of obligation.*

*Patron's day of Mar Paul Chittilapilly, Mar Pauly Kannookadan  
and Mar Paul Alappatt.*

2 Kgs 4: 16-21, 32-37 (4: 8-37) Son of the Shunem woman is brought back to life.

Acts 9: 36-42 Sign worked by Peter.

2 Cor 11: 21b-33 (10: 1-7 or 11: 21-33) Paul acknowledges his own weakness.

Jn 21: 15-19 (Mt 16: 13-19+Jn 21:15-19) Lead my sheep.

30 Mon 2 Cor 1: 3-7 God comforts in the afflictions.  
Mk 5: 25-34 Christ rewards for the faith.

## July 2014 Seasons of Kaitha

- 1 Tue *Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Angadiath (2001).*  
Phil 1:12-18 Proclaim the gospel without fear.  
Lk 10: 38-42 Mary has selected the good part.
- 2 Wed 1 Cor 15: 31-34 Resurrection gives meaning to the earthly life.  
Mt 14: 22-33 Jesus walks on the water.
- 3 Thu **✠ Dukrana of St. Thomas Apostle**  
*Important feast day and a day of obligation.*  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Vijay Anand Nedumpuram (1990).*  
*Patron's day of Mar Thomas Elavanal, Mar Thomas Chakiath and Mar Thomas Thurithimattam.*  
Gen 2: 8-17 Man is put in the garden of Eden to toil it and keep it.  
Pro 4: 10-18 I have taught you the way of wisdom.  
Eph 2: 19-22 Apostles and Prophets are the foundation and Christ Jesus the corner-stone.  
Jn 20: 24-29 My Lord and my God.
- 4 Fri **First Friday**  
Gal 2:15-18 Justification through faith.  
Mk 5:21-24, 35-43 Jairus daughter restored to life.
- 5 Sat 2 Cor 2: 12-17 We are the fragrance of Christ.  
Mk 1: 40-45 Jesus heals the leper.
- 6 Sun **✠ Fifth Sunday of the Apostles**  
Dt 1: 33-46 (1: 33-2:1) Punishment for the unbelief of the people.  
Is 1: 21-31 God's anger is on them who do injustice.  
1 Cor 14: 1-12 (14: 1-19) Love is our goal.  
Lk 12: 22-34 (12: 16-34) Become rich in the presence of God.
- 7 Mon 2 Cor 1: 8-11 Suffering to depend on God.  
Jn 16: 25-33 I have conquered the world.
- 8 Tue Col 2: 20-23 New life in Christ.

- Mt 11:1-6 Blessed are those who are not scandalised in Christ.
- 9 Wed Rom 5: 12-21 Justification through Christ.  
Mk 12: 1-12 Servants of the vineyard.
- 10 Thu 2 Pet 1: 3-9 Christian is called to the glory of Jesus.  
Jn 6: 60-63 Spirit gives life.
- 11 Fri *Death anniversary of Mar Charles Levigne (1913).*  
1 Pet 3: 14-18 Die in body and live in Spirit.  
Mt 13: 24-30, 36-43 Parable of weeds among the wheat.  
**St. Benedict**  
Gen 17: 1-8 Covenant with Abraham.  
Wis 9: 1-12 Pray for wisdom.  
Rom 8: 12-17 You will die if you live according to the flesh.  
Mt 5: 1-12 The Beatitudes.
- 12 Sat Rom 7: 7-13 Sin produces death.  
Mk 12: 38-44 The poor widow's offering.
- 13 Sun **Sixth Sunday of Apostles**  
Dt 4: 1-8 (4: 1-10) The commandments of the Lord are perfect.  
Is 2: 1-5 (2: 1-19) Jerusalem is the center of salvation.  
1Cor 10: 23-31 (10: 14-32) Everything for the glory of God.  
Lk 12: 57-13:5 (12: 57-13: 17) Unless you repent you will perish.
- 14 Mon Rom 11: 30-35 The ways of God are inscrutable.  
Mt 12: 33-37 Recognise the tree from the fruits.
- 15 Tue 2 Cor 5: 1-7 We have eternal home in heaven.  
Mk 4: 21-25 Do not cover the lamp.  
**Sts. Kuriakose and Julitta**  
*Patron's Day of Mar Kuriakose Kunnassery and Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara.*  
Dan 3: 25-45 Praising Lord from furnace.  
Acts 6: 8-15 (6: 8-7:10) One who has God with him is saved.  
Heb 11: 3-10 (11: 3-10,32-12: 2) The faith of our fathers.  
Mt 10: 16-33 Bear witness to the Lord in front of the people.

- 16 Wed 2 Cor 1: 12-15 Boasting of the apostle.  
Lk 15: 8-10 Parable of the lost coin.  
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
1 Kg 18: 41-46 Elijah brings rain through prayer.  
Is 35: 1-4 The splendour of Carmel.  
2 Cor 1: 3-7 Participation in the sufferings of Christ.  
Lk 11: 24-28 True blessedness.
- 17 Thu Rom 11: 1-10 Salvation through the grace of God.  
Mk 10: 46-52 Jesus heals Bartimaeus.
- 18 Fri Rom 13: 1-6 All authorities are from God.  
Mt 22: 15-22 Question about paying taxes.
- 19 Sat 2 Cor 11: 1-6 You are betrothed to Christ.  
Jn 7: 14-24 Do not judge by appearances.
- 20 Sun **✠Seventh Sunday of Apostles**  
Dt 4: 10-14 (4: 10-24) The Lord declared His commandments.  
Is 5: 8-20 ( 5: 8-25) The Holy God shows himself holy by righteousness.  
1 Cor 16: 1-14 (15: 58-16: 24) Do everything in love.  
Lk 13: 22-30 (13: 22-35) Enter through the narrow door.
- 21 Mon 2 Cor 2: 5-11 Forgiveness for the offender.  
Mt 12: 38-42 Sign of Jonah.
- 22 Tue Rom 13: 7-10 Those who loves the neighbour fulfills the law.  
Mk 1: 29-34 Jesus heals the mother-in-law of Peter.
- 23 Wed 1 Cor 7: 17-24 The life according to the call.  
Lk 16: 9-17 You can not serve two masters.
- 24 Thu 2 Cor 4: 1-6 Treasure in clay jars.  
Mt 23: 13-22 Hypocrisy of the pharisees and scribes.

- 25 Fri **St. James, the Apostle**  
*Patron's day of Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy, Mar James Pazhayattil, Mar Jacob Manathodath, Mar Jacob Angadiath and Mar Jacob Muricken.*  
Ex 24: 12-18 Moses on the Mount Sinai.  
Acts 11: 27-12: 3 Martyrdom of James.  
1 Cor 4: 6-15 Apostles of Christ.  
Mt 20: 20-28 (20: 20-33) Not to be served but to serve.  
**Seventy disciples of Jesus**  
Is 41: 17-20 (41: 8-20) Protecting love of Jesus.  
Acts 13: 16-23 (13: 13-23) Proclaiming the Messiah, the promised one.  
Rom 8: 28-39 (8: 28-9: 5) Who will separate us from the love of Christ?  
Mt 10: 37-42 (10: 37-11: 15) The cost of discipleship and reward.
- 26 Sat *Death Anniversary of Mar Thomas Tharayil (1975).*  
1 Cor 7: 8-16 Wife should not separate from the husband.  
Mt 19: 1-12 God created them as man and woman.  
**Sts. Joachim and Anne**  
1Sam 2: 1-10 (2: 1-18) Hannah's prayer.  
Is 54: 1-8 The New Jerusalem.  
Heb 11: 8-12 Faith of Abraham.  
Mt 1: 1-16 The genealogy of Jesus Christ.

## Season of Kaitha

This season commences commemorating the twelve apostles of Christ. The seven week long period is called Kaitha. The term 'Kaitha' means summer. It is the season of harvest. This season reminds us of the growth of the Church as a result of the missionary activity of the apostles. The criteria to measure the growth of the Church are the life of witness of the individual Christians. Hence the commemoration of apostles and martyrs who were faithful to the Church is a special feature of this season. It reminds also of our responsibility to follow their life-style. This season reminds us of a total conversion which is effected by the renewal of mind and heart through the obedience of the law.

It can be seen also as a preparation to the season of Elijah-Cross-Moses that points to the second coming of our Lord. It directs us to the need of repentance and conversion. We have to be prepared for the second coming of our Lord. May this season help us to renounce our sinful ways and lead a life of holiness.

27 Sun ✘ **First Sunday of Kaitha – Feast of 12 Apostles**

1 Kgs 18: 30-39 Elijah builds an altar with twelve stones.  
Acts 5: 12-20 ( 5: 12-32) The Apostles heal many.  
1 Cor 1: 9-16 (1 Cor.1: 9-16 + 2 Cor. 1: 8-14) Be united in the mind.  
Lk 14: 7-14 (14: 1-14) The mentality of the disciples.

28 Mon **St. Alphonsa**

Dt 28: 8-12 Israel - God's portion.  
Is 53: 10-12 Suffering leads to the kingdom of God.  
Gal 2: 19-21 Be crucified with Christ.  
Jn 12: 20-26 Be like grain of wheat that is dropped into the ground and dies.

29 Tue 1 Cor 14: 20-25 Be babes in evil, but in thinking be maure.  
Lk 19: 11-27 Be faithful in a very little.

**St. Martha**

1Jn 4: 7-16 He who lives in love lives in God.  
Jn 11: 17-26 (11:3-26) Jesus the life and resurrection.

30 Wed 1 Timo 6: 11-16 Fight of the faithful.  
Jn10: 22-28 My deeds give witness to me.

31 Thu 1 Cor 14: 13-19 The gift of the Spirit for the growth of the Church.

Jn 8: 48-59 Before Abraham was, I am.

**St. Ignatius of Loyola**

1Cor 10: 31-11: 1 Everything for the glory of God.  
Lk 14: 25-33 A disciple of Jesus must give up everything.

## August 2014 Season of Kaitha

1 Fri *Fifteen days fasting begins.*  
*First Friday.*

**St. James of Nisibis**

Is 41: 8-16 I have chosen you.  
Acts 19: 11-20 (19: 8-20) Wonders and signs through the Apostles.  
2 Cor 10: 3-11 (10: 4-18) Spiritual weapons.  
Lk 12: 4-12 (12: 1-12) Bear witness fearlessly.

**St. Alphonse Liguori**

Rom 8: 1-11 We have freedom in Jesus.  
Mk 12: 28-33 You are not far away from God's kingdom.

2 Sat 2 Cor 6: 14-18 The Temple of God.  
Mk 2: 1-12 Jesus heals the paralytic.

3 Sun **Second Sunday of Kaitha**

Dt 4: 32-40 The eternal love of God.  
Is 4: 2-6 (3: 16-4: 6) Promise of salvation to Jerusalem.  
2 Cor 3: 4-12 (3: 4-18) The new covenant of love in Spirit.  
Lk 15: 11-32 (15: 4-32) There is joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.

4 Mon Episcopal Ordination of Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy (1999).  
Jas 1: 12-18 The crown of life for those who endures the trial.  
Mt 7: 21-28 Those who do the will of God enters the Kingdom.

**St. John Maria Vianny**

1 Sam 21: 1-6 Priest gives bread to David.  
Ez 36: 22-27 God who purifies us from sin.  
2 Cor 1: 3-7 Sharing in the suffering of Jesus.  
Mt 9: 35-10: 1 Jesus feels pity on the people.

5 Tue Jas 4: 1-7a Friendship with the world is enmity with God.  
Lk 6: 20-26 the beatitudes.

- 6 Wed **Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
*Death anniversary of Bishop Paulinus Jeerakathil (1990).*  
 Ex 19: 1-8 + 20: 18-21 Covenant on Sinai.  
 Acts 1: 15-26 Mathias in the place of Judas.  
 Heb 12: 18-29 We are in the city of the living God.  
 Mt 17: 1-9 Transfiguration of our Lord.
- 7 Thu Jas 1: 2-8 the testing of the faith produces steadfastness.  
 Mk 11: 12-14, 20-26 Faith makes everything possible.
- 8 Fri **Mar Mari, disciple of Mar Addai**  
 Is 55: 4-11 (55: 4-13) I made him a witness to the peoples.  
 Acts 4: 32-36 (4: 32-5: 11) Those who believed were of one heart and soul.  
 1 Cor 15: 1-11 (15: 1-19) Apostle proclaims the Risen Christ.  
 Jn 20: 19-29 (20: 19-31) Risen Christ appears to the Apostles.  
*Patron's Day of Mar Dominic Kokkattu.*  
**St. Dominic**  
 1 Cor 2: 1-10 Hidden wisdom of God.  
 Lk 9: 57-62 Go and proclaim the Kingdom of God.
- 9 Sat Jas 2: 1-8 God elects the poor as the heirs of Heaven.  
 Lk 14: 15-24 Blessed are those who eat the bread of the Kingdom.
- 10 Sun **✠ Third Sunday of Kaitha**  
*Patron's day of Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy.*  
 Dt 5: 6-16 (5: 1-16) The ten commandments.  
 Is 5: 1-7 The vineyard of the Lord.  
 2 Cor 7: 1-11 I rejoice because you felt a godly grief.  
 Jn 9: 1-12, 35-38 (9: 1-38) A man born blind receives sight.
- 11 Mon Jas 2: 21-26 Faith accomplished through the deeds.  
 Mt 23: 34-39 Jesus mourns over Jerusalem.  
**St. Clare**  
 Dt 17: 2-9 God's own holy people.  
 Is 62: 1-5 People glorified by the protection of the Lord.  
 Phil 3: 8-14 Renounce everything for Christ.  
 Mt 19: 27-29 A hundred fold reward.
- 12 Tue Jas 3: 13-18 The wisdom from above is pure, gentle and full of mercy.  
 Lk 4: 26-30 No Prophet is acceptable in his own country.
- 13 Wed 2 Cor 5: 15-21 Ministry of reconciliation.  
 Mk 1: 16-20 First Disciples.
- 14 Thu Jas 5: 13-20 The prayer with faith heals the sick.  
 Mt 10: 5-15 Jesus sends disciples.  
**St. Maximilian Kolbe**  
 1Pet 3: 14-17 When we suffer for doing good, we are blessed.  
 Lk 9: 23-26 Renounce life for the sake of Christ.
- 15 Fri **✠ Assumption of our Lady**  
*Important feast day and a day of obligation.*  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Pallikaparambil (1973).*  
**Independence Day**  
 Ex 15: 11-18 Song of Moses.  
 Acts 1: 6-14 The Church together with Bl. Mary wait for the Holy Spirit.  
 Rom 16: 17-27 (16: 1-27) Be wise about what is good.  
 Jn 2: 1-12 (Jn 2: 1-12+Mt 12: 46-50+13: 53-57+Lk 11: 27-28) Do whatever he tells you.
- 16 Sat Jas 4: 13-17 Boasting is evil.  
 Lk 9: 49-56 He that is not against you is for you.
- 17 Sun **✠ The Fourth Sunday of Kaitha**  
 Dt 5: 16-24 (5: 16-6:3) The law is through Moses.  
 Is 9: 13-21 (9: 8-21) Punishment to Israel for false doings.  
 2 Cor 10: 12-18 (10: 1-18) Be proud in the Lord Jesus.  
 Mk 7: 1-13 (7: 1-23) Do not reject the word of God to keep your tradition.
- 18 Mon Jas 5: 1-6 Warning to the wealthy.  
 Lk 18: 25-30 Eternal life for those who renounce everything for the Kingdom of God.

19 Tue Jas 5: 7-12 Be patient until the coming of the Lord.  
Mk 13: 24-31 The Coming of the Son of Man.

20 Wed 2 Cor 13: 1-4 Warning to the sinners.  
Mt 9: 35-10: 1 Jesus' compassion towards the people.

21 Thu Jas 4: 7b-12 Humble yourself before the Lord.  
Lk 12: 49-53 I came to cast fire upon the earth.  
**St. Pius X**  
1 Kgs 19: 3-8 God who protects Elijah.  
Prov 9: 1-5 Stupidity leads to destruction.  
1Thes 2: 2-4 We have been approved by God to be entrusted  
with the Gospel.  
Jn 21: 15-19 Take care of my sheep.

22 Fri Jas 1: 9-11 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation.  
Mt 22: 34-40 The most important commandments.

23 Sat *Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Irimpan (1997).*  
2 Thes 2: 5-12 Punishment for those who do injustice.  
Mt 11: 20-24 Punishment for those who do not repent.

24 Sun ✠**The Fifth Sunday of Kaitha**  
Lev 23: 33-44 The feast of the booths.  
Is 28: 14-22 Warning to the people who do evil.  
2 Cor 12: 14-21 Paul who spends everything for others.  
Lk 16: 19-31 (16: 19-17: 10) Show concern for the poor.  
**St. Bartholomew, the Apostle**  
*The Episcopal ordination of Mar Paul Chittilapilly (1988).*  
Dt 18: 15-19 A prophet like Moses.  
Is 22: 15-22 A warning to Shebana who did the wrong.  
1 Cor 12: 27-31 We are the body of Christ.  
Lk 6: 12-19 Jesus chooses the Apostles.

25 Mon 2 Tim 3: 10-17 All who desire to live a godly life in Jesus Christ  
will be persecuted.  
Mk 4: 26-34 Parables of the Kingdom of God.

26 Tue 2 Tim 4: 1-6 Preach the Word.  
Jn 4: 27-38 I have food which you do not know.

27 Wed 1 Tim 6: 17-21 Let the rich not be haughty.  
Mt 7: 15-20 Know the tree from its fruits.

28 Thu 2 Pet 1: 10-15 Be established in the truth.  
Mk 10: 35-45 Whoever would be first among you must be slave  
of all.  
**St. Augustine**  
Dt 10: 12-17 Love God with your whole heart.  
Wis 7: 10-14 Share your wisdom.  
2 Cor 5: 14-21 Reconcile with God.  
Mt 5: 13-19 You are the light of the world and salt of the earth.

29 Fri **Blessed Euphrasia**  
Gen 12: 1-4 God calls Abraham.  
Sir 2: 1-6 Trust in the Lord.  
1 Thes 4: 1-8 A life pleasing to God.  
Mk 10: 35-45 First among you must be servant of all.  
**St. Simoni and her seven sons**  
2 Mac 7: 1-9 The martyrdom of seven brothers.  
Acts 7: 54-60 ( 6: 8-7: 2+7:51-8: 2) The martyrdom of Stephen.  
Heb 11: 32-12: 2 (11: 3-10,32-12: 2 ) Witness to faith through  
suffering.  
Mt 10: 16-25 (10: 16-33) Suffering for the sake of Christ.

30 Sat 2 Thes 2: 1-4 The power of the evil will appear.  
Mk 13: 3-13 False prophets.

31 Sun ✠ **The Sixth Sunday of Kaitha**  
Lev 19: 1-4, 9-14 You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.  
Is 29: 19-24 (29:13-24) The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the  
Lord.  
1 Thes 2: 1-12 The innocent behaviour.  
Lk 17: 11-19 Jesus cleanses ten lepers.



## September 2014 Season of Elijah – Cross – Moses

- 1 Mon *Eight Days Fast.*  
1 Jn 4: 7-11 The one who is born from God.  
Lk 6: 43-45 Know the tree from its fruits.
- 2 Tue 1 Thes 3: 2-6 Advices to establish them in their faith.  
Mt 9:18-26 Your faith has saved you.
- 3 Wed *Patron's day of Mar Gregory Karotemprayil.*  
1 Thes 5: 1-11 You are all sons of light and sons of the day.  
Mt 24: 37-44 The Son of Man will come unexpectedly.
- 4 Thu Rom 15: 14-21 The ministry of Paul.  
Mt 12: 46-50 Mother and brothers of Jesus.
- 5 Fri *First Friday*  
**St. Simon Barsobi and the co-martyrs.**  
Dan 3: 25-28, 36-42 (3: 25-45) The three young men in the furnace.  
Acts 6: 8-15(6: 8-7: 10) Stephen is seized for the sake of Christ.  
Eph 4: 7-12 (4: 1-16) Charisms for the building up of the body of Christ.  
Jn 15: 18-25 (15: 1-25) The world will hate you because of me.  
**Feast of Bl. Mother Theresa**  
Jas 2: 14-17 The faith it it has no works, is dead.  
Mt 25: 31-40 See Christ in the needy.
- 6 Sat 1 Jn 2: 1-6 Christ is our mediator.  
Lk 21: 5-6, 20-24 The fall of Jerusalem.

## The Season of Elijah - Cross - Moses

This season points to the second coming of our Lord and the ultimate success of the cross. The central point of this period is the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> September. The early Church believed that Elijah would come before the second coming of Jesus Christ (Malachi 4:5). The fact that at the moment of transfiguration of our Lord, Elijah was present with Him strengthened this belief. The transfiguration of Jesus is a symbol of His second coming. The presence of Moses at the scene of transfiguration may have been the reason why this name is added to the Period of Elijah-Cross–Moses.

The main themes during this period are, the end of the world, death and the last judgement. It exhorts us to be always alert against the temptations of the devil and to eradicate sin from our lives.

The early Church believed that the sign that would appear in the sky before the second coming of Christ would be the Cross. Hence we specially remember and celebrate the power and glory of the Cross in this season. In addition, we come across references to the Emperor Constantine's vision of the cross and the finding of the cross by his mother Helena, in the prayers and hymns of this season. Just as Moses extended his staff over the Red Sea and showed the path to Israel across the sea, Jesus has saved humanity revealing the way to paradise through the cross. Referring to the tree of life in paradise and the bronze serpent raised by Moses in the desert, this season reminds us of the glory promised to us through the cross. Here we have a foretaste of the heavenly Church to come.

- 7 Sun **✠First Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses**  
Dt 6: 20-25 (6: 20-7: 6) Lord is the redeemer.  
Is 31: 4-9 (31: 1-9) Jerusalem comes back to the Lord.  
2 Thes 1: 3-10 (1: 1-10) Steadfastness and faith in all persecutions and afflictions.  
Lk 18: 35-43 (18: 35-19: 10) From the darkness to the light who is Christ.
- 8 Mon **The Nativity of Our Lady**  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Sebastian Vadakel (1998).*  
Gen 17: 15-27 (17: 1-27) She is the mother of nations.  
Is 42: 18-43: 13 Homecoming of Israel.  
Rev 12: 1-6 A woman clothed with the sun.  
Mt 1: 1-16 The genealogy of Jesus.

- 9 Tue Gal 3: 15-20 Law and promise.  
Lk 9: 23-27 A call to self denial.
- 10 Wed *Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Kariatty (1786).*  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar James Pazhayattil (1978).*  
Gal 4: 8-11 Do not be the ministers of the the powers of nature.  
Lk 12: 41-48 Be faithful and wise steward.
- 11 Thu *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Chittooparambil (2010).*  
1 Pet 1: 22-25 The Word of the Lord abides for ever.  
Lk 17: 20-37 The Coming of the Son of Man.
- 12 Fri Rom 8: 18-25 Wait for the glory which is to be revealed.  
Lk 12: 54 -59 The signs of the end.
- 13 Sat 2Pet 3: 8-13 The day of the Lord will come unexpectedly.  
Mt 13: 44-51 The Kingdom of heaven.  
**St. John Chrysostom**  
Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13 Service is to build up the Church.  
Mk 4: 1-9 The sowed seed.
- 14 Sun ✘ **First Sunday of Cross**  
Dt 8: 11-20 Those who forget God will perish.  
Is 33: 13-24 The Lord lives in Zion.  
Phil 2: 1-11 (1: 27-2: 11) Christ who emptied himself.  
Mt 4: 12-17 (4: 12-5: 16) Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand.  
**The Exaltation of the Cross**  
Num 21: 4-9 Bronze serpent.  
Is 42: 13-17 (42: 13-43: 12) The victory of God.  
1 Cor 1: 18-31 Cross, the sign of the power of God.  
Lk 24: 13-27 (24: 13-35) Messiah suffered and entered glory.
- 15 Mon *Death anniversary of Mar Clement Thottunkal (1991).*  
Phil 4: 10-14 I can do all things in him who strengthens me.  
Mt 5: 43-48 Love your enemies.
- 16 Tue *Episcopal ordination of Mar George Rajendran (2012).*  
2 Pet 3: 1-7 The Second coming of Christ.

- Mt 23: 29-36 The hypocrisy of Scribes and Pharisees.
- 17 Wed *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kollamparambil (2013).*  
1 Thes 4: 13-18 God will raise those who have fallen asleep.  
Mt 24: 29-36 The coming of the Son of Man.
- 18 Thu 1 Tim 1: 12-17 Thanks for the grace of God.  
Mt 25: 31-40 Last Judgment.
- 19 Fri 2 Tim 2: 1-7 Good soldier of Christ.  
Lk 4: 31-37 Jesus expels demon.
- 20 Sat Col 1: 24-29 I complete in my flesh what is lacking in Christ's afflictions.  
Lk 15: 1-7 The lost sheep.
- 21 Sun ✘ **Second Sunday of Cross**  
Dt 9: 1-6 (9:1-8) Victory is the gift of God.  
Is 25: 1-8 Lord is the shelter and fortress.  
Phil 3: 1-11 (3:1-14) Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.  
Mt 17: 14-21 (17:14-27) Everything possible for those who believe.  
**St. Mathew, the Apostle**  
*Patron's day of Mar Mathew Vattakuzhy, Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakel, Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Mar Mathew Arackal and Mar Mathew Anikuzhikkattil.*  
*Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Puthenveettil (2013).*  
1Chr 29: 10-19 Blessed be God for ever.  
Ezek 1: 1-14 The vision of Ezekiel.  
Heb 11: 23-26 Suffer for Christ's sake.  
Mt 9: 9-13 Jesus choses Levi as disciple.
- 22 Mon 1Jn 5: 13-21 He who is born from God does not sin.  
Jn 8: 39-47 He who is of God hears the words of God.
- 23 Tue Rom 3: 1-8 The justice and faithfulness of God.  
Mt 10: 26-33 Give witness fearlessly.
- 24 Wed 2 Cor 13: 5-10 Hold on to your faith.  
Mt 21: 18-22 Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.

- 25 Thu 2 Pet 2: 20-22 Those who are entangled in the defilements even after knowing Christ.  
Mt 11: 11-19 The kingdom of heaven has suffered violence.
- 26 Fri 2 Pet 1: 20-2: 3 False prophets.  
Mt 15: 1-9 The tradition of the elders.
- 27 Sat 1 Thes 1: 4-8 He has chosen you.  
Lk 8: 16-21 The lamp shall not be hidden.  
**St. Vincent de Paul**  
Dt 24: 10-18 Be kind to the poor.  
Is 42: 1-9 The servant of the Lord.  
1 Cor 1: 26-31 God chooses us.  
Mt 9: 35-38 Jesus went about doing good.
- 28 Sun ✠ **Third Sunday of Cross**  
Dt 9: 13-24 God punishes the wrongdoers.  
Is 26: 1-11 (26: 1-19) Lord God is an ever lasting rock.  
Phli 4: 4-9 (4: 4-23) Rejoice, for the Lord is near.  
Mt 15: 21-28 (15: 21-38) The faith of the Cananite woman.
- 29 Mon Phi 1: 21-26 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.  
Mk 8: 31-38 Jesus foretells His death and resurrection.  
**Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (29 Sunday)**  
*Patron's day of Mar Raphael Thattil.*  
Rev 12: 7-12 Michael and angels.  
Jn 1: 43-51 The angels ascending and descending.
- 30 Tue Tit 2: 11-14 Await with hope.  
Mk 9: 42-48 Do not cause one to sin.  
**St. Jerome**  
Dt 7: 6-11 (7: 1-11) You are a holy people.  
Sir 24: 12-17 Wisdom which took root in the portion of the Lord.  
2 Tim 3: 12-17 Holy life is God-inspired.  
Mt 13: 44-52 Parables about the kingdom of God.

## October 2014 Seasons of Elijah-Cros-Moses

- 1 Wed *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Thomas Thuruthimattam CST (2006).  
and Mar Jacob Muricken (2012).*  
*Patron's day of Mar Remigious Inchananiyil.*  
2 Thes 3: 6-12 Be vigilant in doing good.  
Lk 9: 1-6 Jesus sends the apostles.
- St. Therese of Child Jesus**  
Dt 32: 8-12 The Lord is my portion.  
Is 66: 12- 18 (66: 12-24) The God who consoles like a mother.  
Eph 3: 14-19 Christ's love is our strength.  
Mt 18: 1-5 Be like a child.
- 2 Thu 2 Tim 3: 1-7 The days of the wicked.  
Mt 8: 1-4 Jesus cleanses the leper.
- Guardian Angel**  
Acts 12: 6-11 God saved me by sending his angel.  
Mt 18: 10-14 Their angels continually see the face of God.
- 3 Fri *First Friday.*  
Tit 2: 6-10 Be a model for good deeds.  
Lk 11: 5-13 The power of prayer.
- 4 Sat *Patron's day of Pope Francis.*  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Dominic Kokkatt (1984).*  
2 Tim 4: 6-8 The crown of justice.  
Mt 26: 6-13 Pouring of oil at Bethany.
- St. Francis Assisi**  
Dt 15: 7-11 Help the poor.  
Is 6: 1-7 Isaiah's revelation.  
Gal 6: 14-17 Crucified to the world for Christ.  
Mt 11: 25-30 Jesus the comfortor of the afflicted.

5 **Sun ✕ Fourth Sunday of Cross**

Dt 10: 12-20 (10: 12-22) Renounce selfishness and trust in God's righteousness.

Is 33: 2-10 (33: 1-14) The Lord filled Zion with justice and righteousness.

1 Cor 14: 26-33 (14: 1, 3, 20-21, 26-40) Our God is God of peace.

Mt 18: 1-9 (18: 1-18) Do not give temptations.

6 Mon *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kunnath (1999).*

2 Tim 2: 8-13 If we are faithless he remains faithful.

Mk 6: 18-29 The death of John the Baptist.

7 Tue 2 Tim 2: 21-26 Call on the Lord from a pure heart.

Mt 5: 13-16 You are the salt of the earth and light of the world.

8 Wed Heb 2: 1-4 Those who reject salvation gets punishments.

Lk 20: 20-26 Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.

9 Thu *Death anniversary of the Servant of God Mar Mathew Kavukatt (1969).*

2 Jn 4-11 Stand firm in the teachings of Christ.

Jn 5: 39-47 Jesus the word of eternal life.

10 Fri 2 Tim 1: 1-7 God did not give us a spirit of cowardice.

Lk 21: 7-19 By your endurance you will gain your soul.

11 Sat 2 Tim 1: 8-14 Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.

Lk 10: 17-21 Rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

12 **Sun ✕ First Sunday of Moses**

Dt 11: 1-9 (11: 1-12) Promised land is God's gift.

Is 40: 12-17 (40: 1-17) God is great.

2 Cor 2: 12-17 (1: 23-2: 17) We are the aroma of Christ to God.

Mt 20: 1-16 God's righteousness surpasses man's justice.

13 Mon Tit 3: 1-7 Practise the Christian Lifestyle.

Lk 10: 38-42 Mary has chosen better part.

14 Tue Heb 4: 1-11 Disobedience prevents from entering the rest.

Lk 11: 14-23 Whoever is not with me is against me.

15 Wed I Cor 1: 24-31 Foolishness of God.

Lk 11: 24-26 The return of the evil spirit.

**St. Teresa of Avila**

Dt 11: 13-17 Abide by the laws of the Lord.

Is 61: 10-11 I rejoice in the Lord.

Col 2: 20-3: 4 I will be raised with Christ.

Jn 14: 18-24 Love and the unity with God.

16 Thu **Bl. Thevarparambil Kunjachan**

Gen 12: 1-4 God calls Abraham.

Is 44: 1-4 I will bestow my grace upon your children.

1 Pet 4: 12-19 Live according to the will of God.

Jn 10: 1-15 I am the good shepherd.

17 Fri 1 Pet 3: 1-7 The duties of Husband and wife.

Lk 20: 27-40 He is the God of the living.

**St. Ignatius of Antioch**

2 Sam 22: 31-35 The Lord is the shield of those who depend on Him.

Wis 3: 1-6 The soul of the righteous is in God's hands.

Rom 8: 35-39 Nothing should separate us from the love of Jesus.

Jn 12: 20-26 Fall and die as a grain of wheat.

18 Sat **St. Luke the Evangelist**

Tob 12: 6-15 With fitting honor declare to all people the deeds of God.

Sir 38: 1-9 Doctor and healing.

- Col 4: 10-15 (4: 10-15 + 2 Cor 8: 16-24) Luke preached the Word with Paul.  
Lk 10: 1-9 Seventy disciples are sent.
- 19 Sun ✘ **Second Sunday of Moses**  
Dt 11: 26-32 (11: 13-12: 1) Blessing for those who obey the commandments of the Lord.  
Is 41: 1-7 (40: 18-41: 7) Israel assured of God's help.  
Gal 5: 16-26 (5: 1-26) Live by the Spirit and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.  
Lk 8: 41b-56 Your faith has made you well.  
**Mission Sunday**  
Acts 22: 6-21 Apostle of the Gentiles.  
Mt 28: 16-20 Mission of preaching the Gospel.
- 20 Mon Heb 10: 19-25 We have a great priest over the house of God.  
Mt 18: 10-14 No one shall be lost.
- 21 Tue Gal 6: 11-18 Crucified to the world for the sake of Christ.  
Lk 4: 38-44 Healings at Simon's House.
- 22 Wed *Episcopal Ordination of Mar John Vadakkal (2009).*  
Heb 11: 11-22 The faith of the Fathers.  
Lk 11: 37-42 The hypocrisy of the Scribes and Pharisees.
- 23 Thu Rom 14: 10-13 Shall not judge your brother.  
Mt. 25: 1-13 The parable of the ten bridesmaids.
- 24 Fri Heb 2: 5-9 He crowned man with glory and honour.  
Lk 16: 1-8 Unjust but wise steward.
- 25 Sat *Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Arumachadath (2008).*  
Heb 12: 1-11 We are disciplined by God to take part in His holiness.  
Lk 9: 18-20 The proclamation of faith by Peter.
- 26 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Moses**  
Dt 13: 12-18 Do not let anything devoted to destruction stick to your hand.

- Is 41: 8-16 (41: 8-20) Do not be afraid, for I am your God.  
Gal 6: 1-10 (6: 1-18) Bear one another's burden.  
Mt 8: 23-34 (8: 23-9: 9) Even the winds and the sea obey Him.
- 27 Mon Heb 2: 10-18 Jesus was made perfect by suffering.  
Mt 24: 3-14 The beginning of trials.
- 28 Tue **Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles**  
*Episcopal Ordination of Pandarassery Mar Joseph.*  
Ex 15: 11-13 The Lord is splendid in holiness.  
Wis 10: 15-21 Wisdom will open the mouth of the dumb.  
Eph 6: 10-17 Gird your loins with truth and stand firm.  
Jn 15: 18-25 Jesus has chosen us.
- 29 Wed 1Cor 15: 35-41 What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable.  
Mt 25: 14-30 Good and trust worthy slave.
- 30 Thu Heb 4: 12-13 Word of God is living and active.  
Lk 9: 46-48 Who is greatest?
- 31 Fri Heb 10: 11-18 The single sacrifice for the sins.  
Mt 16: 5-12 The leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

## November 2014

### Season of Dedication of the Church and Annunciation

- 1 Sat Jud 5-7 Punishment for the lack of faith.  
Jn 9: 17-23 The blind receiving healing from Jesus.  
**Feast of All Saints**  
1Jn 3: 1-3 When Christ appears we shall see Him.  
Mt 5: 1-12 The Beatitudes.

### Season of Dedication of the Church

The last four weeks of the liturgical year belong to this season. Though there are different views regarding the origin of this season, the prayers indicate that it is the period of the dedication of the Church. In the beginning of this season, we remember Jesus offering the Church, His spouse, to the Father after the last judgement. At the end of the ages, the Church, with her children, meets her bridegroom in heavenly Jerusalem. It is a foretaste of the eternal bliss to come.

Thus the liturgical year reminds us that the Christians are called upon to attain the eternal glory through the Church.

- 2 Sun ✠ **First Sunday of Dedication of the Church**  
Ex 40: 17-29, 34-38 (40: 17-38) The glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.  
Is 6: 1-8 ( 6: 1-13) The hem of His robe filled the temple.  
1 Cor 13: 1-13 (12: 27- 13: 13) Love is the greatest gift.  
Mt 16: 13-19 I will build my church on this rock.
- 3 Mon Jas 3: 6-12 Control your tongue.  
Lk 20: 1-8 The authority of Jesus.  
**Commemoration of the dead (Nov. 2 Sunday)**  
Ezek 37: 1-14 Lord will make you alive.  
2 Macc 12: 38-45 The hope in the resurrection of the dead.  
1 Cor 15: 51-58 The dead will be raised imperishable.  
Jn 11: 17-27 Jesus is resurrection and life.

- 4 Tue Heb 6: 1-6 Grow to maturity.  
Lk 21: 1-4 The offering of the widow.
- 5 Wed Jas 1: 19-25 Keep the word.  
Lk 8: 26-39 Jesus heals the man who had demons.  
**Sts. Zachariah and Elizabeth**  
Col 1: 21-23 Stability of Faith.  
Lk 1: 5-25 Lord's mercy on Zachariah and Elizabeth.
- 6 Thu *Death anniversary of Mar George Alappat (1973).*  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Gratian Mundadan (1977).*  
Rev 3: 8-13 Those who endure trials will get the crown.  
Mt 9: 35-38 Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers.
- 7 Fri *First Friday*  
1 Pet 1: 13-20 Be holy as the one who called you.  
Lk 19: 1-10 Conversion of Zacheus.
- 8 Sat Acts 10: 9-16 Peter's vision of the church.  
Lk 5: 1-11 From now on you will be catching people.
- 9 Sun ✠ **Second Sunday of Dedication of the Church**  
Next Sunday is World Day of Communication (Special collection).  
Ex 40: 1-16 (39:32-40:16) The Tabernacle and its equipments are sanctified.  
1Kigs 8: 22-29 (8:10-29) Solomon's prayer before the altar.  
Heb 8: 1-6 (8:1-9:10) We have a high priest seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty.  
Mt 12: 1-11 (12: 1-21) The Son of Man is Lord of the sabbath.
- 10 Mon 2 Cor 4: 11-15 We ar always being given up to death for Jesus' sake.  
Mt 19: 16-22 If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.
- 11 Tue 1 Cor 4: 1-5 We are the servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries.  
Jn 6: 47-53 Eternal life for the one who believes.

- 12 Wed 2 Cor 11: 7-15 False Apostles.  
Mk10: 28-30 Remuneration of following Jesus
- 13 Thu 2 Cor 11: 16-21 Paul's sufferings as an apostle.  
Lk 10: 8-16 Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.
- 14 Fri Gal 4: 12-20 I am in the pain of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.  
Jn 14: 1-7 Jesus the way to the Father.
- 15 Sat 3 Jn 5-12 Whoever does good is from God.  
Lk 22: 24-30 The dispute about greatness.
- 16 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Dedication of the Church**  
*Syro-Malabar Hierarchy was instituted (1924).*  
World Day of Communication (Special collection).  
Num 9: 15-18 (7: 1-10+9: 15-18) The tent of the covenant is filled with the glory of God.  
Is 54: 1-10 (54: 1-15) Good news about the new Jerusalem.  
Heb 9: 5-15 (9: 1-15) Christ entered once for all into the Holy Place with his own blood.  
Jn 2: 13-22 (2: 12-22) The body of Christ is the temple.
- 17 Mon Heb 13: 9-16 Here we have no lasting city.  
Lk 11: 1-4 The prayer that Jesus taught.
- 18 Tue Jude 17-25 Keep yourself in the love of God for eternal life.  
Lk 8: 1-3 Women followers of Jesus Christ.
- 19 Wed Col 3: 22-25 Obey your earthly masters.  
Mt 16: 21-28 When the Son of Man comes in the glory, he will repay.
- 20 Thu Rev 19: 5-10 Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.  
Mt 22: 1-14 Many are called, but few are chosen.
- 21 Fri Death anniversary of Mar Sebastian Vayalil (1986).  
Rev 19: 11-16 Christ, the king of kings.  
Jn 18: 28-37 My kingdom does not belong to this world.

- 22 Sat Rev 21: 9-14 Vision of the new Jerusalem.  
Lk 9: 10-17 Jesus feeds five thousand people.
- 23 Sun ✘ **Fourth Sunday of Dedication of the Church**  
**Feast of the Christ the King**  
1 Kigs 6: 11-19 (6: 1-19) I will dwell among the children of Israel.  
Ezek 43: 1-7 (43: 1-7+44: 1-5) The glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east.  
Heb 9: 16-28 Christ entered heaven to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.  
Mt 22: 41-46 (22: 41-23: 22) Christ who sits at the right hand side of God.
- 24 Mon Rev 4: 1-11 The heavenly worship.  
Mt 6: 19-21 Your heart will be there where your treasure is.
- 25 Tue 1 Thes 4: 1-8 A life pleasing to God.  
Mk 5: 25-34 If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.
- 26 Wed Heb 1: 1-4 In these last days God has spoken to us by his Son.  
Mk 12: 18-27 The question about resurrection.
- 27 Thu 1 Pet 1: 3-7 Living hope.  
Jn 17: 12-19 I speak these things so that they may have complete joy.
- 28 Fri *Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Manethodath (1992).*  
Rev 14: 1-7 The Lamb standing on the mount Zion.  
Lk 19: 45-48 Cleansing of the Temple.
- 29 Sat 1 Pet 4: 1-10 Steward of God's grace.  
Jn 12: 37-43 Unbelieving Jews.

## Period of Annunciation

The liturgical year of the Syro-Malabar Church begins with the period of Annunciation. The four weeks in preparation to the feast of the Nativity of Jesus, celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> December constitute this season. Since we practise abstinence from 1<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> December in preparation for Christmas, we call this period "25 days Lent".

The salvific acts which found fulfilment in Jesus Christ begin with the birth of Jesus. This season is called 'subbara' in Syriac language. The meaning of this term is 'declaration, 'announcement' etc. What angel Gabriel announced to holy Mary was the greatest glad news to humanity that eagerly waited for the Saviour. Thus, this season is developed in the context of the mystery of incarnation completed in the fullness of time. The Church recalls during these days the announcement of the birth of

John the Baptist, the predecessor of Jesus, and also the joyful event of the birth of John the Baptist. As a preparation for the celebration of the mystery of incarnation, this season also recalls creation, disobedience of our first parents and its consequences, the miserable state of the broken humanity, the promise of salvation offered by God, God's covenant with humanity, and the prophecies about the Saviour. During this season we also meditate on the role of Mary in the history of the plan of salvation.

The readings, prayers and hymns of the season remind us that like the people in the Old Testament who became aware of their miserable condition and their hope for the Saviour, the people of the New Testament also should become aware of their helplessness and sinful situation and walk towards Jesus and give place in their hearts for Jesus to be born.

### 30 Sun ✕ **First Sunday of Annunciation**

Gen17: 15: 22 (17: 1-27) I will bless Sarah and I will give you a son by her.

Is 43: 1-7,10-11 (42: 18-43: 13) O Israel I have redeemed you.

Eph 5: 21-6: 4 The Christian household.

Lk 1: 5-25 (1: 1-25) The birth of John the Baptist foretold.

### **St. Andrew, the Apostle**

*Patron's day of Mar Andrews Thazhath.*

*Marriage is banned from today midnight till Christmas.*

Gen 28: 10-17 Dream of Jacob.

Zech 8: 20-23 Let us entreat for the favour of Yahweh.

Rom 10: 9-18 How great is the feet of the messengers of the Gospel.

Mt 4: 18-22 Jesus calls Andrew.



## December 2014

### Season of Annunciation–Nativity

- 1 Mon *25 days fasting begins.*  
Gal 3: 9-14 The just lives through faith.  
Lk 9: 37-43a The faithless generation.
- 2 Tue Rom 13: 8-14 Awaken from the sleep.  
Lk 1: 18-20 Unbelief of Zachariah.
- 3 Wed **St. Francis Xavier**  
Dt 26: 16-19 You are a holy people.  
Is 45: 20-24 There is no God besides me.  
2 Cor 6: 3-10 We are God's servants.  
Mk 6: 7-13 Jesus sends out His disciples.
- 4 Thu 1 Tim 4: 11-16 Be model in holiness.  
Mt 24: 45-51 Be watchful.
- 5 Fri *First Friday*  
Col 3: 1-10 Seek the things that are above.  
Mt 13: 12-17 The pupose of the parables.
- 6 Sat Gal 3: 1-9 Justification through faith.  
Lk 9: 57-62 Commitment to the discipleship.  
**St. Ambrose**  
Dt 7: 1-11 You are a holy people.  
Sir 15: 1-6 The man of God received God's wisdom.  
2 Tim 4: 1-8 The crown of righteousness.  
Lk 14: 25-33 Cost of discipleship.
- 7 Sun ✠**Second Sunday of Annunciation**  
Num 22: 20-35 (22: 20-23: 2) Balaam gets instructions.  
Is 43: 25-44: 5 (43: 14-44: 5) God's blessing on Israel.  
Col 4: 2-6 (4: 2-18) Utilize the time fully.  
Lk 1: 26-38 (1: 26-56) Announcement about the birth of Christ.
- 8 Mon ✠**Feast of Immaculate Conception of Our Lady**  
Sir 24: 1-14 (24: 1-34) The greatness of wisdom.
- Is 7: 10-16 Virgin will give birth to a child.  
Heb 1: 1-3+2: 16-18 God's son.  
Lk 1: 46-55 (Mt.1: 1-17+Lk. 1: 46-55) The magnificat.
- 9 Tue *Death anniversary of Mar Louis Pazheparampil (1919).*  
1 Thes 5: 5-11 Children of the day.  
Lk 10: 21-24 Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.
- 10 Wed Eph 1: 3-12 God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.  
Lk 1: 34-38 Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
- 11 Thu Rom 12: 9-18 Love one another with mutual affection.  
Lk 1: 39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth.
- 12 Fri 2 Cor 8: 11-15 Be ready to help others.  
Lk 1: 46-56 Magnificat.
- 13 Sat Heb 3: 12-19 Do not go away from God.  
Lk 11: 33-36 The light of the body.  
**St. John of the Cross**  
1Cor 2: 1-10 Hidden and mysterious wisdom.  
Lk 14: 25-33 Discipleship demands sacrifice.
- 14 Sun ✠**Third Sunday of Annunciation**  
Gen 18: 1-10 (18: 1-19) A son is promised to Abraham.  
Judg 13: 2-7, 24 (13: 2-24) The birth of Samson.  
Eph 3: 1-13 (3: 1-21) Paul, the apostle of gentiles.  
Lk 1: 57-66 (1: 57-80) Birth of John the Baptist.
- 15 Mon 1 Cor 5: 1-8 Leave the immorality.  
Lk 6: 43-45 Be a tree which prduces good fruits.
- 16 Tue Eph 2: 1-10 Salvation is hte gift of God.  
Mt 3: 1-6 Kingdom of heaven has come near.
- 17 Wed 1Thes 2: 13-17 Fidelity to the Word of God.  
Lk 16: 10-13 Be faithful to God.

- 18 Thu **The Miraculous Cross of Mylapore**  
 Ex 17: 4-6 Stream from the rock.  
 Acts 2: 29-36 (2:14-36) God raised Christ whom you crucified.  
 Eph 2:14-22 All are united in Christ Jesus.  
 Jn 14:1-6 Jesus the way, the truth and the life.
- 19 Fri *Death anniversary of Mar John Menacherry (1919).*  
 Col 1:10-16 Lead a life pleasing to Christ.  
 Mk 1:1-8 The proclamation of John the Baptist.
- 20 Sat Gal 1:11-17 Those who are called by God's grace.  
 Jn 3:31-36 Who is from above is above all persons.
- 21 Sun ✘ **Fourth Sunday of Annunciation**  
*The establishment of Syro-Malabar Hierarchy (1923).*  
 Gen 24:50-67 Isaac receives Rebekah.  
 1 Sam 1:1-18 (1:1-28) Samuel's birth and dedication.  
 Eph 5:5-21 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.  
 Mt 1:18-24 God's intervention in birth of Jesus.
- 22 Mon Eph 6:18-20 Pray continuously.  
 Jn 1:1-5 The Word was in the beginning.
- 23 Tue Gal 4:1-7 Son of God born from Woman.  
 Jn 1:6-13 He came to give witness to light.
- 24 Wed Eph 4:17-24 New life in Christ.  
 Jn 1:43-51 Nathanael meets Jesus.
- 25 Thu ✘ **Christmas – The Nativity of our Lord**  
**(See the Liturgy of Christmas)**  
*Day of Obligation.*  
 Is 7:10-16+9:1-3,6-7 The young woman shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.  
 Mic 4:1-3+5:2-5,8-9 From you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel.  
 Gal 3:15-4:6 In the fullness of time God sent his Son.  
 Lk 2:1-20 The Birth of Jesus Christ.

- 26 Fri Col 1:1-9 Knowledge about God's will.  
 Mt 9:27-31 Jesus heals the blind.  
**St. Stephen**  
 Act 6:8-10+7:54-59 The martyrdom of St. Stephen.  
 Mt 10:16-22 Whoever holds out to the end will be saved.
- 27 Sat **St. John, the Apostle**  
*Patron's day of Mar John Vadakkel.*  
 Ex 33:12-23 (33:9-23 ) God is with the people.  
 Sir 15:1-6 The God's servant will receive the rewards.  
 Rom 8:35-39 Who can separate us from the love of Christ?  
 Jn 21:20-24 The disciple whom Jesus loved.
- 28 Sun ✘ **First Sunday of Nativity**  
 Gen 21:9-21 (21:1-21) God protects the son of the slave woman.  
 1 Sam 1:21-28 (1:19-28) Samuel is given to the Lord.  
 Gal 4:21-5:1 Christ has set us free.  
 Mt 2:1-12 (2:1-23) Visit of the magi.  
**Feast of Holy Family**  
 Gen 1:26-28 He created them male and female.  
 Sir 3:1-9 The duties of the parents.  
 Col 3:18-21 The family life in Christ.  
 Mt 2:13-14,19-23 The flight to Egypt.  
**Holy Childhood Day (The Infants' Day)**  
 Gen 4:3-8 Cain murders Abel.  
 Jer 31:15-17 A voice of lamentation and bitter weeping from Ramah.  
 Heb 11:32-38 (11:3-10+11:32-12:2) Persecuted for faith.  
 Mt 2:13-18 The massacre of the infants.
- 29 Mon 1 Jn 3:11-17 Who hates his brother is a murderer.  
 Jn 8:12-19 Jesus is the light of the world.
- 30 Tue 2 Cor 1:18-22 We are instituted in Christ.  
 Jn 13:31b-35 Mutual love is the sign of Christ's disciple.
- 31 Wed **End of the Year**  
 Col 3:12-17 Let the Words of Jesus abide in you.  
 Mt 2:1-12 Visit of Magi.