Syro-Malabar Liturgical Calendar

2018 - 2019



Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Commission for Liturgy

- <u>Year</u>	Great Lent 1	st Sunday	East	<u>er</u>	<u>Pente</u>	ecost	
2019	March	3	April	21	June	9	
2020	Feb	23	April	12	May	31	
2021	Feb	14	April	4	May	23	
2022	Feb	27	April	17	June	5	

PREFACE

- 1. This Calendar is prepared in accordance with the decision of the Synod of the Syro-Malabar Bishops held in November 6 18, 1995.
- The readings of the Sundays and other important days are given in the Calendar as per the direction of the Supplementum Mysteriorum and Ordo published by Rome in 1959 –'60. The long readings have been reduced, while the complete version of them are given in the brackets. Readings of ordinary days are selected as per the need required.
- The division of the Liturgical Year of the Syro-Malabar Church is followed according to the Lectionary System of the East Syrian tradition. The liturgical calendar is divided into nine seasons. The spirit of each season is given in the introduction.
- 4. The Liturgical year is centered on the divine mysteries of salvation. These salvific events are: the birth of Jesus (Annunciation and Christmas), baptism (Epiphany), passion and death (Great Lent), resurrection and ascension (Resurrection), pentecost (Apostles and Summer), transfiguration and exaltation of the cross (Elia-Cross-Moses), and finally, the second coming of Jesus and the glorification of the Church (Dedication of the Church).
- The feasts are divided into three categories according to their importance in the Syro-Malabar Church. The readings have been arranged accordingly.
 - a. In the first category, we have the feasts of Our Lord and Blessed Virgin Mary who are directly connected with the mystery of salvation and certain other important feasts of the Church (e.g. Christmas, Easter, Immaculate Conception of Bl. V. Mary, Dukrana (the feast of St. Thomas). On these festal days, the readings of the particular feasts are given first.
 - b. In the second category, the popular feasts of the saints commonly commemorated in our church are given (e.g. St. Antony of Paduva, St. Sebastian, St. Francis Assisi, etc). On these days, the readings of the feasts are given after the readings of the day.c. In the case of the third category of feasts also (e.g. St. Dominic Savio, St. Pius X) the same system of the second category of feasts is followed. Special readings are not

given for a few feasts like that of Simon Barsaba and other martyrs, 70 disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc. In Appendix-I the names and commemoration day of certain other saints are given. If necessary, the readings may be selected from Appendix-II.

- 6. The feasts on the Fridays of the period of Epiphany is given in accordance with the order of the temporal calendar. But they are given also on the fixed dates of celebration of the feasts as per the order of the sanctoral calendar of the Latin Church (e.g. feast of All Saints, St. Stephen). The second Sunday in the season of Annunciation can be celebrated as the Feast of Annunciation.
- 7. The commemoration of all the departed can be celebrated either on the last Friday of the Period of Epiphany or on 2nd November.
- The fasting and the penitential service for the preparation of the Great Lent are celebrated on the first Monday of Great Lent. If necessary, it can be celebrated on another day of Great Lent with the permission of the local ordinary.
- It is highly desirable to practise abstinence during the period of Great Lent but also that of Annunciation, Three Days' Lent, Eight Days' Lent and Fifteen Days' Lent.
- 10. Four readings are given for Sundays and other important feasts.
- 11. On the day of penitential service marking the beginning of Great Lent and on Passion Friday, fasting and abstinence are to be observed.
- 12. It is desirable to fast on every Friday of the season of Great Lent.
- 13. All Fridays throughout the year are days of abstinence except the Fridays between Christmas and the feast of Epiphany, and the first Friday after Easter.
- 14. The important feasts of Christmas (Dec. 25), Epiphany (Jan .6), Peter and Paul (June 29), the Ascension of Our Lord (the sixth Thursday after Easter), St. Thomas (July 3), Assumption of Bl. V. Mary (August 15) are the days of obligation. In those places where these days are not holidays, all those who can are requested to participate in the Holy Qurbana and other liturgical ceremonies.

Seasons of Annunciation – Nativity

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 25th December constitute this season. Since we practise abstinence from 1st to 25th 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. The season of Nativity commemorates the important themes like the birth of Jesus, the visit of Magi, the escape into Egypt, presentation of Jesus in the temple and the infancy of Jesus.

December 2018 Seasons of Dedication of the Church and Annunciation–Nativity

1 Sat 25 days fasting begins.

1 Pet 4: 1-10 Steward of God's grace. Jn 12: 37-43 Unbelieving Jews.

2 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 (5: 21 - 6:9) The Christian household.

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

3 Mon St. Francis Xavier

Deut 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 Tue Rom 13: 8-14 Awaken from the sleep.

Lk 1: 18-20 Unbelief of Zachariah.

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

6 Thu 1Tim 4:11-16 Be model in holiness. Mt 24:45-51 Be vigilant.

7 Fri First Friday

Col 3: 1-10 Seek the things that are above. Mt 13: 12-17 The pupose of the parables.

St. Ambrose

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

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

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

Lk 14: 25-33 Cost of discipleship.

6 2018 December

8 Sat 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 Sun Second Sunday of Annunciation

Death anniversary of Mar Louis Pazheparampil (1919)

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.

- 10 Mon Eph 4:13-16 Grow into Christ.

 Jn 14:11-14 For those who believe nothing is impossible.
- 11 Tue 1 Thess 5:5-11 Sons of the day
 Lk 10:21-24 The persons who receive the divine revelation
- 12 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.
- 13 Thu Rom12:9-18 Let your love be genuine. Lk 1:39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth.
- 14 Fri 2 Cor 8: 11-15 Be ready to help others.

Lk 1: 46-56 Magnificat.

St. John of the Cross

1Cor 2:1-10 Hidden and mysterious wisdom. Lk 14:25-33 Discipleship demands sacrifice.

15 Sat Heb 3: 12-19 Do not go away from God. Lk 11: 33-36 The light of the body.

16 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.

2018 December 7

17 Mon 1 Cor 5: 1-8 Leave the immorality.

Lk 6: 43-45 Be a tree which prduces good fruits.

18 Tue The Miraculous Cross at Mylapore

Ex 17:4-6 Stream from the rock.

Acts 2:29-36 (2:14-36) God raised Jesus whom you crucified.

Eph 2:14-22 Peace is through the Cross.

Jn 14:1-6 Jesus the way, the truth and the life.

19 Wed Death anniversary of Mar John Menacherry (1919)

1Thess 2: 13-17 Fidelity to the Word of God.

Lk 16: 10-13 Be faithful to God.

20 Thu Gal 3:26-29 Those who have put on Christ.

Lk 1:67-79 Canticle of Zachariah.

21 Fri The establishment of Syro-Malabar Hierarchy (1923)

Col 1:10-16 Lead a holy life.

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

22 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.

23 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.

24 Mon Eph 6:18-20 Pray continuously.

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

25 Tue ■ Christmas – The Nativity of our Lord

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.

8 2018 December

26 Wed Col 3:12-17 Let the Words of Jesus abide in you.

Mt 2:1-12 Visit of Magi.

St. Stephen

Patron's day of Mar Stephen Chirappanath

Acts 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 Thu 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 Fri 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

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

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

29 Sat 1Jn 2:26-29 Dwell in Him.

Jn 1:19-29 One whom you do not know is among you.

30 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.

31 Mon 1Jn 3:11-17 He who hates his brother is murder.

Jn 8:12-19 Jesus is the light of the world.

End of the Year

1Tim 6:6-12 We do not have lasting cities here.

Lk 13:6-9 Let us bear fruit.

2018 December 9

January 2019 Seasons of Nativity and Epiphany

1 Tue Gal 6:1-10 Carry the burdens each other.

Lk 2:41-52 Child Jesus in the Temple.

Holy Name of Jesus (Circumcision)

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.

New Year Day

Eph 4:17-24 Be new creation.

Mt 6: 25-34 Trust in God.

2 Wed 2 Cor 12:6 -10 You need my grace

Jn 6:16-24 Jesus walks on the water

3 Thu St. Kuriakose Elias

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 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.

Acts1:12-14 (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.

5 Sat 1 Cor 2:11 -15 Spiritual discerment

Lk 12:35 - 40 Vigilent servant

10 2019 January

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 6th 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 Sun M The Feast of Epiphany - First Sunday of Epiphany

Important feast day and a day of obligation.

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Mathew Moolakkatt (1999).

Syro-Malabar Mission Week begins.

Special Collection for Mission Week.

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.

Tit 3:1-7 (2:11-3:7) God pours out Holy Spirit upon us.

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

7 Mon Acts 14:8-15 Turn away from worthless things. Jn 14:1-6 Jesus, the way life and truth.

2019 January 11

- 8 Tue Death anniversary of Mar Alexander Choolaparambil (1951)
 Tit 3:8-11 Be vigilent in doing good deeds.
 Lk 13:23-30 The way to salvation is narrow.
- 9 Wed 1 Cor 6:15-20 The Temple of the Holy Spirit.
 Jn 2:13-17 Do not make my Father's House a market.
- 10 Thu Death anniversary of Mar Augustine Kandathil (1956)
 1Cor 2:6-10 Wisdom of God.
 Lk 7: 11-17 The rise of a great prophet among us.

11 Fri St. John the Baptist

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 poeople of Israel. Eph 2:19-3:7 (2:19-3:21) St Paul bore witness to Jesus Christ. Mk 6:14-29 Martydom of St.John the Baptist.

12 Sat Syro-Malabar Mission Week ends.
Rom 9:30-33 Righteousness through faith.
Jn 10: 31-39 Son does the will of the Father.

13 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.

- 14 Mon 1Cor 11:17-22 Abuses at the Lord's Supper.
 Jn 17:20-26 They may become completely one.
- 14 Tue 1Cor 12:12-18 One body with many members. Jn 15:1-10 Abide in my love.
- 16 Wed Eph 2:11-19 One in Christ. Jn 21:15-19 Feed my sheep.
- 17 Thu 1 Pet 5:5-9 Entrust all the anxieties to God.

 Mk 4:35-41 Jesus has power over the wind and the sea.

12 2019 January

18 Fri Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

2 Kgs 4:32-37 (4:8-37) The child is brought to life by Elisha.

Act s 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.

Unity Octave begins

Eph 4:1-6 Exhortation for unity.

Jn 17:6-11 Let they may be one.

19 Sat Rom10:10-20 Faith and proclamation.

Mk 1: 21-28 Teaching with authority.

St. Sebastian (20 Sunday)

Patron's day of Mar Sebastian Vadakkel, Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath, Mar Sebastian Vaniyapurackal and Mar Sebastian Pozholiparampil.

Deut 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.

20 Sun ■ Third Sunday of Epiphany

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

Jn 1 :29-34 (1 :29-42) The Lamb of God, who takes away the

sins of the world.

21 Mon 1Jn 5: 1 - 5 Conquer the world

Lk 12: 4 - 12 Give witness without fear.

22Tue Rom 15: 14 - 21 Minister of God for the gentiles

Jn 17: 6 - 11 Let they may become one.

23 Wed 2 Cor 6:4-10 Faithful servant of Jesus.

Lk 3:15-18 lam not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals.

24 Thu 1Cor 9:24-27 Run in such a way that you may win.

Mk 10: 17-22 Jesus and the rich man.

St. Francis de Sales

Eph 3:8-13 Paul who preached Christ to the Gentiles.

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Jn 15:9-17 Remain in my love.

25 Fri Unity Octave ends

The Conversion of St. Paul

Ex 3:1-14 God calls Moses.

Acts 9:1-22 The Conversion of Saul.

1Cor 15:1-10 Jesus appears to one who is untimely born.

Mt 20:1-16 The workers in the vineyard.

Evangelists

1 Kgs 18:30-39 Eliah 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.

26 Sat The Republic Day

Death anniversary of Mar Mathew Makil (1914).

1 Cor 9: 24-27 Run after eternal things.

Mk 10: 17-22 Sell and give your property to the poor.

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 Disciple of Christ should suffer.

27 Sun **№ Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

Num 11:23-35 He revels 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.

28 Mon Acts 16: 25 - 34 Believe in Jesus Christ

Lk 5: 12 - 16 Jesus cleanses a leper.

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.

1Cor 1:18-25 Folly of the Cross. Mt 5:13-16 You are the salt of the earth.

29 Tue Major Archiepiscopal status to Syro-Malabar Church.

Mar Antony Padiyara, the first Major Archbishop (1992)

Heb 4: 1 - 7 The rest that God promised

Lk 4: 22 - 30 The Rejection of prophet at hometown.

30 Wed Gal 1:6 - 10 Not that there is another gospel.

Jn 10: 1-6 He calls his own sheep by name.

World Day of Peace

Eph 2:14-22 Jesus is our peace. Jn 14: 27-31 The peace given by Jesus.

31 Thu 2 Cor 5:11-14 Love of Christ inspires us.

Jn 1:35-42 Vocation of first disciples.

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.

2019 January 15

February 2019 Seasons of Epiphany and Lent

1 Fri First Friday

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.

2 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.

The Presentation of our Lord in the Temple (Purification of Our Lady)

Episcopal ordination of Mar George Alencherry (1997)

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 Sun **№ Fifth Sunday of Epiphany**

Deut.18:13-13 (18:9-22) You must be blameless before the Lord.

Is 48:12-20 There is no peace, for the wicked.

Heb 6: 9-15 (6:9-7:3) Eternal priest according to the order of Melchizadek.

Jn 3:14 - 21 (3:1-21) You are to be born again in water and spirit.

4 Mon Episcopal ordination of Mar Jose Pulickal

Gal 3: 21-25 Law and faith.

Jn 5: 41-47 Real faith is based on God's love.

St. John Britto

1Cor 9:19-23 I became all things to all men.

Jn 15:18-25 The world will hate you because of me.

5 Tue 1Jn 3: 18-24 Obey the commandments.

Mk 3: 7-12 Jesus heals many.

6 Wed Death anniversary of Mar Mathew Pothanamuzhy (1982)

Colo 2: 6-10 Fullness of life in Christ. Mt 12:15b-21 Jesus, the elected servant.

7 Thu Eph 6:10 - 17 Fight against the evil Mk 9: 33 - 37 First one, servant of all.

8 Fri Episcopal ordination of Mar Thomas Elavanal (1997)

Greek Fathers

1 Sam 22:11-21 (22:6-21) Those who are persecuted for truth. Acts 22:22-29 (22:22b-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 rightousness.

9 Sat Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Arackal (2001) and Mar George Madathikandathil (2013)

1Cor 3: 10 - 17 Foundation is Jesus Christ.

Lk 11: 14 - 23 Jesus and Beelzebul.

Deut 24:14-22 (24: 9 - 22)Be merciful to others Is 63:7-16 Lord redeems His people Heb 8:1-6(8: 1- 9: 10) Jesus the mediator of new covenant Jn 3:22-31(3:22 - 4:3) Jesus and John the Baptist.

11 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.

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

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

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

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 remunarates for the good deeds.

14 Thu Col 1:21-23 Constancy in faith.
Lk 13:10-17 Jesus heals a crippled woman.

15 Fri Syriac Fathers

2 Kgs13:14-21 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.

16 Sat 1Cor 15: 50 - 57 The dead will be raised imperishable.

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

17 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.

- 18 Mon 2 Pet 3:8-13 The day of the Lord will come like thief. Mk 13:32-37 Keep awake.
- 19 Tue 1 Jn 2:12-17 He who does the will of God lives forever. Lk 14:25-35 Renouunce everything.
- 20 Wed Death anniversary of Cardinal Mar Joseph Parecattil (1987) 1Thess 2:17-20 You are our glory and joy Mk 10:35-45 The request of James and John
- 21 Thu 2 Pet 1:10-15 Confirm your call and election

Lk 5:33-39 The question about fasting.

22 Fri Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Pastor Neelankavil (1987)

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 10:3-8 (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.

23 Sat 2 Thess 2: 5 - 12 All who have not believed the truth will be condemned

Mt 11: 20 - 24 Woes to Unrepentant Cities

St. Polycarp

Ex 3:1-6 God calls Moses.

Dan 3:19-26 Three young men in the blazing furnace.

2Cor 6:3-10 We are servants.

Lk 11:43-52 Prophets will be persecuted.

24 Sun Ex 15:22-26 The water of Marah.

Is 44:23-28 (44:23-45:3) The Lord alone is God.

Eph 1:15-23 (1:15-2:7) Glorious is Lord Jesus.

Mk 1:7-11(1:1-11) lam not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals.

25 Mon 2 Thess 3: 1 - 5 The Lord is faithful.

Mt 9: 18 - 26 Your faith has made you well.

Blessed Martyr Rani Maria

Gen 22:1-13 The sacrifice of Abraham.

2 Mac 7:1-11 The mother and her seven sons.

2Cor 4: 7-15 The life of Jesus is visible in our mortal flesh.

Mt10: 16-25 Give witness to the Gospel.

26 Tue Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Vattakuzhy (1987)

1Cor 15:20-28 We will be made alive in Christ.

Mt 24:37-44 The necessity for watchfulness.

27 Wed 2 Tim 4:1-6 Proclaim the word of God.

Jn 4:27-38 I have food to eat that you do not know about.

28 Thu 2 Pet 3:14-18 Do not tempt the patience of our Lord.

Lk 6:37-42 Do not judge others.

2019 February 19

2019 March Seasons of Lent

1 Fri First Friday

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. 1Cor 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.

2 Sat Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Anikuzhikkattil (2003) Rev 3:14 - 22 You are neither cold nor hot 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 'returning', 'ceasing' 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.

20 2019 February

3 Sun ₩ First Sunday of Lent

Lent begins at midnight. Fasting on the first day of Lent.

Marriage is banned from tomorrow until Easter.

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.

4 Mon Day of Fasting

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.

5 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.

6 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.

7 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.

8 Fri 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.

9 Sat Rom 3: 21-26 Those who believed are justified.

Mt 6: 9-15 (6: 5-15) The prayer taught by Christ.

10 Sun **№ Second Sunday of Lent**

Gen 5:19-31 Persons who lived with God.

2019 March 21

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.

11 Mon Tit 3: 1-7 Laws of Christian life.

Mk 7: 14-23 Internal and external holiness.

12 Tue Rom 8: 18-25 Glory that is to be revealed.

Mt 7: 7-12 The power of prayer.

13 Wed Rom 6: 15-23 Eternal life is the gift of God.

Mt 9: 1-8 Jesus heals the paralyzed.

14 Thu Rom 3: 1-8 Justice and fidelity of God.

Mt 5: 33-37 Do not swear.

15 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: 1-2) Authority of Jesus.

16 Sat Patron's day of Mar Abraham Mattam

1 Cor 5: 9-13 Keep away from immorality.

Mt 11: 16-19 Unrepentant attitude.

17 Sun **▼ Third Sunday of Lent**

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.

18 Mon Rom 7: 1-6 Serve in the novelty of the spirit.

Mk 12: 28-34 Commandment of love.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Deut 4:1-8 Be faithful.

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

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

Mt 10: 23-28 Bear witness without fear.

22 2019 March

19 Tue Death of St. Joseph

Episcopal ordination of Mar Simon Stock Palathara (1993). 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, Mar Jose Puthenveettil, Mar Joseph Kodakallil, Mar Jose Kalluvelil, Mar Jose Pulickal, Mar Joseph Srampickal and Mar Joseph Pamplany.

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 Wed 1 Pet 3:8-12 Do not repay evil forevil.

Mt 5:43-48 Love your enemies.

21 Thu Eph 6: 1-9 Reward from the Lord according to the deed.

Mk 12: 35-40 Jesus criticises the scribes.

22 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.

23 Sat Death anniversary of Mar Antony Cardinal Padiyara (2000).

Patron's day of Mar Vijay Anand Nedumpuram .

Eph 4: 25-32 The evils that is to be renounced.

Mt 21:28-32 The parable of the two sons.

24 Sun Fourth Sunday of Lent

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.

25 Mon The Feast of Annunciation

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Antony Chirayath (2006).

2019 March 23

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

Acts 1:11-14 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 Tue Gen 12:9-20 (12:9-13:7) Abraham in Egypt.

Josh 8:1-9 (8:1-17) Destruction of Ai

Rom 9:14-18 (9:14-29) Mercy of God.

Jn 5:19-23 (5:19-47) All may honour the Son.

27 Wed Gen 13: 8-18 Abraham and Lot seperate.

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.

28 Thu Death anniversary of Mar Januarius Palathuruthy (1995).

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.

29 Fri 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.

30 Sat Rom 13: 1-7 All authories are from God.

Jn 7: 45-53 Unbelief of the authorities.

31 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.

24 2019 March

2019 March 25

April 2019 Seasons of Lent and Resurrection

1 Mon Death anniversary of Cardinal Mar Varkey Vithayathil (2011).

Col 2: 16-19 Substance belongs to Christ.

Lk 18: 18-25 Sell and give to the poor.

2 Tue Death anniversary of Pope John Paul II (2005).

2 Cor 9: 10-15 Service of the ministry.

Lk 10: 33-37 Be good neighbour.

3 Wed Jude 8-13 Woe to those who abandon God.

Jn 8: 1-11 Do not commit sin again.

4 Thu Death anniversary of Mar Abraham Kattumana (1995)

Death anniversary of Mar Sebastian Valloppilly(2006)

1 Tim 4: 6-10 Duties of a real minister.

Lk 18: 31-34 Glory through passion

5 Fri First Friday

Episcopal Ordination of Mar John Nellikunnel (2018).

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.

6 Sat Death anniversary of Mar Emmanuel Pothanamuzhy (2003).

1 Cor 13: 1-13 Love is great of all.

Mk 10: 1-12 What God has joined together, let no one seprate.

7 Sun **¥ Sixth Sunday of Lent**

Episcopal ordination of Mar George Njaralakatt (2010).

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 for the sheep.

8 Mon Episcopal Ordination of Mar Remigios Inchananiyil (2010).

1 Thess 3: 6-13 Foster faith and unity.

26 2019 April

Jn 12: 44-50 Those who believe do not dwell in darkness.

- 9 Tue 2Pet 2: 4-10 Warning to those who live without God's fear. Lk 13: 31-35 Lamentation over Jerusalem.
- 10 Wed *Episcopal ordination of Mar Raphael Thattil (2010)*.

 1Jn 2: 7-11 Those who hate the brother dwells in darkness.

 Mt 18: 15-20 Correct each other.
- 11 Thu Episcopal ordination of Mar Paul Alappatt (2010). 2 Pt 2: 11-17 May your behaviour be good. Lk 3: 8-11 Produce the fruits of repentance.
- 12 Fri Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakel (2000).
 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.
- 13 Sat Acts 20: 22-38 Give testimony to the Gospel amidst the torments. Jn 12: 1 8 Mary anoints Jesus.

14 Sun **★ Seventh Sunday of Lent**

Episcopal ordination of Mar Thomas Chakiath (1998)

Palm Sunday

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 grafted into a cultivated olive tree.

Mt 21:1-17 (20:29-21:22) Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

15 Mon 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.

16 Tue Gen 37: 23-36 The brothers sell Joseph. Josh 22: 30-23: 1 Lord reestablish the peace.

2019 April 27

Heb 5: 1-10 (4: 14-6: 8) Merciful high priest. Jn 12: 20-26 (12: 12-43) Whoever serves me must follow me.

17 Wed Episcopal ordination of Mar James Athikalam (2018)

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.

18 Thu Pesaha Thursday

(Only one Qurbana in the churches. Bl. Sacrament is given only to the sick outside Qurbana).

Episcopal ordination of Mar Pauly Kannookadan (2010)

Ex 12:1-20 The first Passover instituted.

Mal 1:10-14 make a pure offering.

1Cor 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.

19 Fri Passion Friday (Day of fasting and abstinence)

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.

20 Sat Great Saturday

Till the feast of the Holy Trinity "Queen of Heaven" is recited. Episcopal ordination of Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath (2002) 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.

28 2019 April

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 , the

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 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, 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.

21 Sun ■ Easter Sunday (Resurrection of our Lord)

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.

22 Mon Is 60: 15-22 (60: 9-22) Future glory of Jerusalem.

Acts 2: 29-36 (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.

23 Tue Episcopal ordination of Mar Thomas Tharayil (2017).

Is 61: 1-9 Good news of liberation.

2019 April 29

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.

24 Wed Is 61: 10-62: 5 Future of Sion.

Acts 4: 23-31 Faithful are strengthend through prayer.

Eph 4: 1-6 (4: 1-16) Unify in Christ. Jn 15: 1-10 (15: 1-25) Abide in Christ.

St. George

Patron's day of Major Archbishop Mar George Alencherry, Mar George Njaralakatt, Mar George Valiyamattam, Mar George Punnakottil, Mar George Rajendran and Mar George Madathikandathil

The Episcopal ordination of Mar George Punnakottil (1977) and Mar Gregory 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 Thu 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 Fri Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Kundukulam (1998)

The Feast of Martyrs (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.

27 Sat Col 3: 1-4 Glory to us along with Him.

Mk 16: 1-8 Resurrection of Christ.

28 Sun ★ Second Sunday of Resurrection (Sunday of Neophytes).

30 2019 April

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.

29 Mon 1 Cor 1: 10-17 Live in harmony.

Lk 24: 28-35 Disciples recognise the risen 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 Tue Episcopal ordination of Mar Abraham Mattam (1977)

Acts 9: 20-25 Saul preaches the risen Christ.

Jn 5: 41-47 Writings of Moses about Christ.

2019 April 31

May 2019

Seasons of Resurrection and Apostles

1 Wed Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy (1973),

Mar George Valiamattam(1988) and Mar Andrews Thazhath (2004)

Gal 5: 1-6 Love activated through faith.

Mk 7: 31-37 Jesus cures a deaf man.

St. Joseph, the Patron of the working class

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 Thu Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Kallarangatt (2004)

Phil 1:27-30 Privilege of believing in Christ and suffering for him.

Mt 15:21-28 Faith of the Canaanite woman.

St. Athanasius

2Sam 22:1-7 David's song of deliverance.

Sir 45:1-5 Equal with angels in glory.

2Cor 4:5-14 Treasure in earthen vessels.

Mt 10:23-28 Suffering for Jesus.

3 Fri Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

First Friday

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 Sat Death anniversary of Bp. John Medlikott (1918)

Col 3:14-17 Let Christ's peace rule in your hearts.

Lk 24:36-43 Jesus appears to the disciples.

5 Sun Third Sunday of Resurrection

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.

32 2019 May

6 Mon Jas 5: 7-12 Wait for the coming of Christ.

Mt 25: 1-13 Be prepared to receive the Bridegroom.

St. Dominic Savio

1Jn 2:14-17 Word of God abides in you.

Mk 10:13-16 Kingdom of heaven belongs to children.

7 Tue 1Thess 5: 12-22 Do good always.

Mk 4: 13-20 Produce good fruits.

8 Wed Phil 1: 21-26 Life is Christ and death is profit.

Mt 8: 1-4 Jesus cleanses a leper.

9 Thu 2 Cor 8: 1-11 Be generous.

Mk 4: 35-41 Jesus calms the sea.

10 Fri Rom 15:1-6 Make happy others.

Lk 6: 6-11 Do good on Sabbath.

11 Sat Jas 2: 14-17 Faith without is dead.

Lk 6: 46-49 Do the will of God.

12 Sun ▼ Fourth Sunday of Resurrection

World Prayer Day for Vocations

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.

13 Mon 1 Tim 6: 13-16 Obey the commandments.

Lk 20: 9-16 The parable of the wicked tenants.

14 Tue 1 Tim 6: 17-21 Secure the future life.

Mt 19: 23-30 Everything is possible to God.

St. Mathias, the Apostle

1Sam 16:4-13 (16:1-13) Anointing of David.

Acts 1:15-26 The election of Mathias.

1Cor 1:26-30 God who chooses the foolish.

Mt 11: 25-30 Jesus the comfort of the poor and the afflicted.

2019 May 33

15 Wed Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Porunnedam (2004)
Heb 7:1-10 Priest in the order of Melchizedek.
Jn 5:30-38 Those who fulfill the will of God.

- 16 Thu Patron's day of Mar Simon Stock Palatharaand Mar Joy Alappatt
 2 Pet 2: 1-3 Beware of false prophets.
 Mt 15: 1-9 Dedication of heart is important.
- 17 Fri Eph 5:13-21 Jesus will shine upon you. Mk 6:35-44 Five loaves and two fishes.
- 18 Sat 1 Cor 14: 20-25 Behave with maturity.

 Mk 6: 1-6 Jesus is rejected in the home town.

19 Sun ★ Fifth Sunday of Resurrection Mar Addai

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.

- 20 Mon 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) 1 Pet 4: 12 - 19 Do not be surpriesed at the fiery ordeal. Lk 11: 29 - 32 Sign of Jona.
- 21 Tue Jas 1: 22-27 Hearing and doing the word. Mt 21: 18-22 Jesus curses the fig tree.
- 22 Wed Col 3: 5-11 Put on the new man.

 Jn 3: 1-8 Reborn through water and spirit.
- 23 Thu Heb 3: 7-13 Do not go away from the living God. Jn 5: 24-29 Life giver of all.
- 24 Fri 1 Cor 2: 1-5 Message about the crucified.

 Mt 15: 10-20 Internal and external holiness.

34 2019 May

25 Sat Heb 7: 11-17 Jesus, the eternal priest.
Jn 15: 26-16: 4 Holy Spirit witnesses about Christ.

26 Sun ₩ Sixth Sunday of Resurrection

Episcopal ordination of Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara (2012) The feast of Ascension of our Lord will be on next Thursday. Is 52:7-12 (51:9-11 + 52:7-12) All 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 they may all be one.

27 Mon 1 Pet 2: 1-5 Living stone and chosen people. Mt 23: 23-28 Hypocrisy of Pharisees.

28 Tue 2 Pet 3: 10 - 13 New heaven and new earth.

Mk 13: 32 - 37 Keep awake.

29 Wed Installation of Major Archbishop Mar George Alencherry Eph 5:1-5 Behave like saints. Jn 15: 11-17 Love each other.

30 Thu **★ Ascension of our Lord**

Important feast day and a day of obligation. 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.

31 Fri Phil 3: 12-15 New life in Chirst.

Jn 3: 31-36 The one who come from above is above all.

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rom 12:9-16 Share your blessings.

Lk 1:39-45 The Blessed Virgin Mary visits Elizabeth.

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2019 June Season of Apostles

1 Sat Patron's day of Mar Gratian Mundadan CMI

1 Cor 7: 32-35 Chance to serve the Lord.

Mt 3: 7-12 Produce the fruit of repentance.

St. Justin

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.

2 Sun **▼ Seventh Sunday of Resurrection**

Death Anniversary of Venerable Mar Thomas Kurialacherry (1925)

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.

3 Mon 2 Thess 2: 13-17 You are the first fruits of salvation.

Jn 4: 3-15 Jesus gives the water of life.

4 Tue 1 Cor 8: 8-13 Do not be a scandal to the week.

Lk 12: 13-21 The parable of the rich fool.

5 Wed 1 Jn 4: 12-21 God gives His spirit.

Jn 17: 1-5 Knowledge of Christ provides eternal life.

6 Thu 1 Jn 1: 1-3 Testimony to the word of life.

Lk 14: 25-35 Cost of discipleship.

7 Fri First Friday

1 Jn 2: 22-25 Eternal life is the promise of Chirst.

Mt 24: 7-14 those who endures to the end will be saved.

8 Sat 1Cor 9:13-18 Woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel.

Mt 18:23-35 Forgive without any limit.

Blessed Mariam Thresia

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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.

Mar Aprem (9 Sunday)

Patron's Day of Mar Ephrem Nariculam

Deut 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.

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.

9 Sun ₩ First Sunday of Apostles: The Feast of Pentecost

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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.

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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.

10 Mon 1Cor 14:26-33 Use of spiritual gifts.

Mt 11:25-30 Jesus is the comfort for the weary.

11 Tue Death anniversary of Mar Sebastian Mankuzhikary (1994).

2 Thess 1: 3-12 Accept the sufferings for the Kingdom of God.

Mt 20: 29-34 Jesus heals two blind men.

St. Barnabas, the Apostle

1Chr 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 Wed 1Cor11:31-34a Wait for one other.

Mt 13:31-35 Parable of mustard seed and yeast.

13 Thu Heb 8: 7-13 The new covenant inscribed in the heart.

Jn 2: 13-25 Jesus is the true temple.

St. Antony of Padua

Patron's day of Mar Antony Chirayath, Mar Antony Kariyil, Mar Prince Antony Panengadan and Mar Tony Neelankavil.

1Cor 2:1-10 Wisdom is the power of God's Spirit.

Lk 10:1-9 Pray to the Lord of harvest.

14 Fri Friday of Gold

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Death anniversary of Mar Kuriakose Kunnassery (2017)

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.

15 Sat 1 Cor 12: 12-20 We are one body in spirit.

Jn 6: 25-29 Believe in whom He has sent.

16 Sun **№ Second Sunday of Apostles**

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

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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.

17 Mon Phil 3: 16-21 Let us hold what we have attained.

Jn 11: 17-27 Jesus is the resurrection and life.

18 Tue Death anniversary of Mar John Perumattam (2011)

1 Cor 9: 1-12 The right of the apostle.

Jn 6: 64-71 Words of eternal life are with you.

19 Wed 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.

20 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.

1 Cor 3: 18-23 Wisdom of the world is folly to God.

Jn 6: 45-50 Eternal life to those who believe.

22 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

1Pet 4:12-19 Suffer with Christ.

Mt 10:16-22 The Spirit of the Father will speak through you.

23 Sun ■ Third Sunday of Apostles

Deut 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.

2019 June 39 24 Mon 1 Cor 12: 18-27 We are one body in Christ.

Jn 6: 30-36 Those who believe in Christ do not hunger.

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 Tue 1Cor 4:15-21 Kingdom of God is not in words but in power. Mt 18:6-9 Do not give scandals.

26 Wed Phil 2:12-16 Become sons of God.

Jn 4: 39-42 Jesus is the redeemer of the world.

27 Thu 1 Cor 3:1-9 You are the field and house of God. Lk 8:4-15 The Word which is sown.

28 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.

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 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.

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.

2Kgs 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.

2Cor 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.

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30 Sun **№ Fourth Sunday of the Apostles**

Deut 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.

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July 2019 Seasons of Apostles and Kaitha

1 Mon Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Angadiath (2001).

2 Cor 1: 3-7 God comforts in the afflictions.

Mk 5: 25-34 Christ rewards for the faith.

2 Tue Phil 1:12-18 Proclaim the gospel without fear.

Lk 10: 38-42 Mary has selected the good part.

3 Wed ₩ Dukhrana 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,

Mar Thomas Thurithimattam and Mar Thomas Tharayil.

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 Thu 1Cor 8:1-6 There is one God and one Lord.

Mk 7:24-30 Faith of the Syro-Phoenician woman.

5 Fri First Friday

Gal 2:15-18 Justification through faith.

Mk 5:21-24, 35-43 Jairus daughter restored to life.

6 Sat 2 Cor 2:12-17 We are the fragrance of Christ.

Mk 1:40-45 Jesus heals the leper.

7 Sun ₩ Fifth Sunday of the Apostles

Deut 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.

1Cor 14:1-12 (14:1-19) Love is our goal.

Lk 12:22-34 (12:16-34) Become rich in the presence of God.

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- 8 Mon 2 Cor 1: 8-11 Suffering to depend on God. Jn 16: 25-33 I have conquered hte world.
- 9 Tue Col 2: 20-23 New life in Christ.
 Mt 11:1-6 Blessed are those who are not scandalised in Christ.
- 10 Wed Death anniversary of Mar James Pazhayattil (2016)

Rom 5: 12-21 Justification through Christ.

Mk 12: 1-12 Servants of the wineyard.

11 Thu Death anniversary of Mar Charles Levigne (1913)

2 Pet 1: 3-9 Christian is called to the glory of Jesus.

Jn 6: 60-63 Spirit gives life.

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 Fri 1Pet 3: 14-18 Die in body and live in Spirit.
 Mt 13: 24-30, 36-43 Parable of weeds among the wheat.
- 13 Sat Rom 7: 7-13 Sin produces death.

 Mk 12: 38-44 The poor widow's offering.

14 Sun **▼ Sixth Sunday of Apostles**

Deut 4: 1-8 (4:1-10) 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.

15 Mon Rom 11:30-35 The ways of God are mysterious.

Mt 12: 33-37 Discern the tree from the fruits.

Sts. Kuriakose and Julitta

Patron's Day of 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.

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Mt 10:16-33 Bear witness to the Lord in front of the people.

16 Tue 2 Cor 5: 1-7 We have eternal hose in heaven.

Mk 4: 21-25 Do not cover the lamp.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

1Kgs 18:41-46 Elijah brings rain through prayer.

Is 35:1-4 The splendour of Carmel.

2Cor 1:3-7 Participation in the sufferings of Christ.

Lk 11:24-28 True blessedness.

17 Wed 2 Cor 1: 12-15 Boasting of the apostle.

Lk 15: 8-10 Parable of the lost coin.

18 Thu Rom 11: 1-10 Salvation through the grace of God.

Mk 10: 46-52 Jesus heals Bartimaeus.

19 Fri Rom 13:1-6 All powers are from God

Mt 22:15-22 Give to Ceasearwhat is to him

20 Sat 2 Cor 11: 1-6 You are betrothed to Christ.

Jn 7: 14-24 Do not judge by appearances.

21 Sun & Seventh Sunday of Apostles

Deut 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.

1Cor 16:1-14 (15:58-16:24) Do everything in love.

Lk 13:22-30 (13:22-35) Enter through the narrow door.

22 Mon 2 Cor 2: 5-11 Forgiveness for the offender.

Mt 12: 38-42 Sign of Jonah.

St. Mary Magdalene

Rom 8:35-39 Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Jn 20:1-18 Mary Magdalene proclaims the risen Christ.

23 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.

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24 Wed 1 Cor 7:17-24 The life according to the call Lk 16:9-17 You can not serve two masters

25 Thu St. James, the Apostle

Patron's day of Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy, Mar Jacob Manathodath, Mar Jacob Angadiath, Mar Jacob Muricken and Mar James Athikalam.

Ex 24:12-18 Moses on the Mount Sinai.

Acts 11:27-12:3 Martyrdom of James.

1Cor 4:6-15 Apostles of Christ.

Mt 20:20-28 (20:20-33) Not to be served but to serve.

26 Fri Seventy disciples of Jesus

Death Anniversary of Mar Thomas Tharayil Bishop of Kottayam Diocese. (1975).

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 seperate us from the love of Christ? Mt 10:37-42 (10:37-11:15) The cost of discipleship and reaward.

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.

27 Sat 1 Cor 7: 8-16 Wife should not seperate from the husband.

Mt 19: 1-12 God created them as man and woman.

St. Alphonsa (28 Sunday)

Deut 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.

Season of Kaitha

This season commences commemorating the twelve apostles of Christ. The seven week long period is called Kaitha. The term 'Kaitha' 2019 July 45

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.

28 Sun First Sunday of Kaitha: Feast of 12 Apostles

1Kgs 18:30-39 Elijah builds an altar with twelve stones. Acts 5:12-20 (5:12-32) The Apostles heal many. 1 Cor1:9-16 (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 disciple.

29 Mon 1 Cor 11:17-22 There should not be divisions among you.

Mt 21:28-32 Do the will of the Father.

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 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.

31 Wed 1 Tim 6: 11-16 Fight of the faithful.

Jn10: 22-28 My deeds give witness to me.

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.

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August 2019 Seasons of Kaitha-Elijah-Cross-Moses

1 Thu Fifteen days fasting begins.

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

Jn 8: 48-59 Before Abraham was, lam.

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 Fri 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.

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

Lk 12:4-12 (12:1-12) Bear witness fearlessly.

3 Sat 2 Cor 6: 14-18 The Temple of God.

Mk 2: 1-12 Jesus heals the paralytic

St. John Maria Vianny (4 Sunday)

1 Sam 21:1-6 Priest gives bread to David.

Ezek 36:22-27 God who purifies us from sin.

2Cor 1:3-7 Sharing in the suffering of Jesus.

Mt 9:35-10:1 Jesus feels pity on the people.

4 Sun **№ Second Sunday of Kaitha**

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy (1999).

Deut 4:32-40 The eternal love of God.

Is 4:2-6 (3:16-4:6) Promise of salvation to Jerusalem.

2Cor 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.

5 Mon 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.

6 Tue Death anniversary of Bishop Paulinus Jeerakathil (1990).

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Transfiguration of Our Lord

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 Wed 2 Cor 4:14-5:1 Eternal building from God.

Jn 12:23-28 Grain of wheat should fall into the earth and die.

8 Thu Jas 1: 2-8 the testing of the faith produces steadfastness.

Mk 11: 12-14, 20-26 Faith makes everything possible.

St. Dominic

Patron's Day of Mar Dominic Kokkattu.

1Cor 2:1-10 Hidden wisdom of God.

Lk 9:57-62 Go and proclaim the Kingdom of God.

9 Fri Mar Mari, disciple of Mar Addai

Is 55:4-11(55: 4-13) I made him a witness to the peoples.

Acts 4:32-37 (4:32-5:11) Those who believed were of one heart and soul

1Cor 15:1-11 (15:1-19) Apostle proclaims the Risen Christ.

Jn 20:19-29 (20:19-31) Risen Christ appears to the Apostles.

10 Sat Patron's day of Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy.

Jas 2: 1-8 God selected the poor as the heirs of heaven.

Lk 14:15-24 Those who eat the bread of heaven are blessed.

St. Clare (11 Sunday)

Deut 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.

11 Sun & Third Sunday of Kaitha

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.

12 Mon Jas 2: 21-26 Faith accomplished through the deeds.

Mt 23: 34-39 Jesus mourns over Jerusalem.

13 Tue Jas 3: 13-18 True wisdom is humble

Lk 4:25-30 Prophet is neglected in his hometown.

14 Wed 2 Cor 5:15-21

Mk 1:16-20

St. Maxmillian 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 Thu **♣ Assumption of our Lady**

Important feast day and a day of obligation.

Independence Day

Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Pallikaparambil (1973).

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 Fri Eph 3:14-21 Christ is in your heart through faith.

Mk 8:22-26 Jesus heals the blind.

17 Sat Jas 4: 13-17 Boasting is evil.

Lk 9: 49-56 He that is not against you is for you.

18 Sun & The Fourth Sunday of Kaitha

Deut 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.

2Cor 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.

19 Mon Jas 5:1-6 Warning to the wealthy.

Lk 18:25-30 Eternal life for those who renounce everything.

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

21 Wed 2 Cor 13: 1-4 Warning to the sinners.

Mt 9: 35-10: 1 Jesus' compassion towards the people.

St. Pius X

1Kgs 19:3-8 God who protects Elijah.

Prov 9:1-5 Stupidity leads to destruction.

1Thess 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 Thu Jas 4:7b-12 Humble yourselves before the God. Lk 12:49-53 I came to bring fire to the earth.

23 Fri Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Irimpan (1997).

Jas 1: 9-11 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation.

Mt 22: 34-40 The most important commandments.

24 Sat The Episcopal ordination of Mar Paul Chittilapilly (1988).

St. Bartholomew, the Apostle

Deut 18:15-19 A prophet like Moses.

Is 22:15-22 A warning to Shebana who did the wrong.

1Cor 12:27-31 We are the body of Christ.

Lk 6:12-19 Jesus chooses the Apostles.

25 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.

2Cor 12:14-21 Paul who spends evedrything for others.

Lk 16:19-31 (16:19-17:10) Show concern for the poor.

26 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.

27 Tue 2 Tim 4: 1-6 Preach the Word.

Jn 4: 27-38 I have food which you do not know.

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28 Wed 1 Tim 6: 17-21 Let the rich not be haughty.

Mt 7: 15-20 Know the tree from its fruits.

St. Augustine

Dt 10:12-17 Love God with your whole heart.

Wis 7:10-14 Share your wisdom.

2Cor 5:14-21 Reconcile with God.

Mt 5:13-19 You are the light of the world and salt of the earth.

29 Thu St. Euphrasia

Gen 12:1-4 God calls Abraham.

Sir 2:1-6 Trust in the Lord.

1Thess 4:1-8 A life pleasing to God.

Mk 10:35-45 First among you must be servant of all.

30 Fri St. Simoni and her Seven Sons

2 Mac 7:1-9 The martydom of seven brothers.

Acts 7:54-60 (6:8-7:2+7:51-8:2) The martydom 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.

31 Sat 2 Thess 2:1-4 The Man of Lawlessness.

Mk 13:3-13 False prophets

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September 2019 Seasons of Elijah – Cross – Moses

1 Sun **№ The Sixth Sunday of Kaitha**

Eight Days Fasting begins

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. 1Thess 2:1-12 The innocent behaviour.

Lk 17:11-19 Jesus cleanses ten lepers.

- 2 Mon 1 Jn 4: 7-11 The one who is born from God. Lk 6: 43-45 Know the tree from its fruits.
- Tue Patron's day of Mar Gregory Karotemprayil.
 1 Thes 3: 2-6 Advices to establish them in their faith.
 Mt 9:18-26 Your faith has saved you.
- 4 Wed 1 Thess 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.
- 5 Thu Rom 15: 14-21 The ministry of Paul.

Mt 12: 46-50 Mother and brothers of Jesus.

St. Theresa of Calcutta

Jas 2:14-17 The faith it has no works, is dead.

Mt 25:31-40 See Christ in the needy.

6 Fri St. Simon Barsaba and the co-martyrs

First Friday

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.

7 Sat 1 Jn 2: 1-6 Christ is our mediator.

Lk 21: 5-6, 20-24 The fall of Jerusalem.

The Nativity of Our Lady (8 Sunday)

Gen 17:15-22 (17:1-27) She is the mother of nations.

Is 43:1-7 (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.

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 14th 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.

8 Sun **★ First Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses**

Episcopal ordination of Mar Sebastian Vadakel (1998). Deut 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 Thess 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.

- 9 Mon 2 Cor 12:1-6 I will not boast except of my weakness. Lk 12:35-40 Ever vigilant servants.
- 10 Tue Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Kariatty (1786).
 Gal 3: 15-20 Law and promise.
 Lk 9: 23-27 A call to self denial.
- 11 Wed *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Chittooparambil (2010).*Gal 4:8-11 Do not be the ministers of the powers of nature.
 Lk 12:41-48 Be faithful and wise steward
- 12 Thu 1 Pet 1: 22-25 The Word of the Lord abides for ever. Lk 17: 20-37 The Coming of the Son of Man.
- 13 Fri Rom 8: 18-25 Wait for the glory which is to be revealed.

 Lk 12: 54 -59 The signs of the end.

St. John Chrysostom

Eph 4:1-7,11-13 Service is to build up the Church. Mk 4:1-9 The sowed seed.

14 Sat The Exaltation of the Cross

Num 21: 4-9 Bronze serpent. Is 42:13-17 (42:13-43:12) The victory of God. 1Cor 1:18-25 (1:18-31) Cross, the sign of the power of God. Lk 24:13-27 (24:13-35) Messiah suffered and entered glory.

15 Sun ★ Second Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses (First Sunday of Cross)

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kodakallil (2015)
Death anniversary of Mar Clement Thottunkal (1991).
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.

16 Mon Episcopal ordination of Mar George Rajendran (2012).
Phil 4:10 -14 I can do anything through the One who strengthens me.

Mt 5:43-48 Love your enemy.

17 Tue Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kollamparambil (2013)

2 Pet 3: 1-7 The Second coming of Christ.

Mt 23: 29-36 The hypocracy of Scribes and Pharise.

18 Wed 1Thess 4:13-18 God will raise those who have fallen asleep. Mt 24:29-36 The coming of hte Son of Man.

19 Thu Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Kalluvelil (2015)

1 Tim 1: 12-17 Thanks for the grace of God.

Mt 25: 31-40 Last Judgment.

20 Fri 2 Tim 2: 1-7 Good soldier of Christ.

Lk 4: 31-37 Jesus expels demon.

21 Sat St. Mathew, the Apostle

Patron's day of Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakel, 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 Sun ★ Third Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses (Second Sunday of Cross)

Deut 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.

- 23 Mon 1 Jn 5:13-21 Those born of God do not commit sin.
 - Jn 8:39-47 Those from God listen to the commandments.

24 Tue Rom 3: 1-8 The justice and faithfulness of God. Mt 10: 26-33 Give witness fearlessly.

25 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.

26 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.

27 Fri Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joy Alappatt (2014)

2 Pet 1: 20-2: 3 False prophets.

Mt 15: 1-9 The tradition of the elders.

St. Vincent de Paul

Deut 24:10-18 Be kind to the poor.

Is 42:1-9 The servant of the Lord.

1Cor 1:26-31 God chooses us.

Mt 9:35-38 Jesus went about doing good.

28 Sat 2 Tim 4: 6-8 The crown of justice.

Mt 26: 6-13 Pouring of oil at Bethany.

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.

29 Sun ★ Fourth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses (Third Sunday of Cross)

Deut 9:13-24 God punishes the wrongdoers.

Is 26:1-11 (26:1-19) Lord God is an ever lasting rock.

Phil 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.

30 Mon Phil 1: 21-26 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

Mk 8: 31-38 Jesus foretells His death and resurrection.

St. Jerome

Deut 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.

2Tim 3:12-17 Holy life is God-inspired.

Mt 13:44-52 Parables about the kingdom of God.

October 2019 Seasons of Elijah-Cross-Moses

1 Tue Episcopal Ordination of Mar Thomas Thuruthimattam CST (2006) and Mar Jacob Muricken (2012).

Patron's day of Mar Remigious Inchananiyil.

Tit 2: 11-14 Await with hope.

Mk 9: 42-48 Do not cause one to sin.

St. Therese of Child Jesus

Deut 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 Wed 2 Thess 3: 6-12 Be vigilant in doing good.

Lk 9: 1-6 Jesus sends the apostles.

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 Thu 2 Tim 3: 1-7 Days of the wicked.

Mt 8: 1-4 Jesus heals the leper.

4 Fri First Friday

Episcopal ordination of Mar Dominic Kokkatt (1984)

Tit 2: 6-10 Be a model for good deeds.

Lk 11: 5-13 The power of prayer.

St. Francis Assisi

Patron's day of Pope Francis.

Deut 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 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.

6 Sun ★ Fifth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses (First Sunday of Moses)

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kunnath (1999).

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

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

2Cor 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.

7 Mon Tit 3: 1-7 Practise the Christian Lifestyle. Lk 10: 38-42 Mary has chosen better part.

8 Tue Heb 4: 1-11 Disobedience prevents from entering the rest. Lk 11: 14-23 Whoever is not with me is against me.

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

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Srampickal

1 Cor 1: 24-31 Foolishness of God.

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

- 10 Thu Heb 10:1-10 Law, the shadow of good things to come. Lk 9:28-36 They saw his glory.
- 11 Fri 1 Pt 3:1-7 Obligations of husband and wife. Lk 20:27-40 He is the God of the living.
- 12 Sat Phil 2:12-16 Workout your own salvation with fear and trembling. Jn 4:46-54 Jesus heals an official's son.

13 Sun ★ Sixth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses (Second Sunday of Moses)

Deut 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.

14 Mon Heb 10: 19-25 We have a great priest over the house of God. Mt 18: 10-14 No one shall be lost.

15 Tue Gal 6:11-18 Crucified to the world for the sake of Christ.

Lk 4:38-44 Healings at Simon's house.

St. Theresa of Avila

Deut 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 Wed Bl. Thevarparampil Kunjachan

Gen 12:1-4 God calls Abraham.

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

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

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

17 Thu Rom 14: 10-13 Shall not judge your brother.

Mt. 25: 1-13 The parable of the ten bridesmaids.

St. Ignatius of Antioch

2Sam 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 Fri Episcopal Ordination of Mar Antony Kariyil (2015)

Heb 2: 5-9 He crowned man with glory and honour.

Lk 16: 1-8 Unjust but wise steward.

St. Luke the Evangelist

Tob 12:6-15 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 Sat 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.

20 Sun ■ Seventh Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses

(Third Sunday of Moses)

Deut 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.

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Gal 6:1-10 (6:1-18) Bear one anthor's burden.

Mt 8:23-34 (8:23-9:9) Even the winds and the sea obey Him.

Mission Sunday

1 Cor 9:13-18 Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel.

Mt 10:1-15 Jesus sends twelve apostles.

21 Mon Heb 2: 10-18 Jesus was made perfect by suffering.

Mt 24: 3-14 The beginning of trials.

22 Tue Episcopal Ordination of Mar John Vadakkel (2009)

1Thess 4:9-12 Grow in loving one another.

Jn11:1-16 Let us go and die with him.

23 Wed 1 Cor 15:35-41Body of the risen ones.

Mt 25:14-30 Good and faithful servant.

24 Thu Episcopal ordination of Mar Ephrem Nariculam (2014)

Heb 4: 12-13 Word of God is living and active.

Lk 9: 46-48 Who is greatest?

25 Fri Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Arumachadath (2008)

Heb 10: 11-18 The single sacrifice for the sins.

Mt 16: 5-12 The leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

26 Sat Jude 5-7

Jn 9:17-23

27 Sun ★ Eighth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses

(Fourth Sunday of Moses)

Deut 12: 29-32 (12: 29-32,14:1-2) Warning against Idolatry.

Is 42:1-9 (41:21-42:9) The Servant of God.

1Tim 5:1-10 (5: 1-16) Set one's hope in God.

Mt 22:23-33 (22:23-37) He is God not of the dead, but of the living.

28 Mon Sts.Simon and Jude, Apostles (28 Sunday)

Episcopal Ordination of Pandarassery Mar Joseph (2006)

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.

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- Jn 15:18-25 Jesus has chosen us.
- 29 Tue Episcopal Ordination of Mar Prince Antony Panengadan (2015)
 Heb 4:14-16 Jesus the great High Priest.
 Lk 13:18-21 The parable of Mustard seed and the Yeast.
- 30 Wed Heb 13:1-6 I will never leave you or forsake you. Lk 17:1-10 Jesus gives instruction to the disciples.
- 31 Thu Rev 2:1-7 You have abandoned the love you had at first.

 Mt 6:22-24 The eye is the lamp of the body.

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November 2019 Seasons of Elijah-Cross-Moses and Dedication of the Church

1 Fri First Friday

Episcopal Ordination of Mar Stephen Chirappanath (2016)

Rev 21:1-4 The new heaven and the new earth.

Mt 24:15-24 The awful calamities.

Feast of All Saints

1Jn 3:1-3 When Christ appears we shall see Him.

Mt 5:1-12 The Beatitudes.

2 Sat 1Tim 4:1-5 Sanctification by God's word and prayer.

Mt 5:38-42 Conquer the evil with good.

Commemoration of the dead

Ezek 37:1-14 Lord will make you alive.

2Macc 12:38-45 The hope in the resurrection of the dead.

1Cor15:51-58 The dead will be raised imperishable.

Jn 11:17-27 Jesus is resurrection and life.

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.

3 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. 1Cor 13:1-13 (12:27-13:13) Love is the greatest gift. Mt 16:13-19 I will build my church on this rock.

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- 4 Mon Jas 3: 6-12 Control your tongue. Lk 20: 1-8 The authority of Jesus.
- Tue Heb 6: 1-6 Grow to maturity.
 Lk 21: 1-4 The offering of the widow.

 Sts. Zachariah and Elizabeth
 Col 1:21-23 Stability of Faith.
 Lk 1:5-25 Lord's mercy on Zachariah and Elizabeth.
- 6 Wed Death anniversary of Mar George Alappat (1973) Episcopal ordination of Mar Gratian Mundadan (1977) Jas 1: 19-25 Keep the word. Lk 8: 26-39 Jesus heals the man who had demons.
- 7 Thu 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.
- Fri Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Pamplany (2017).
 1 Pet 1: 13-20 Be holy as the one who called you.
 Lk 19: 1-10 Conversion of Zacheus.
- 9 Sat Acts 10: 9-16 Peter's vision of the church. Lk 5: 1-11 From now on you will be catching people.
- 10 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.

1Kgs 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 12:1-13 (12:1-21) The Son of Man is Lord of the sabbath.

- 11 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.
- 12 Tue Episcopal Ordination of Mar Sebastian Vaniyapurackal (2017).
 1 Cor 4: 1-5 We are the servants of Christ.
 Jn 6: 47-53 Eternal life for the one who believes.

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- 13 Wed 2 Cor 11: 7-15 False Apostles.

 Mk10: 28-30 Remuneration of following Jesus.
- 14 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.
- 15 Fri Gal 4: 12-20 I am in the pain of childbirth until Christ is formed in you. Jn 14: 1-7 Jesus is the way to the Father.
- 16 Sat Day of the institution of Syro-Malabar Hierarchy (1924) 3 Jn 5-12 Whoever does good is from God. Lk 22: 24-30 The dispute about greatness.
- 17 Sun Third Sunday of Dedication of the Church

World Day of Communication (Special Collection)

Num 9:15-18 (7:1-10a+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 Jerusalam.

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.

18 Mon Episcopal Ordination of Mar Tony Neelankavil (2017). Heb 13: 9-16 Here we have no lasting city.

Lk 11: 1-4 The prayer that Jesus taught.

- 19 Tue Jude 17-25 Keep yourself in the love of God for eternal life. Lk 8: 1-3 Women followers of Jesus Christ.
- 20 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.
- 21 Thu Death anniversary of Mar Sebastian Vayalil (1986)
 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.
- 22 Fri Death Anniversary of Mar Mathew Vattakuzhy (2016)
 Episcopal ordination of Mar Sebastian Pozholiparambil (2017)
 Rev 19: 11-16 Christ, the king of kings.

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Jn 18: 28-37 My kingdom does not belong to this world.

23 Sat Rev 21: 9-14 Vision of the new Jerusalem. Lk 9: 10-17 Jesus feeds five thousand people.

24 Sun ★ Fourth Sunday of Dedication of the Church Feast of Christ, the King

1Kgs 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 sits at the right side of God.

25 Mon Rev 4: 1-11 The heavenly worship.Mt 6: 19-21 Your heart will be there where your treasure is.

26 Tue 1 Thess 4: 1-8 A life pleasing to God.

Mk 5: 25-34 If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.

27 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.

28 Thu Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Manathodath (1992)
1 Pet 1: 3-7 Living hope.
Jn 17: 12-19 I speak these things so that they may have complete joy.

29 Fri Rev 14: 1-7 The Lamb standing ont he mount Zion. Lk 19: 45-48 Cleansing of the Temple.

30 Sat St. Andrew, the Apostle

Patron's day of Mar Andrews Thazhath

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.

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December 2019 Seasons of Dedication of the Church and Annunciation–Nativity

Annunciation–Nativity

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 25th December constitute this season. Since we practise abstinence from 1st to 25th 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. The season of Nativity commemorates the important themes like the birth of Jesus, the visit of Magi, the escape into Egypt, presentation of Jesus in the temple and the infancy of Jesus.

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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 (5: 21 - 6:9) 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 will live by faith Lk 9:37-43a The generation which has no faith

3 Tue St. Francis Xavier

Deut 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 1Cor 1:4-9 God is faithful

Jn 8:26-30 Jesus is sent by the Father.

5 Thu 1Tim 4:11-16 Be model in holiness. Mt 24:45-51 Be vigilant.

6 Fri First Friday

Col 3: 1-10 Seek the things that are above. Mt 13: 12-17 The pupose of the parables.

7 Sat Feast of Immaculate Conception of Our Lady (8 Sunday)

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.

St. Ambrose

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

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

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

Lk 14: 25-33 Cost of discipleship.

8 Sun ■ Second Sunday of Annunciation

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

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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.

- 9 Mon Death anniversary of Mar Louis Pazheparampil (1919) Eph 4:13-16 Grow into Christ. Jn 14:11-14 For those who believe nothing is impossible.
- 10 Tue 1 Thess 5:5-11 Sons of the day
 Lk 10:21-24 The persons who receive the divine revelation
- 11 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.
- 12 Thu Rom12:9-18 Let your love be genuine. 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 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.

15 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.

- 16 Mon 1 Cor 5: 1-8 Leave the immorality.

 Lk 6: 43-45 Be a tree which prduces good fruits.
- 17 Tue Eph 2: 1-10 Salvation is hte gift of God. Mt 3: 1-6 Kingdom of heaven has come near.

18 Wed **The Miraculous Cross at Mylapore**Ex 17:4-6 Stream from the rock.

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Acts 2:29-36 (2:14-36) God raised Jesus whom you crucified.

Eph 2:14-22 Peace is through the Cross.

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 Those who have put on Christ.

Lk 1:67-79 Canticle of Zachariah.

20 Fri Col 1:10-16 Lead a holy life.

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

Jn 1:6-13

25 Wed ★ Christmas - The Nativity of our Lord

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

Mt 12:43-45

St. Stephen

Patron's day of Mar Stephen Chirappanath

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Acts 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 Vadakkel and Mar John Nellikunnel.

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 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 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 1Jn 3:11-17 He who hates his brother is murder.

Jn 8:12-19 Jesus is the light of the world.

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

Jn13:31b-35 Mutual love in the sign of Christ's disciple.

End of the Year

1Tim 6:6-12 We do not have lasting cities here.

Lk 13:6-9 Let us bear fruit.

Appendix 1

January 21 St. Agnes

February 14 Sts Cyril and Methodius

May 16 St. Simon Stock

May 23 St. Rita

June 17 Sts Gervasis and Prothasis

June 21 St. Alosius Gonsaga

July 6 St. Maria Goretti

August 10 St. Lawrence

August 13 St. John Berchmans

August 20 St. Bernard August 27 St. Monica

September 3 St. Gregory the Great

October 7 Queen of Rosary

November 3 St. Martin de Porres

November 10 St. Leo the Great

November 15 St. Albert the Great

November 21 Dedication of Holy Mother Mary

December 4 St. John Damascene

December 5 St. Sabba

Common Readings for the Feasts of the Saints and other Occasions

I. Saints		
1. Holy Mary A Gen. 3:1-19 Gen. 17:15-22 Ex. 40:32-38 B Judg. 13:1-7 Pro. 3:13-18 Rut. 1:14-17 Jud. 15:8-13 Jud. 13:18-20 Son. 2:1-4 Is. 7:10-16 Zep. 3:14-20 Mic. 5:2-6 C Act. 1:12-14 Rom. 8:26-30 Gal. 4:4-7	Lk. 2:27-35 Lk.2: 41-52 Lk.11: 27-28 Jn. 2:1-11 Jn. 19:25-27 2. Martyrs A Gen.4: 8-16 B 1Kig. 21:1-21 2Chor. 24:18-22 2Macc. 6:18-31 2Macc. 7:1-11 Is. 53:1-12 Dan. 3:18-22 Dan. 6:11-24 C Act. 7:55-60 Rom. 5:1-5 Rom. 8:31-39	D Mt. 10:16-25 Mt. 10:26-33 Lk9:23-36 Jn. 12:24-26 Jn. 15:18-21 Jn. 17:11-19 3. Priest - Saints A Exc. 32:7-14 B Is. 6:1-8 Is. 52:7-10 Is. 61:1-3 Jer. 1:4-9 Ezek. 3:16-21 Ezek. 31:11-16 C Act. 20:17-38 Act. 26:19-23
Gal. 4:4-7 Eph. 1:3-12 D Mt. 1:1-16 Mt. 1:18-25 Mt. 2:13-23 Mt.12: 46-50 Lk. 1:26-38 Lk. 1:39-47 Lk. 1:46-56	Rom. 5:1-5	Act. 20:17-38 Act. 26:19-23 Rom. 12:3-13 1Cor. 1:18-25 1Cor. 4:1-5 1Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23 1Cor: 12:27-31 1Cor. 3:1-6 2Cor. 4:1-7 2Cor. 5:14-20
Lk. 2:1-14 Lk. 2:15b-19		Eph. 4:1-7,11-13 Col. 1:24-29

1The. 2:2-8	Mt. 23:8-12	Eph. 3:14-19		
2Tim. 2:1-9	Mt. 4:1-10,13-20	Eph. 6:10-13,18		
1Pet. 5:1-4	5. Virgins	Phi. 3:8-14		
D	A	Phi. 4:4-9		
Mt. 9:35-38	Dt. 11:10-15	Col. 3:12-17		
Mt. 16:13-19	В	Jam. 2:14-17		
Mt. 23:8-12	Song. 8:6-7	1Pet. 3:1-9		
Mt. 28:16-20	Hos. 2:16-22	1Jn.3:14-18		
Mk. 1:14-20	С	1Jn. 4:7-16		
Mk. 16:15-20	1Cor. 7:25-35	1Jn. 5:1-5		
Lk. 5:1-11	Rev. 19:5-9	Rev. 3:14-22		
Lk. 22:24-30	Rev. 21:1-5	Rev. 19:1-9		
Jn. 10:11-16	D	Rev. 21:5-7		
Jn. 15:9-17	Mt. 19:3-12	D		
Jn. 21:15-17	Mt. 25:1-13	Mt. 5:1-12		
4.	Lk. 10:35-42	Mt. 5:13-16		
Fathers of the	6. Other Saints	Mt.7:21-27		
Church	A	Mt. 11:25-30		
A	Gen. 12:1-6	Mt. 13:43-46		
Dt. 6:1-15	Lev. 19:1-2,17-18	Mt. 16:24-27		
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B	Dt. 10:8-9	Mt. 19:27-29		
1King. 3:7-14	В	Mt. 22:34-40		
Wis. 7:7-10,15-16	1Kgs. 19:4-15	Mt. 25:14-30		
Sir. 15:1-6	IKgs. 19:16-21	Mt. 25:31-46		
Sir. 39:8-14	Tob. 12:6-13	Mk. 3:31-35		
C	Sir. 2:7-11	Mk. 9:34-37		
1Cor. 1:18-25	Sir. 3:17-25	Mk. 10:13-16		
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1Cor. 2:11-16	Jer. 20:7-9	Lk. 6:27-38		
Eph. 3:8-12	Mic. 6:6-8	Lk. 9:57-62		
Eph. 4:1-7,11-13	C	Lk. 10:38-42		
2Tim. 2:1-13	Act. 4:32-35	Lk. 12:32-34		
2Tim. 4:1-5	Rom. 8:26-30	Lk. 14:25-33		
D	1Cor. 1:26-31	Jn. 15:1-8		
Mt. 5:13-19	2Cor. 10:17-11:2	Jn. 15:9-17		
Mt. 7:21-29	Gal. 2:19-20	Jn.17: 20-26		
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