

# **Syro-Malabar Liturgical Calendar**

**2014 - 2015**



<u>Year</u>	<u>Great Lent 1st Sunday</u>	<u>Easter</u>	<u>Pentecost</u>
2015	Feb 15	April 5	May 24
2016	Feb 7	March 27	May 15
2017	Feb 26	April 16	June 4
2018	Feb 11	April 1	May 20
2019	March 3	April 21	June 9
2020	Feb 23	April 12	May 31

## 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.
2. 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.
3. 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).
5. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
  8. 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.
  9. 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.

## **December 2014**

### **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 25<sup>th</sup> December constitute this season. Since we practise abstinence from 1<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> December in preparation for Christmas, we call this period “25 days Lent”.

The salvific acts which found fulfilment in Jesus Christ begin with the birth of Jesus. This season is called ‘subbara’ in Syriac language. The meaning of this term is ‘declaration, ‘announcement’ etc. What angel Gabriel announced to holy Mary was the greatest glad news to humanity that eagerly waited for the Saviour. Thus, this season is developed in the context of the mystery of incarnation completed in the fullness of time. The Church recalls during these days the announcement of the birth of John the Baptist, the predecessor of Jesus, and also the joyful event of the birth of John the Baptist. As a preparation for the celebration of the mystery of incarnation, this season also recalls creation, disobedience of our first parents and its consequences, the miserable state of the broken humanity, the promise of salvation offered by God, God’s covenant with humanity, and the prophecies about the Saviour. During this season we also meditate on the role of Mary in the history of the plan of salvation.

The readings, prayers and hymns of the season remind us that like the people in the Old Testament who became aware of their miserable condition and their hope for the Saviour, the people of the New Testament also should become aware of their helplessness and sinful situation and walk towards Jesus and give place in their hearts for Jesus to be born. 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 2014

### Season of Annunciation–Nativity

- 1 Mon *25 days fasting begins.*  
Gal 3:9-14 The just lives through faith.  
Lk 9:37-43a The faithless generation.
- 2 Tue Rom 13:8-14 Awaken from the sleep.  
Lk 1:18-20 Unbelief of Zachariah.
- 3 Wed **St. Francis Xavier (Propria Vol. IV. Page 922)**  
Dt 26:16-19 You are a holy people.  
Is 45:20-24 There is no God besides me.  
2 Cor 6:3-10 We are God's servants.  
Mk 6:7-13 Jesus sends out His disciples.
- 4 Thu 1 Tim 4:11-16 Be model in holiness.  
Mt 24:45-51 Be watchful.
- 5 Fri *First Friday*  
Col 3:1-10 Seek the things that are above.  
Mt 13:12-17 The purpose of the parables.
- 6 Sat Gal 3:1-9 Justification through faith.  
Lk 9:57-62 Commitment to the discipleship.  
**St. Ambrose (7 Sun) (Propria Vol. IV. Page 941)**  
Dt 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 righteousness.  
Lk 14: 25-33 Cost of discipleship.
- 7 Sun ✘**Second Sunday of Annunciation (Propria Vol. I. Page 19)**  
  
Num 22:20-35 (22:20-23:2) Balaam gets instructions.  
Is 43:25-44:5 (43:14-44:5) God's blessing on Israel.  
Col 4:2-6 (4:2-18) Utilize the time fully.  
Lk 1:26-38 (1:26-56) Announcement about the birth of Christ.
- 8 Mon ✘ **Feast of Immaculate Conception of Our Lady**  
**(Propria Vol. I. Page 248)**  
Sir 24:1-14 (24:1-34) The greatness of wisdom.  
Is 7:10-16 Virgin will give birth to a child.

Heb 1:1-3+2:16-18 God's son.  
Lk 1:46-55 (Mt.1:1-17+Lk. 1:46-55) The magnificat.

- 9 Tue *Death anniversary of Mar Louis Pazheparampil (1919).*  
1Thes 5:5-11 Children of the day.  
Lk 10:21-24 Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.
- 10 Wed Eph 1:3-12 God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.  
Lk 1:34-38 Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
- 11 Thu Rom 12:9-18 Love one another with mutual affection.  
Lk 1:39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth.
- 12 Fri 2Cor 8:11-15 Be ready to help others.  
Lk 1:46-56 Magnificat.
- 13 Sat Heb 3:12-19 Do not go away from God.  
Lk 11:33-36 The light of the body.  
**St. John of the Cross (Propria Vol. IV. Page 922)**  
1Cor 2:1-10 Hidden and mysterious wisdom.  
Lk 14:25-33 Discipleship demands sacrifice.
- 14 Sun ✠ **Third Sunday of Annunciation**  
Gen 18:1-10 (18:1-19) A son is promised to Abraham.  
Judg 13:2-7,24 (13:2-24) The birth of Samson.  
Eph 3:1-13 (3:1-21) Paul, the apostle of gentiles.  
Lk 1:57-66 (1:57-80) Birth of John the Baptist.
- 15 Mon 1 Cor 5:1-8 Leave the immorality.  
Lk 6:43-45 Be a tree which produces good fruits.
- 16 Tue Eph 2:1-10 Salvation is the gift of God.  
Mt 3:1-6 Kingdom of heaven has come near.
- 17 Wed 1Thes 2:13-17 Fidelity to the Word of God.  
Lk 16:10-13 Be faithful to God.

- 18 Thu **The Miraculous Cross of Mylapore (Propria Vol. I. Page 256)**  
 Ex 17:4-6 Stream from the rock.  
 Acts 2:29-36 (2:14-36) God raised Christ whom you crucified.  
 Eph 2:14-22 All are united in Christ Jesus.  
 Jn 14:1-6 Jesus the way, the truth and the life.
- 19 Fri *Death anniversary of Mar John Menacherry (1919).*  
 Col 1:10-16 Lead a life pleasing to Christ.  
 Mk 1:1-8 The proclamation of John the Baptist.
- 20 Sat Gal 1:11-17 Those who are called by God's grace.  
 Jn 3:31-36 Who is from above is above all persons.
- 21 Sun ✘ **Fourth Sunday of Annunciation**  
*The establishment of Syro-Malabar Hierarchy (1923).*  
 Gen 24:50-67 Isaac receives Rebekah.  
 1 Sam 1:1-18 (1:1-28) Samuel's birth and dedication.  
 Eph 5:5-21 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.  
 Mt 1:18-24 God's intervention in birth of Jesus.
- 22 Mon Eph 6:18-20 Pray continuously.  
 Jn 1:1-5 The Word was in the beginning.
- 23 Tue Gal 4:1-7 Son of God born from Woman.  
 Jn 1:6-13 He came to give witness to light.
- 24 Wed Eph 4:17-24 New life in Christ.  
 Jn 1:43-51 Nathanael meets Jesus.
- 25 Thu ✘ **Christmas – The Nativity of our Lord**  
**(See the Liturgy of Christmas)**  
*Day of Obligation.*  
 Is 7:10-16+9:1-3,6-7 The young woman shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.  
 Mic 4:1-3+5:2-5,8-9 From you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel.  
 Gal 3:15-4:6 In the fullness of time God sent his Son.  
 Lk 2:1-20 The Birth of Jesus Christ.



- 26 Fri Col 1:1-9 Knowledge about God's will.  
Mt 9:27-31 Jesus heals the blind.  
**St. Stephen (Propria Vol. I. Page 148)**  
Act 6:8-10+7:54-59 The martyrdom of St. Stephen.  
Mt 10:16-22 Whoever holds out to the end will be saved.
- 27 Sat **St. John, the Apostle (Propria Vol. III. Page 611)**  
*Patron's day of Mar John Vadakkal.*  
Ex 33:12-23 (33:9-23 ) God is with the people.  
Sir 15:1-6 The God's servant will receive the rewards.  
Rom 8:35-39 Who can separate us from the love of Christ?  
Jn 21:20-24 The disciple whom Jesus loved.
- 28 Sun ✕ **First Sunday of Nativity (Propria Vol. I. Page 61)**  
Gen 21:9-21 (21:1-21) God protects the son of the slave woman.  
1 Sam 1:21-28 (1:19-28) Samuel is given to the Lord.  
Gal 4:21-5:1 Christ has set us free.  
Mt 2:1-12 (2:1-23) Visit of the Magi.  
**Feast of Holy Family**  
Gen 1:26-28 He created them male and female.  
Sir 3:1-9 The duties of the parents.  
Col 3:18-21 The family life in Christ.  
Mt 2:13-14,19-23 The flight to Egypt.  
**Holy Childhood Day (The Infants' Day)**  
Gen 4:3-8 Cain murders Abel.  
Jer 31:15-17 A voice of lamentation and bitter weeping from Ramah.  
Heb 11:32-38 (11:3-10+11:32-12:2) Persecuted for faith.  
Mt 2:13-18 The massacre of the infants.
- 29 Mon 1 Jn 3:11-17 Who hates his brother is a murderer.  
Jn 8:12-19 Jesus is the light of the world.
- 30 Tue 2 Cor 1:18-22 We are instituted in Christ.  
Jn 13:31b-35 Mutual love is the sign of Christ's disciple.
- 31 Wed Col 3:12-17 Let the Words of Jesus abide in you.  
Mt 2:1-12 Visit of Magi.  
**End of the Year (Propria Vol. I. Page 265)**  
1Tim 6: 6-12 We do not have lasting cities here.  
Lk 13: 6-9 Let us bear fruit.

# January 2015

## Seasons of Nativity and Epiphany

- 1 Thu **Holy Name of Jesus (Circumcision) (Propria Vol. I. Page 271)**  
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 (Propria Vol. I. Page 268)**  
Eph 4:17-24 Be new creation.  
Mt 6: 25-34 Trust in God.
  
- 2 Fri **The Divine Motherhood of Mary (Propria Vol. I. Page 69)**  
*First Friday*  
Ex 15:11-21 (15:11-21+Mic.6:1-5+Jer.31:13-17) The song of Miriam.  
Act 1:12-14 (1:1-14) Apostles in prayer together with Mary.  
Rom 16:17-20,25-27(16:1-27) It is God who reveals the mysteries.  
Lk 1:39-45 (Lk.1:26-55+Mt.1:1-16,18-25) Blessed are you among women.
  
- 3 Sat **St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara (Propria Vol. I. Page 278)**  
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 Sun ✘ **Second Sunday of Nativity**  
Ex 2: 1-10 Birth of Moses.  
Is 49: 1-6 Israel the Chosen People of God.  
2 Tim 2:16-26 Lord knows his own.  
Lk 2: 21-35 (Lk 2: 21-52) Presentation of Jesus in the temple.
  
- 5 Mon Eph 4:7-12 Diversity of gifts.  
Mt 6:16-21 Store up treasures in heaven.

## Season of Epiphany

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

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

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

### 6 Tue ✠ **The Feast of Epiphany (Propria Vol. I. Page 86)**

*Important feast day and a day of obligation.*

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

Num 24:15-25 (24:2-9,15-25) The Spirit of God came upon him.  
Is 11:1-5 (4:2-5+11:1-5+12:4-6) The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.

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

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

- 7 Wed 1 Cor 6: 15-20 Temple of Holy Spirit.  
Jn 2: 13-17 Don't merchandise the temple of God.
- 8 Thu Death anniversary of Mar Alexander Choolaparambil (1951)  
1 Cor 2: 6-10 Wisdom of God.  
Lk 7: 11-17 The rise of a great prophet among us.
- 9 Fri **St. John the Baptist (Propria Vol. I. Page 96)**  
Is 40:1-8 (35:3-10+40:1-8) Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Act 13:16-26 (13:13-33) John preached a baptism of repentance  
to all the people of Israel.  
Eph 2:19-3:7 (2:19-3:21) St Paul Who bore witness to Jesus  
Christ.  
Mk 6:14-29 Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist.
- 10 Sat Death anniversary of Mar Augustine Kandathil (1956)  
Rom 9: 30-33 Justice obtained by the gentiles.  
Jn 10: 31-39 The Father sent the Son to the world.
- 11 Sun ✠ **First Sunday of Epiphany (Propria Vol. I. Page 105)**  
*Syro-Malabar Mission Sunday . (Special Collection)*  
Ex 3:1-12 Moses is entrusted with the task of delivering Israel  
from Egypt.  
Is 44:28-45:4 (44:21-45:4) Cyrus is made the liberator of Israel.  
2 Tim 3:10-15 (3:1-15) Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.  
Lk 4:16-22a (4:14-30) Jesus is the Liberator.
- 12 Mon Acts 14:8-15 Turn away from worthless things.  
Jn 14:1-6 Jesus, the way life and truth.
- 13 Tue 1 Cor 12: 12-18 Different members of one body.  
Jn 15: 1-10 Abide in my love.
- 14 Wed Eph 2: 11-19 All are one in Christ.  
Jn 21: 15-19 Peter the shepherd.
- 15 Thu 1 Pet 5: 5-9 Entrust all worries to God.  
Mk 4: 35-41 He has power over wind and sea.

- 16 Fri **Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles (Propria Vol. I. Page 113)**  
 2 Kgs 4:32-37 (4:8-37) The child is brought to life by Elisha.  
 Act 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.
- 17 Sat Rom 10: 10-20 Faith and proclamation.  
 Mk 1: 21-28 Teaching with authority.
- 18 Sun ✘ **Second Sunday of Epiphany (Propria Vol. I. Page 123)**  
 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.  
**Unity Octave begins. (Propria Vol. I. Page 286)**  
 Eph 4:1-6 Exhortation for unity.  
 Jn 17:6-11 Let they may be one.
- 19 Mon 1 Cor 11:17-22 There should be no division when you gather as Church.  
 Jn 17:20-26 They may become completely one.
- 20 Tue Rom 15:14-21 Minister of Jesus Christ  
 Jn 17: 6-11 They may become completely one.  
**St. Sebastian (Propria Vol. I. Page 298)**  
*Patron's day of Mar Sebastian Vadakkal and Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath.*  
 Dt 32:37-43 There is no God besides me.  
 Is 49:1-4 My property is God.  
 2 Tim 2:1-5 The Lord's disciple should suffer.  
 Mt 10 :24-33 Bear witness without fear.
- 21 Wed 2 Cor 6: 4-10 Proud to be the servants of God.  
 Jn 12:27-33 Heavenly witness to the glory of Jesus
- 22 Thu 1 Cor 9: 24-27 Run after eternal things.  
 Mk 10: 17-22 Sell and give your property to the poor.

- 23 Fri **Evangelists (Propria Vol. I. Page 131)**  
 1 Kgs 18:30-39 Elisha who reveals the True God.  
 Act 5:12-16 (5:12-32) Signs and wonders by the hands of the Apostles.  
 1 Cor 4:9-16 (1 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.
- 24 Sat **The Conversion of St. Paul (25 Sun) (Propria Vol. IV. Page 286)**  
 Ex 3:1-14 God calls Moses.  
 Act 9:1-22 The Conversion of Saul.  
 1 Cor 15:1-10 Jesus appears to one who is untimely born.  
 Mt 20:1-16 The workers in the vineyard.  
**St. Francis de Sales (Propria Vol. IV. Page 931)**  
 Eph 3:8-13 Paul who preached Christ to the Gentiles.  
 Jn 15:9-17 Remain in my love.
- 25 Sun ✠ **Third Sunday of Epiphany (Propria Vol. I. Page 140)**  
**Unity Octave ends (Propria Vol. I. Page 286)**  
*Next Sunday is the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple (Purification of Our Lady).*  
 Num 11:11-20 Moses who bears the sufferings of his people.  
 Is 45: 18- 46:4 Turn to God and be saved.  
 Heb 4:1-10 (3:14-4:10) Let us enter Lord's rest through obedience.  
 Jn 1:29-34 (1:29-42) The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
- 26 Mon **Three days' Fast**  
**The Republic Day (Propria Vol. I. Page 298)**  
*Death anniversary of Mar Mathew Makil (1914).*  
 Is 64:1-9 (63:17-64:12) Remember not our iniquity for ever.  
 Hab 3:13-19 (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.  
**Sts. Timothy and Titus (Propria Vol. III. Page 602)**  
 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 Tue **Three days' Fast**  
 1 Sam 7:3-9 Return to the Lord with all your heart.  
 Is 59:1-8 (59:1-18) Our iniquities make separation between us  
 and God.  
 Rom 12:1-8 (12:1-21) Be transformed by the renewal of your mind.  
 Lk 18:9-14 (18:2-14) Pray with repentance.
- 28 Wed **Three Days' Fast**  
 Joel 2:15-19 (2:15-27) Return to God with your whole heart.  
 Jon 3:1-10 (3:1-4:11) The fasting and prayer of Nineveh.  
 Rom 9:19-29 (9:14-10:17) God who shows mercy.  
 Mt 6:1-4 (6:1-18) God remunerates for the good deeds.  
**St. Thomas Aquinas (Propria Vol. IV. Page 941)**  
 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 Thu *Major Archiepiscopal status to Syro-Malabar Church.*  
*Mar Antony Padiyara, the first Major Archbishop (1992).*  
 2 Cor 5: 11-14 Love of Christ inspires us.  
 Jn 1: 35-42 Call of the first disciples.
- 30 Fri **St. Stephen (Propria Vol. I. Page 148)**  
 1 Kgs 21:1-21 Naboth is stoned to death.  
 Act 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.  
**World Day of Peace (Propria Vol. I. Page 301)**  
 Eph 2:14-22 Jesus is our peace.  
 Jn 14: 27-31 The peace given by Jesus.
- 31 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.  
**St. John Bosco (Propria Vol. IV. Page 922)**  
*Patron's day of Mar Bosco Puthur.*  
 Phil 4:4-9 Do whatever you have heard from me.  
 Mt 18:1-5 Welcome children in my name.

# February 2015

## Seasons of Epiphany and Lent

- 1 Sun ✕ **Fourth Sunday of Epiphany (Propria Vol. I. Page 158)**  
Num 11:23-35 He reveals Israel's redemption.  
Is 46:5-13 I am God, and there is none like me.  
Heb 7:23-28 (7:18-28) Christ holds His priesthood permanently.  
Jn 2:1-11(1:43- 2:11) Jesus' glory is revealed at Cana.
  
- 2 Mon **The Presentation of our Lord in the Temple  
(Purification of Our Lady) (Propria Vol. I. Page 304)**  
*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 Tue I Jn 3:18-24 Those who obey the commandments  
Mk 3:7-12 Healing the sick
  
- 4 Wed Col 2:6-10 Fullness of deity in Christ.  
Mt 12:15b-21 Christ, the chosen servant.  
**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 Thu Eph 6:10-17 Fight against the evil.  
Mk 9:33-37 First one, servant of all.
  
- 6 Fri **Greek Fathers (Propria Vol. I. Page 166 or 193)**  
*First Friday*  
*Death anniversary of Mar Mathew Pothanamuzhy (1982).*  
1 Sam 22:11-21(22:6-21) Those who are persecuted for truth.  
Act 22:22-29 (22:27-23:16) Trial before the tribunal on behalf of faith.  
2 Tim 2:8-13 (2:8-19;4:1-8,14-18) Suffering hardships for the  
Gospel.  
Mt 5:1-12 (4:23-5:19) Blessed are those who are persecuted for  
righteousness.



## **Syriac Fathers**

2 Kgs13:14-21 The Lord's arrow of victory over Aram.

Act 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.

### **Patron of the Church (Propria Vol. I. Page 210)**

Is 41:8-16 People chosen by God.

Act 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+25:14-30) Increase the God-given talents.

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

Lk 11: 14-23 Jesus and Beelzebul.

8 Sun ✕ **Fifth Sunday of Epiphany (Propria Vol. I. Page 176)**

*Episcopal ordination of Mar Thomas Elavanal (1997)*

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

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

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

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

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

Gal 3: 21-25 Law and faith.

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

10 Tue 1Jn 1:5-10 God is light.

Jn 9: 35-39 Christ who removes spiritual blindness.

11 Wed Rom 14:1-6 Be fully convinced in the mind.

Jn 8:31-38 Truth will liberate you.

### **Our Lady of Lourdes (Day of the sick) (Propria Vol. I. Page 311)**

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

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

- 12 Thu Col 1: 21-23 Constancy in Faith.  
Lk 13: 10-17 Jesus heals a crippled woman.
- 13 Fri **Commemoration of the Dead (Propria Vol. I. Page 230)**  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Powathil (1972).*  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Bosco Puthur (2010).*  
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.
- 14 Sat 1 Cor 15: 50-57 mortal body puts on immortality.  
Mt 23: 1-12 All who exalt themselves will be humbled.

## Season of Lent

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

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

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

15 Sun ✘ **First Sunday of Lent (Propria Vol. II. Page 321)**

*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 through fasting.

16 Mon Gen 1: 1-19 God creates heaven and earth.

Josh 1: 1-15 Be careful to act in accordance with all the laws.

Rom1: 16-25 (1: 1-25) The sin of man and its consequence.

Mt 5: 17-26 (5: 17-37) Reconciliation with brothers and sisters.

17 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.

18 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.

19 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.

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

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.

- 21 Sat Rom 3: 21-26 Those who believed are justified.  
Mt 6: 9-15 (6: 5-15) The prayer taught by Christ.
- 22 Sun ✕ **Second Sunday of Lent (Propria Vol. I. Page 222)**  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Pastor Neelankavil (1987).*  
Gen 5:19-31 Persons who lived with God.  
Josh 4:15-24 God dried up river Jordan for the people to pass.  
Rom 6:15-23 (6:1-23) Newness of life in Christ through baptism.  
Mt 7:21-27(7:15-27) The true disciple.
- 23 Mon Tit 3: 1-7 Laws of Christian life.  
Mk 7: 14-23 Internal and external holiness.  
**St. Polycarp (Propria Vol. IV. Page 931)**  
Ex 3:1-6 God calls Moses.  
Dan 3:19-26 Three young men in the blazing furnace.  
2Cor 6:4-10 We are servants.  
Lk 11:43-52 Prophets will be persecuted.
- 24 Tue *Episcopal ordination of Mar Kuriakose Kunnachery (1968).*  
Rom 8: 18-25 Glory that is to be revealed.  
Mt 7: 7-12 The power of prayer.
- 25 Wed Rom 6: 15-23 Eternal life is the gift of God.  
Mt 9: 1-8 Jesus heals the paralyzed.
- 26 Thu *Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Vattakuzhy (1987).*  
Rom 3: 1-8 Justice and fidelity of God.  
Mt 5: 33-37 Do not swear.
- 27 Fri Gen 6: 5-12 (5: 32-6: 22) Sin increases.  
Josh 5: 1-12 Punishment to those who brake the commadments.  
Rom 7: 7-12 (7: 1-13) Commandment of God is holy and right.  
Mk 11: 27-33 (11: 27-12: 12) Authority of Jesus.
- 28 Sat 1 Cor 5: 9-13 Keep away from immorality.  
Mt 11: 16-19 Unrepentant attitude.

## 2015 March Season of Lent

- 1 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.
- 2 Mon *Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Anikuzhikkattil (2003).*  
Rom 7: 1-6 Serve in the novelty of the spirit.  
Mk 12: 28-34 Commandment of love.
- 3 Tue 1 Cor 10: 1-13 Those who stand may not fall.  
Lk 21: 29-36 Always be watchful.
- 4 Wed 1Pet 3:8-12 Do not repay evil forevil.  
Mt 5:43-48 Love your enemies.
- 5 Thu Eph 6: 1-9 Reward from the Lord according to the deed.  
Mk 12: 35-40 Jesus criticises the scribes.
- 6 Fri *First Friday*  
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.
- 7 Sat Eph 4: 25-32 The evils that is to be renounced.  
Mt 21: 28-32 Kingdom of God is for those who repent.
- 8 Sun ✘ **Fourth Sunday of Lent (Propria Vol. II. Page 333)**  
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.

- 9 Mon Gen 12: 1-9 God calls Abraham.  
Josh 7: 16-26 The sin of Achan.  
Rom 9: 1-13 Election of Israel.  
Jn 5: 1-18 Miracle at Beth-zatha.
- 10 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.
- 11 Wed Gen 13: 8-18 Abraham and Lot separate.  
Josh 8: 18-29 Destruction of Ai city.  
Rom 10: 1-13 (9: 30-10: 17) Salvation to those who believe.  
Jn 6: 60-69 (6: 51-69) Words of eternal life are with you.
- 12 Thu Gen 14: 8-16 (14: 1-16) God saves Lot.  
Josh 8: 30-35 Joshua builds altar.  
Rom 11: 1-10 (10: 17-11: 12) The remnant part which is elected  
by the grace.  
Jn 7: 1-13 Feast of the Tent.
- 13 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.
- 14 Sat Rom 13: 1-7 All authorities are from God.  
Jn 7: 45-53 Unbelief of the authorities.
- 15 Sun ✘ **Fifth Sunday of Lent (Propria Vol. II. Page 341)**  
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.
- 16 Mon *Patron's day of Mar Abraham Mattam.*  
Col 2: 16-19 Substance belongs to Christ.  
Lk 18: 18-25 Sell and give to the poor.
- 17 Tue 2 Cor 9: 10-15 Service of the ministry.  
Lk 10: 33-37 Be good neighbour.

- 18 Wed Jude 8-13 Woe to those who abandon God.  
 Jn 8: 1-11 Do not commit sin again.  
**St. Cyril of Jerusalem (Propria Vol. IV. Page 931)**  
 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.
- 19 Thu **Death of St. Joseph (Propria Vol. II. Page 467)**  
*Patrons day of Mar Joseph Powathil, Mar Joseph Perumthottam, Mar Joseph Pallikaparambil, Mar Joseph Pastor Neelankavil, Mar Joseph Kunnath, Mar Joseph Kallarangat, Mar Jose Porunnedam, Mar Joseph Pandarasseril, Mar Joseph Arumachadath, Mar Jose Chittooparmbil, Mar Joseph Kollamparampil and Mar Jose Puthenveettil.*  
 Is 41:8-16 Jacob, I have chosen you.  
 Act 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 Fri 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.
- 21 Sat 1 Cor 13: 1-13 Love is great of all.  
 Mk 10: 1-12 What God has joined together, let no one separate.
- 22 Sun ✘ **Sixth Sunday of Lent (Propria Vol. II. Page 348)**  
 Gen 19:15-26 (19:1-7,9-26) God saves Lot from Sodom.  
 Josh 21:43-22:5 (21:43-22:9) The Lord gave all the land to Israel.  
 Rom 14:13-23 Do not be a scandal to your brother.  
 Jn 10:11-18 (9:39-10:21) Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
- 23 Mon *Death anniversary of Mar Antony Cardinal Padiyara (2000).*  
*Patron's day of Mar Vijay Anand Nedumpuram.*  
 1 Thess 3: 6-13 Foster faith and unity.  
 Jn 12: 44-50 Those who believe do not dwell in darkness.
- 24 Tue 2 Pet 2: 4-10 Warning to those who live without God's fear.  
 Lk 13: 31-35 Lamentation over Jerusalem.

- 25 Wed **The Feast of Annunciation (Propria Vol. II. Page 475)**  
*Episcopal Ordination of Mar Antony Chirayath.*  
 Ex 15:11-21(15:1-21+Mich 6:1-5+Jer 31:13-17) The Lord of  
 majesty and holiness.  
 Act 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 Thu 2 Pt 2: 11-17 May your behaviour be good.  
 Lk 3: 8-11 Produce the fruits of repentance.
- 27 Fri 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.
- 28 Sat *Death anniversary of Mar Januarius Palathuruthy (1995).*  
 Acts 20: 22-38 Give testimony to the gospel amidst the tormnets.  
 Jn 12: 1-8 Mary anoints Jesus.
- 29 Sun ✠ **Palm Sunday (Seventh Sunday of Lent)**  
*Next Thursday is Peshu Thursday. Next Friday is Good Friday*  
*(day of fasting and abstinence).*  
*Next Sunday is Easter.*  
 Gen 49:8-12,22-26 (49:1-12,22-26)The scepter shall not depart from Judah.  
 Zech 9:9-12 (4:8-14+7:9-10+8:4-5,12-19+9:9-12) The coming of  
 Ruler of God's people.  
 Rom 11:13-24 You have been cut from wild olive tree and  
 grafted into a cultivated olive tree.  
 Mt 21:1-17 (20:29-21:22) Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
- 30 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.
- 31 Tue Gen 37: 23-36 The brothers sell Joseph.  
 Josh 22: 30-23: 1 Lord reestablish the peace.  
 Heb 5: 1-10 (4: 14-6: 8) Merciful high priest.  
 Jn 12: 20-26 (12: 12-43) Whoever serves me must follow me.



# April 2015

## Seasons of Lent and Resurrection

- 1 Wed *Death anniversary of Cardinal Mar Varkey Vithayathil (2011).*  
Till Holy Saturday "Christ was obedient ...." is recited.  
Gen 40: 1-23 Joseph interprets the dream.  
Josh 23: 1-11 (23: 1-16) Be faithful to God.  
Heb 9: 15-28 (9: 11-28) New covenant.  
Jn 12: 27-33 Son of man should be lifted up.
  
- 2 Thu **Pesaha Thursday (See the Liturgy of Pesaha Thursday)**  
*(Only one Qurbana in the churches. Bl. Sacrament is given only to the sick outside Qurbana).*  
*Death anniversary of Pope John Paul II (2005).*  
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.
  
- 3 Fri **Passion Friday (Today fasting and abstinence)**  
**(See the Liturgy of Passion Friday)**  
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.
  
- 4 Sat **Great Saturday (See the Liturgy of Great Saturday)**  
*Till the feast of the Holy Trinity "Queen of Heaven" is recited.*  
Death anniversary of Mar Abraham Kattumana (1995)  
Death anniversary of Mar Sebastian Valloppilly(2006)  
Gen 22:1-19 Sacrifice of Abraham.  
Jon 2:1-10 Jonah in the belly of fish for three days and three nights.  
Rom 6:3-11 If we are united with Christ in a death like his, we will be united with Him in a resurrection like his.  
Mt 28:1-20 Goodnews of Resurrection.

## Season of Resurrection

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

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

- 5 Sun ✘ **Easter Sunday (Resurrection of our Lord)**  
**(See the Liturgy of Easter Sunday)**  
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 (Propria Vol. II. Page 395)**  
Old Testament readings and the Epistle reading are same as  
that of Easter Liturgy.  
Jn 20:1-18 The Lord is risen.
- 6 Mon *Death anniversary of Mar Emmanuel Pothanamuzhy (2003).*  
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.

- 7 Tue *Episcopal ordination of Mar George Njaralakatt (2010).*  
 Is 61: 1-9 Good news of liberation  
 Acts 2: 37-47 Early Christian Community  
 1 Cor 15: 12-19 (15: 1-19) Resurrection of the dead.  
 Lk 24: 13-27 (24: 13-35) The walk to Emmaus.
- 8 Wed *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Remigios Inchananiyil (2010).*  
 Is 61: 10-62: 5 Future of Sion.  
 Acts 4: 23-31 Faithful are strengthened through prayer.  
 Eph 4: 1-6 (4: 1-16) Unify in Christ.  
 Jn 15: 1-10 (15: 1-25) Abide in Christ.
- 9 Thu Is 54:1-10 (54:1-15) New Jerusalem.  
 Acts 6:1-7 Election of deacons.  
 Col 2:12-15 (2:8-3:4) You are raised with Christ.  
 Mt 10:1-15 Mission of twelve disciples.
- 10 Fri **The Feast of All Saints (Propria Vol. II. Page 406)**  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Raphael Thattil (2010).*  
 Dan 3:25-31 (3:25-45) Song of the three young men in the furnace.  
 Act 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.
- 11 Sat *Episcopal ordination of Mar Paul Alappatt (2010).*  
 Col 3: 1-4 Glory to us along with Him.  
 Mk 16: 1-8 Resurrection of Christ.
- 12 Sun ✠ **Second Sunday of Resurrection** (Sunday of Neophytes).  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakel (2000).*  
 Is 55:4-13 He who gathers the unknown people.  
 Act. 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.
- 13 Mon 1 Cor 1: 10-17 Live in harmony.  
 Lk 24: 28-35 Disciples recognise the risen Christ.

- 14 Tue *Episcopal ordination of Mar Thomas Chakiath (1998).*  
Acts 9: 20-25 Saul preaches the risen Christ.  
Jn 5: 41-47 Writings of Moses about Christ.
- 15 Wed Gal 5: 1-6 Love activated through faith.  
Mk 7: 31-37 Jesus cures a deaf man.
- 16 Thu Phil 1:27-30 Privilege of believing in Christ and suffering for him.  
Mt 15:21-28 Faith of the Canaanite woman.
- 17 Fri 1 Cor 1: 18-24 Folly of the Cross.  
Mk 4: 1-9 Parable of the sower.
- 18 Sat *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Pauly Kannookadan (2010)*  
Col 3:14-17 Let Christ's peace rule in your hearts.  
Lk 24:36-43 Jesus appears to the disciples.
- 19 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Resurrection**  
Is 56:1-7 Salvation to all who obey.  
Act 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.
- 20 Mon *Episcopal ordination of Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath (2002).*  
Jas 5: 7-12 Wait for the coming of Christ.  
Mt 25: 1-13 Be prepared to receive the Bridegroom.
- 21 Tue 1Thess 5: 12-22 Do good always.  
Mk 4: 13-20 Produce good fruits.
- 22 Wed Phil 1: 21-26 Life is Christ and death is profit.  
Mt 8: 1-4 Jesus cleanses a leper.
- 23 Thu 2 Cor 8: 1-11 Be generous.  
Mk 4: 35-41 Jesus calms the sea.
- 24 Fri **St. George (Propria Vol. I. Page 289)**  
*Patron's day of Major Archbishop Mar George Alencherry, Mar George Punnakottil, Mar George Valiyamattam, Mar George Njaralakatt, Mar George Rajendran and Mar George Madathikandathil.*

*The Episcopal ordination of Mar George Punnakottil (1977) and  
Mar George Karotemprayil (1983).*

Dan 6:12-24 Daniel is thrown to the lions.

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

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

**St. Mark the Evangelist (Propria Vol. I. Page 131)**

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 Sun **Fourth Sunday of Resurrection (Propria Vol. II. Page 416)**

*Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Kundukulam (1998).*

Is 49:13-23 God will never forget us.

Act 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.

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

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

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

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

29 Wed Heb 7:1-10 Priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Jn 5:30-38 Those who fulfill the will of God.

**St. Catherine of Sienna (Propria Vol. IV. Page 912)**

1Jn 1:5-2:2 Jesus who wipes away the sins.

Mt 11:25-30 Hidden and mysterious knowledge.

30 Thu *Episcopal ordination of Mar Abraham Mattam (1977).*

2 Pet 2: 1-3 Beware of false prophets.

Mt 15: 1-9 Dedication of heart is important.

# May 2015

## Seasons of Resurrection and Apostles

- 1 Fri **St. Joseph, the Patron of the working class**  
**(Propria Vol. II. Page 484)**  
*First Friday*  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy (1973),  
Mar George Valiamattam(1988) and Mar Andrews Thazhath (2004).*  
Gen 3:17-19,23-24 With the sweat of your forehead you shall  
eat your bread.  
Wis 9:10-18 Nothing is possible without hard work.  
Col 3:14-17 Do everything in the name of the Lord.  
Mt 13:53-58 Jesus, son of a carpenter.
- 2 Sat *Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Kallarangatt (2004).*  
1 Cor 14: 20-25 Behave with maturity.  
Mk 6: 1-6 Jesus is rejected in the home town.  
**St. Athanasius (Propria Vol. IV. Page 931)**  
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 Sun ✕ **Fifth Sunday of Resurrection**  
**Mar Addai (Propria Vol. II. Page 423)**  
Is 49:7-13 God's mercy and compassion.  
Act 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.  
**Sts. Philip and James, Apostles (Propria Vol. III. Page 611)**  
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 Mon *Death anniversary of Bp. John Medlikott (1918).*  
1 Pet 4: 12-19 Do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal.  
Lk 11: 29-32 Sign of Jonah.

- 5 Tue Jas 1: 22-27 Hearing and doing the word.  
Mt 21: 18-22 Jesus curses the fig tree.
- 6 Wed Col 3: 5-11 Put on the new man.  
Jn 3: 1-8 Reborn through water and spirit.  
**St. Dominic Savio**  
1Jn 2:14-17 Word of God abides in you.  
Mk 10:13-16 Kingdom of heaven belongs to children.
- 7 Thu Heb 3: 7-13 Do not go away from the living God.  
Jn 5: 24-29 Life giver of all.
- 8 Fri 1 Cor 2: 1-5 Message about the crucified.  
Mt 15: 10-20 Internal and external holiness.
- 9 Sat Heb 7: 11-17 Jesus, the eternal priest.  
Jn 15: 26-16: 4 Holy Spirit witnesses about Christ.
- 10 Sun ✘ **Sixth Sunday of Resurrection (Propria Vol. II. Page 430)**  
Is 52:7-12 (51:9-11 + 52:7-12) All the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.  
Act 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.
- 11 Mon 1 Pet 2: 1-5 Living stone and chosen people.  
Mt 23: 23-28 Hypocrisy of Pharisees.
- 12 Tue 2 Pet 3: 10-13 New heaven and new earth.  
Mk 13: 32-37 Be watchful.
- 13 Wed **St. Mathias, the Apostle (Thu 14) (Propria Vol. III. Page 611)**  
1Sam 16:4-13 (16:1-13) Anointing of David.  
Act 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.

- 14 Thu **Ascension of our Lord (Propria Vol. II. Page 449)**  
 Important feast day and a day of obligation. In those places where today is not a holiday, all those who can are requested to participate in the Holy Qurbana and other liturgical ceremonies.  
 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.Mt 11:25-30 Jesus the comfort of the poor and the afflicted.
- 15 Fri *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Porunnedam (2004).*  
 Phil 3: 12-15 New life in Christ.  
 Jn 3: 31-36 The one who come from above is above all.
- 16 Sat *Patron's day of Mar Simon Stock Palathara and Mar Joy Alappatt*  
 1 Cor 7: 32-35 Chance to serve the Lord.  
 Mt 3: 7-12 Produce the fruit of repentance.
- 17 Sun ✕ **Seventh Sunday of Resurrection (Propria Vol. II. Page 437)**  
 Is 6:1-13 Here I am; send me.  
 Act 1:15-26 Matthias was enrolled with the eleven apostles.  
 Phi 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.
- 18 Mon 2 Thess 2: 13-17 You are the first fruits of salvation.  
 Jn 4: 3-15 Jesus gives the water of life.
- 19 Tue 1 Cor 8: 8-13 Do not be a scandal to the weak.  
 Lk 12: 13-21 The parable of the rich fool.
- 20 Wed *Inauguration of the first Syro-Malabar Bishops' Synod (1993).*  
*Installation of Mar Antony Cardinal Padiyara, the first Major Archbishop of Syro-Malabar Church (1993).*  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Perumthottam (2002).*  
 1 Jn 4: 12-21 God gives His spirit.  
 Jn 17: 1-5 Knowledge of Christ provides eternal life.



- 21 Thu 1 Jn 1: 1-3 Testimony to the word of life.  
Lk 14: 25-35 Cost of discipleship.
- 22 Fri 1 Jn 2: 22-25 Eternal life is the promise of Christ.  
Mt 24: 7-14 those who endure to the end will be saved.
- 23 Sat 1 Cor 9:13-18 Woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel.  
Mt 18:23-35 Forgive without any limit.

## 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.

24 Sun ✘ **First Sunday of Apostles: The Feast of Pentecost**  
(*Propria Vol. III. Page 505*)

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

25 Mon 1Cor 14:26-33 Use of spiritual gifts.  
Mt 11:25-30 Jesus, the comfort for the weary and those carrying burdens.

26 Tue *Episcopal ordination of Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara. (2012)*  
2 Thess 1: 3-12 Accept the sufferings for the sake of the Kingdom of God.  
Mt 20: 29-34 Jesus heals two blind men.

27 Wed 1Cor11:31-34a Wait for one other.  
Mt 13:31-35 Parable of mustard seed and yeast.

28 Thu Heb 8: 7-13 The new covenant inscribed in the heart.  
Jn 2: 13-25 Jesus is the true temple.

29 Fri **Friday of Gold (Propria Vol. III. Page 517)**  
*Installation of Major Archbishop Mar George Alencherry.*  
Is. 35:3-10 The Glorious future.  
Act. 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.

30 Sat 1 Cor 12: 12-20 We are one body in spirit.  
Jn 6: 25-29 Believe in whom He has sent.  
**St. Justin (Propria Vol. I. Page 289)**  
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.

31 Sun ✘ **Second Sunday of Apostles (Propria Vol. II. Page 460)**

Next Thursday is the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Joel. 2: 18-26 (2:15-26) The mercy of God.

Act. 4:8-22 (4:5-22) Salvation only through Christ.

1 Cor. 6:1-11(5:6-6:11) You have been baptized by Christ and the Spirit of God.

Lk. 7:36-50 (7:31-50) Forgiveness to the sinful women.

**Feast of Holy Trinity**

Rom. 5:1-5 Share in the glory of God.

Jn. 16:12-15 Fulfillment in true spirit.

**Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Propria Vol. I. Page 314)**

Rom 12:9-16 Share your blessings.

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

## June 2015 Season of Apostles

- 1 Mon *Patron's day of Mar Gratian Mundadan CMI.*  
Phil 3: 16-21 Let us hold what we have attained.  
Jn 11: 17-27 Jesus is the resurrection and life.
  
- 2 Tue *Death anniversary of Venerable Mar Thomas Kurialachery (1925)*  
1 Cor 9: 1-12 The right of the apostle.  
Jn 6: 64-71 Words of eternal life are with you.
  
- 3 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.
  
- 4 Thu **The Body and Blood of Christ (Propria Vol. III. Page 538)**  
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.
  
- 5 Fri *First Friday.*  
1 Cor 3: 18-23 Wisdom of the world is folly to God.  
Jn 6: 45-50 Eternal life to those who believe.
  
- 6 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.
  
- 7 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Apostles**  
*Next Friday is the Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus.*  
Dt. 1:5-8 (1:3-17) God who is faithful in His promises.  
Is. 1:1-9 People that went astray from God.  
1 Cor. 7:1-7 Every call is God's special gift.  
Lk. 10:25-37 (10:23-42) The good samaritan.

- 8 Mon **Blessed Mariam Thresia (Propria Vol. III. Page 689)**  
 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.
- 9 Tue **Mar Aprem (Propria Vol. IV. Page 941)**  
*Patron's Day of Mar Ephrem Nariculam*  
 Dt 26:16-19 You are a holy people.  
 Sir 45:1-5 The Glory of Moses.  
 Rom 5:1-5 Rewards of righteousness.  
 Mt 5:13-20 You are the salt of the earth and light of the world.
- 10 Wed Phil 2:12-16 Become sons of God.  
 Jn 4: 39-42 Jesus is the redeemer of the world.
- 11 Thu **St. Barnabas, the Apostle (Propria Vol. III. Page 611)**  
*Death anniversary of Mar Sebastian Mankuzhikary (1994).*  
 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 Fri **Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus (Propria Vol. III. Page 556)**  
 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.
- 13 Sat **Immaculate Heart of Mary (Propria Vol. I. Page 314)**  
 Eph. 1:2-8 We have been chosen in Christ.  
 Lk. 2:41-51 Mary treasured everything in her heart.  
**St. Anthony of Padua (Propria Vol. IV. Page 912)**  
*Patron's day of Mar Antony Chirayath.*  
 1Cor 2:1-10 Wisdom is the power of God's Spirit.  
 Lk 10:1-9 Pray to the Lord of harvest.

- 14 Sun **Fourth Sunday of the Apostles (Propria Vol. III. Page 528)**  
Dt 1:16-18 (1:16-33) Judge justly.  
Is 1:10-20 Wipe out sin and do good.  
1 Cor 9:19-27 (9:13-27) run after eternal crown.  
Lk 6:27-36 (6:12-46) Love for the enemies.
- 15 Mon 2 Cor 1: 3-7 God comforts in the afflictions.  
Mk 5: 25-34 Christ rewards for the faith.
- 16 Tue Phil 1:12-18 Proclaim the gospel without fear.  
Lk 10: 38-42 Mary has selected the good part.
- 17 Wed 1 Cor 15: 31-34 Resurrection gives meaning to the earthly life.  
Mt 14: 22-33 Jesus walks on the water.
- 18 Thu *Death anniversary of Mar John Perumattam (2011).*  
1Cor 8:1-6 There is one God and one Lord  
Mk 7:24-30 Faith of the Syro-Phoenician woman.
- 19 Fri Gal 2:15-18 Justification through faith.  
Mk 5:21-24, 35-43 Jairus daughter restored to life.
- 20 Sat 2 Cor 2: 12-17 We are the fragrance of Christ.  
Mk 1: 40-45 Jesus heals the leper.  
**Sts. John Fisher and Thomas Moore (21 Sunday) (Propria Vol. I. Page 289)**  
1Pet 4:12-19 Suffer with Christ.  
Mt 10:16-22 The Spirit of the Father will speak through you.
- 21 Sun ✕ **Fifth Sunday of the Apostles (Propria Vol. III. Page 547)**  
Dt. 1:33-46 (1:33-2:1) Punishment for the unbelief of the people.  
Is. 1:21-31 God's anger is on them who do injustice.  
1 Cor. 14:1-12 (14:1-19) Love is our goal.  
Lk. 12:22-34 (12:16-34) Become rich in the presence of God.
- 22 Mon 2 Cor 1: 8-11 Suffering to depend on God.  
Jn 16: 25-33 I have conquered hte world.

- 23 Tue Col 2: 20-23 New life in Christ.  
Mt 11:1-6 Blessed are those who are not scandalised in Christ.
- 24 Wed Rom 5: 12-21 Justification through Christ.  
Mk 12: 1-12 Servants of the vineyard.  
**Birth of John the Baptist (Propria Vol. I. Page 96)**  
Gal 4: 1-7 You are no longer a slave but a son.  
Lk 1: 57-66 The birth of John the Baptist.
- 25 Thu 2 Pet 1: 3-9 Christian is called to the glory of Jesus.  
Jn 6: 60-63 Spirit gives life.
- 26 Fri 1 Pet 3: 14-18 Die in body and live in Spirit.  
Mt 13: 24-30, 36-43 Parable of weeds among the wheat.
- 27 Sat Rom 7: 7-13 Sin produces death.  
Mk 12: 38-44 The poor widow's offering.  
**St. Irenaeus (28 Sunday) (Propria Vol. IV. Page 941)**  
Ex 28:28-30 The priests who serve in the Holy place.  
Mal 2:4-7 A priest must store wisdom in his tongue.  
2 Tim 3:14-17 All Scripture is profitable for teaching and correction.  
Jn 14:26-30 Holy Spirit teaches us everything.
- 28 Sun ✘ **Sixth Sunday of Apostles (Propria Vol. III. Page 566)**  
Dt.4: 1-8 (4:1-10) The commandments of the Lord are perfect.  
Is 2:1-5 (2:1-19) Jerusalem is the center of salvation.  
1Cor. 10:23-31 (10:14-32) Everything for the glory of God.  
Lk. 12:57-13:5 (12:57-13:17) Unless you repent you will perish.
- 29 Mon ✘ **Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles (Propria Vol. I. Page 113)**  
  
*Important feast day and a day of obligation.*  
*Patron's day of Mar Paul Chittilapilly, Mar Pauly Kannookadan  
and Mar Paul Alappatt.*  
2 Kgs 4: 16-21, 32-37 (4:8-37) Son of the Shunem woman is  
brought back to life.

Act 9:36-42 Sign worked by Peter.

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

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

30 Tue 2 Cor 5: 1-7 We have eternal hose in heaven.  
Mk 4: 21-25 Do not cover the lamp.



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## Seasons of Apostles and Kaitha

- 1 Wed *Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Angadiath (2001).*  
2 Cor 1: 12-15 Boasting of the apostle.  
Lk 15: 8-10 Parable of the lost coin.
- 2 Thu Rom 11: 1-10 Salvation through the grace of God.  
Mk 10: 46-52 Jesus heals Bartimaeus.
- 3 Fri **✕ Dukrana of St. Thomas Apostle (Propria Vol. III. Page 698)**  
*Important feast day and a day of obligation.*  
*Patron's day of Mar Thomas Elavanal, Mar Thomas Chakiath and Mar Thomas Thurithimattam.*  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Vijay Anand Nedumpuram (1990).*  
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 Sat 2 Cor 11: 1-6 You are betrothed to Christ.  
Jn 7: 14-24 Do not judge by appearances.
- 5 Sun **✕Seventh Sunday of Apostles (Propria Vol. III. Page 575)**  
Dt 4:10-14 (4:10-24) The Lord declared His commandments.  
Is 5:8-20 ( 5:8-25) The Holy God shows himself holy by  
righteousness.  
1Cor 16:1-14 (15:58-16:24) Do everything in love.  
Lk 13:22-30 (13:22-35) Enter through the narrow door.
- 6 Mon 2 Cor 2: 5-11 Forgiveness for the offender.  
Mt 12: 38-42 Sign of Jonah.
- 7 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.
- 8 Wed 1 Cor 7: 17-24 The life according to the call.  
Lk 16: 9-17 You can not serve two masters.

- 9 Thu 2 Cor 4: 1-6 Treasure in clay jars.  
Mt 23: 13-22 Hypocrisy of the pharisees and scribes.
- 10 Fri **Seventy Disciples of Jesus (Propria Vol. III. Page 602)**  
Is 41:17-20 (41:8-20) Protecting love of Jesus.  
Acts 13: 16-23 (13:13-23) Proclaiming the Messiah, the promised one.  
Rom 8:28-39 (8:28-9:5) Who will separate us from the love of Christ?  
Mt 10:37-42 (10:37-11:15) The cost of discipleship and reward.
- 11 Sat *Patrons Day of Pope Benedict XVI*  
*Death anniversary of Mar Charles Levigne (1913).*  
1 Cor 7: 8-16 Wife should not separate from the husband.  
Mt 19: 1-12 God created them as man and woman.  
**St. Benedict (Propria Vol. IV. Page 912)**  
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.

## Season of Kaitha

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

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

- 12 Sun ✕ **First Sunday of Kaitha – Feast of 12 Apostles**  
 1Kgs 18:30-39 Elijah builds an altar with twelve stones.  
 Act 5:12-20 ( 5:12-32) The Apostles heal many.  
 1 Cor.1:9-16 (1 Cor.1:9-16 + 2 Cor. 1:8-14) Be united in the mind.  
 Lk 14:7-14 (14:1-14) The mentality of the disciples.
- 13 Mon 1 Cor 11:17-22 There should not be divisions among you.  
 Mt 21:28-32 Do the will of the Father.
- 14 Tue 1 Cor 14: 20-25 Be babes in evil, but in thinking be mature.  
 Lk 19: 11-27 Be faithful in a very little.
- 15 Wed 1 Tim 6: 11-16 Fight of the faithful.  
 Jn10: 22-28 My deeds give witness to me.  
**Sts. Kuriakose and Julitta**  
*Patron's Day of Mar Kuriakose Kunnassery and Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara.*  
 Dan 3:25-45 Praising Lord from furnace.  
 Act 6:8-15 (6: 8-7:10) One who has God with him is saved.  
 Heb 11:3-10 (11:3-10,32-12:2) The faith of our fathers.  
 Mt 10:16-33 Bear witness to the Lord in front of the people.
- 16 Thu 1 Cor 14: 13-19 The gift of the Spirit for the growth of the Church.  
 Jn 8: 48-59 Before Abraham was, I am.  
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Propria Vol. I. Page 314)**  
 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 Fri **St. James of Nisibis (Propria Vol. IV. Page 941)**  
 Is. 41: 8-16 I have chosen you.  
 Act. 19:11-20 (19:8-20) Wonders and signs through the Apostles.  
 2Cor 10:4-11 (10:4-18) Spiritual weapons.  
 Lk. 12::4-12 (12:1-12) Bear witness fearlessly.

- 18 Sat 2 Cor 6: 14-18 The Temple of God.  
Mk 2: 1-12 Jesus heals the paralytic.
- 19 Sun ✘ **Second Sunday of Kaitha**  
Dt 4:32-40 The eternal love of God.  
Is 4:2-6 (3:16-4:6) Promise of salvation to Jerusalem.  
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.
- 20 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.
- 21 Tue Jas 4: 1-7a Friendship with the world is enmity with God.  
Lk 6: 20-26 the beatitudes.
- 22 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.
- 23 Thu Jas 1: 2-8 the testing of the faith produces steadfastness.  
Mk 11: 12-14, 20-26 Faith makes everything possible.
- 24 Fri **Mar Mari , disciple of Mar Addai (Propria Vol. III. Page 632)**  
Is 55:4-11 ( 55: 4-13) I made him a witness to the peoples.  
Act 4:32-36 (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.
- 25 Sat **St. James, the Apostle (Propria Vol. III. Page 611)**  
*Patron's day of Mar Jacob Thoomkuzhy, Mar James Pazhayattil, Mar Jacob Manathodath, Mar Jacob Angadiath and Mar Jacob Muricken.*  
Ex 24.12-18 Moses on the Mount Sinai.  
Act 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.

**Sts. Joachim and Anne (26 Sunday) (Propria Vol. III. Page 611)**

1 Sam 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.

26 Sun ✕ **Third Sunday of Kaitha (Propria Vol. III. Page 644)**

*Death Anniversary of Mar Thomas Tharayil (1975).*

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.

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

Mt 23: 34-39 Jesus mourns over Jerusalem.

28 Tue **St. Alphonsa (Propria Vol. III. Page 707)**

Dt 28:8-12 Israel - God's portion.

Is 53:10-12 Suffering leads to the kingdom of God.

Gal 2:19-21 Be crucified with Christ.

Jn 12:20-26 Be like grain of wheat that is dropped into the ground and dies.

29 Wed 2 Cor 5: 15-21 Ministry of reconciliation.

Mk 1: 16-20 First Disciples.

**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 Thu Jas 5: 13-20 The prayer with faith heals the sick.

Mt 10: 5-15 Jesus sends disciples.

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

Mk 8:22-26 Jesus heals the blind.

**St. Ignatius of Loyola (Propria Vol. IV. Page 912)**

1Cor 10:31-11:1 Everything for the glory of God.

Lk 14:25-33 A disciple of Jesus must give up everything.

## August 2015

### Seasons of Kaitha and Elijah - Cross - Moses

- 1 Sat *Fifteen days fasting begins.*  
Jas 4: 13-17 Boasting is evil.  
Lk 9: 49-56 He that is not against you is for you.  
**St. Alphonse Liguori (Propria Vol. IV. Page 941)**  
Rom 8:1-11 We have freedom in Jesus.  
Mk 12:28-33 You are not far away from God's kingdom.
  
- 2 Sun ✕ **The Fourth Sunday of Kaitha (Propria Vol. III. Page 653)**  
Dt 5:16-24 (5:16-6:3) The law is through Moses.  
Is 9: 13-21 (9:8-21) Punishment to Israel for false doings.  
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.
  
- 3 Mon Jas 5: 1-6 Warning to the wealthy.  
Lk 18: 25-30 Eternal life for those who renounce everything for the Kingdom of God.
  
- 4 Tue Episcopal Ordination of Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy (1999).  
Jas 5: 7-12 Be patient until the coming of the Lord.  
Mk 13: 24-31 The Coming of the Son of Man.  
**St. John Maria Vianny (Propria Vol. IV. Page 922)**  
1 Sam 21:1-6 Priest gives bread to David.  
Ez 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.
  
- 5 Wed 2 Cor 13: 1-4 Warning to the sinners.  
Mt 9: 35-10: 1 Jesus' compassion towards the people.
  
- 6 Thu **Transfiguration of Our Lord (Propria Vol. III. Page 716)**  
*Death anniversary of Bishop Paulinus Jeerakathil (1990).*  
Ex 19:1-8 + 20:18-21 Covenant on Sinai.  
Act 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 Fri *First Friday.*  
 Jas 1: 9-11 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation.  
 Mt 22: 34-40 The most important commandments.
- 8 Sat 2 Thes 2: 5-12 Punishment for those who do injustice.  
 Mt 11: 20-24 Punishment for those who do not repent.  
**St. Dominic (Propria Vol. IV. Page 912)**  
*Patron's Day of Mar Dominic Kokkatt*  
 1Cor 2:1-10 Hidden wisdom of God.  
 Lk 9:57-62 Go and proclaim the Kingdom of God.
- 9 Sun ✕**The Fifth Sunday of Kaitha (Propria Vol. III. Page 644)**  
 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 everything for others.  
 Lk 16:19-31 (16:19-17:10) Show concern for the poor.
- 10 Mon *Patron's day of Mar Lawrence Mukkuzhy.*  
 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.
- 11 Tue 2 Tim 4: 1-6 Preach the Word.  
 Jn 4: 27-38 I have food which you do not know.  
**St. Clare (Propria Vol. IV. Page 912)**  
 Dt 17:2-9 God's own holy people.  
 Is 62:1-5 People glorified by the protection of the Lord.  
 Phil 3:8-14 Renounce everything for Christ.  
 Mt 19:27-29 A hundred fold reward.
- 12 Wed 1 Tim 6: 17-21 Let the rich not be haughty.  
 Mt 7: 15-20 Know the tree from its fruits.
- 13 Thu 2 Pet 1: 10-15 Be established in the truth.  
 Mk 10: 35-45 Whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

- 14 Fri **St. Simoni and her Seven Sons**  
 2 Mac 7:1-9 The martyrdom of seven brothers.  
 Act 7:54-60 ( 6:8-7:2+7:51-8:2) The martyrdom of Stephen.  
 Heb 11:32-12:2 (11:3-10,32-12:2 ) Witness to faith through suffering.  
 Mt 10:16-25 (10:16-33) Suffering for the sake of Christ.  
**St. Maxmillian Kolbe (Propria Vol. IV. Page 922)**  
 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 Sat ✘ **Assumption of our Lady (Propria Vol. III. Page 727)**  
*Important feast day and a day of obligation.*  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Pallikaparambil (1973).*  
**Independence Day (Propria Vol. I. Page 298)**  
 Ex 15:11-18 Song of Moses.  
 Act 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 Sun ✘ **The Sixth Sunday of Kaitha (Propria Vol. III. Page 653)**  
 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.  
 1Thes 2:1-12 The innocent behaviour.  
 Lk 17:11-19 Jesus cleanses ten lepers.
- 17 Mon 1 Jn 4: 7-11 The one who is born from God.  
 Lk 6: 43-45 Know the tree from its fruits.
- 18 Tue 1 Thes 3: 2-6 Advices to establish them in their faith.  
 Mt 9:18-26 Your faith has saved you.
- 19 Wed 1 Thes 5: 1-11 You are all sons of light and sons of the day.  
 Mt 24: 37-44 The Son of Man will come unexpectedly.
- 20 Thu Rom 15: 14-21 The ministry of Paul.  
 Mt 12: 46-50 Mother and brothers of Jesus.



- 21 Fri **St. Simon Bar Saba and the co-martyrs.**  
 Dan 3:25-28,36-42 (3:25-45) The three young men in the furnace.  
 Act 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.  
**St. Pius X (Propria Vol. IV. Page 931)**  
 1Kgs 19:3-8 God who protects Elijah.  
 Prov 9:1-5 Stupidity leads to destruction.  
 1Thes 2:2-4 We have been approved by God to be entrusted with the Gospel.  
 Jn 21:15-19 Take care of my sheep.
- 22 Sat 1 Jn 2: 1-6 Christ is our mediator.  
 Lk 21: 5-6, 20-24 The fall of Jerusalem.
- 23 Sun ✠ **The Seventh Sunday of Kaitha (Propria Vol. III. Page 662)**  
*Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Irimpan (1997).*  
 Lev 19:15-18 (19:15-19 + 20:9-14) Do justice.  
 Is 33:1-15 Repent and return.  
 1Thess 2:14-20 (2:14-3:13) Participation in Christ's suffering  
 Lk 18:1-8 (18:1-14) The judge and the widow.
- 24 Mon **St. Bartholomew, the Apostle (Propria Vol. III. Page 611)**  
*The Episcopal ordination of Mar Paul Chittilapilly (1988).*  
 Dt 18:15-19 A prophet like Moses.  
 Is 22:15-22 A warning to Shebana who did the wrong.  
 1Cor. 12:27-31 We are the body of Christ.  
 Lk. 6:12-19 Jesus chooses the Apostles.
- 25 Tue Jas 2:9-13 If you show partiality, you commit sin.  
 Lk 14:1-6 Do good on Sabbath.
- 26 Wed Rom 14:7-9 Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.  
 Mk 5:1-13 Jesus heals the demoniac.

- 27 Thu 2Thess 3:6-12 Do the work quietly and earn one's living.  
Mt 13:10-17 Relevance of parables.
- 28 Fri Rom 8:26-30 Spirit helps us in our weakness.  
Mk 10:13-16 Kingdom of heaven is for those like children.  
**St. Augustine (Propria Vol. IV. Page 931)**  
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 Sat **St. Euphrasia**  
Gen 12:1-4 God calls Abraham.  
Sir 2:1-6 Trust in the Lord.  
1Thes 4:1-8 A life pleasing to God.  
Mk 10:35-45 First among you must be servant of all.

## **The Season of Elijah - Cross - Moses**

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

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

The early Church believed that the sign that would appear in the sky before the second coming of Christ would be the Cross. Hence we specially remember and celebrate the power and glory of the Cross in this season. In addition, we come across references to the Emperor Constantine's vision of the cross and the finding of the cross by his mother Helena, in the

prayers and hymns of this season. Just as Moses extended his staff over the Red Sea and showed the path to Israel across the sea, Jesus has saved humanity revealing the way to paradise through the cross. Referring to the tree of life in paradise and the bronze serpent raised by Moses in the desert, this season reminds us of the glory promised to us through the cross. Here we have a foretaste of the heavenly Church to come.

30 Sun ✘ **First Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses (First Sunday of Elijah) (Propria Vol. IV. Page 745)**

Dt 6:20-25 (6:20-7:6) Lord is the redeemer.

Is 31:4-9 (31:1-9) Jerusalem comes back to the Lord.

2Thes 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.

31 Mon 2 Cor 12:1-6 I will not boast except of my weakness.

Lk 12:35-40 Ever vigilant servants.

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### Season of Elijah – Cross – Moses

- 1 Tue *Eight Days Fast.*  
Gal 3: 15-20 Law and promise.  
Lk 9: 23-27 A call to self denial.
- 2 Wed Gal 4: 8-11 Do not be the ministers of the the powers of nature.  
Lk 12: 41-48 Be faithful and wise steward.
- 3 Thu *Patron's day of Mar Gregory Karotemprayil.*  
1 Pet 1: 22-25 The Word of the Lord abides for ever.  
Lk 17: 20-37 The Coming of the Son of Man.
- 4 Fri *First Friday*  
Rom 8: 18-25 Wait for the glory which is to be revealed.  
Lk 12: 54 -59 The signs of the end.
- 5 Sat 2Pet 3: 8-13 The day of the Lord will come unexpectedly.  
Mt 13: 44-51 The Kingdom of heaven.  
**Bl. Mother Theresa**  
Jas 2:14-17 The faith it it has no works, is dead.  
Mt 25:31-40 See Christ in the needy.
- 6 Sun ✘ **Second Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses ( Second Sunday of Elijah) (Propria Vol. IV. Page 756)**  
Deut 7:7-11 Keep the commandments of God.  
Is 30:18-26 (30:15-26) Conversion of the people.  
2 Thess 2:14-3:3 (2:14-3:18) Be firm in the tradition of the Apostles  
Mt 13:1-9,18-23 (13:1-23) Bear fruit, hearing the Word of God.
- 7 Mon Rev 7:9-17 Reward of the saints.  
Mt 19:27-30 Hundred fold reward for those who left everything.
- 8 Tue **The Nativity of Our Lady (Propria Vol. III. Page 737)**  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Sebastian Vadakel (1998).*  
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.

9 Wed 1Tim1:3-11 Preserve faith.  
Mt 7:1-6 The measure you give will be the measure you get.

10 Thu *Death anniversary of Mar Joseph Kariatty (1786).*  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar James Pazhayattil (1978).*  
2 Pet 2:4-10 God rescues the godly from trial.  
Mk 8:11-21 Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees.

11 Fri *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Chittooparambil (2010).*  
1Pet 2:19-25 Endure during suffering  
Lk 13:6-9 The tree that does not bear fruit.

12 Sat 1Pet 2:11-19 Abstain from the desires of the flesh.  
Mt 8:5-13 Those who are worthy of the heavenly banquet.

**St. John Chrysostom (Propria Vol. IV. Page 941)**

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

**13 Sun ✕ Third Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses (Third Sunday of Elijah) (Propria Vol. IV. Page 765)**

Deut 7:12-16 (7:12-26) God fulfills his promise.  
Is 32:1-8 (32:1-33: 6) The king of righteousness.  
Phil 1:12-25 For me life is Christ.  
Mt 13:24-30 (13:24-43) Heavenly kingdom, the field in which good seed is sown.

**14 Mon The Exaltation of the Cross (Propria Vol. IV. Page 775)**

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

15 Tue *Death anniversary of Mar Clement Thottunkal (1991).*  
2 Pet 3: 1-7 The Second coming of Christ.  
Mt 23: 29-36 The hypocrisy of Scribes and Pharisees.

16 Wed *Episcopal ordination of Mar George Rajendran (2012).*  
1 Thes 4: 13-18 God will raise those who have fallen asleep.  
Mt 24: 29-36 The coming of the Son of Man.

- 17 Thu *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kollamparambil (2013).*  
 1 Tim 1: 12-17 Thanks for the grace of God.  
 Mt 25: 31-40 Last Judgment.
- 18 Fri 2 Tim 2: 1-7 Good soldier of Christ.  
 Lk 4: 31-37 Jesus expels demon.
- 19 Sat Col 1: 24-29 I complete in my flesh what is lacking in Christ's afflictions.  
 Lk 15: 1-7 The lost sheep.
- 20 Sun ✘ **Fourth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses( First Sunday of Cross) (Propria Vol. IV. page 806)**  
 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.
- 21 Mon **St. Mathew, the Apostle (Propria Vol. III. Page 611)**  
*Patron's day of Mar Mathew Vattakuzhy, Mar Mathew Vaniakizhakel, Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Mar Mathew Arackal and Mar Mathew Anikuzhikkattil.*  
*Episcopal Ordination of Mar Jose Puthenveetil (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 chooses Levi as disciple.
- 22 Tue Rom 3: 1-8 The justice and faithfulness of God.  
 Mt 10: 26-33 Give witness fearlessly.
- 23 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.
- 24 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.

- 25 Fri 2 Pet 1: 20-2: 3 False prophets.  
Mt 15: 1-9 The tradition of the elders.
- 26 Sat 1 Thes 1: 4-8 He has chosen you.  
Lk 8: 16-21 The lamp shall not be hidden.  
**St. Vincent de Paul (27 Sun) (Propria Vol. IV. Page 912)**  
Dt 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.
- 27 Sun ✕ Fifth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses (Second Sunday of Cross) (Propria Vol. IV. page 825)**  
Dt 9:1-6 (9:1-8) Victory is the gift of God.  
Is 25:1-8 Lord is the shelter and fortress.  
Phil 3:1-11 (3:1-14) Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.  
Mt 17:14-21 (17:14-27) Everything possible for those who believe.
- 28 Mon Phi 1: 21-26 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.  
Mk 8: 31-38 Jesus foretells His death and resurrection.
- 29 Tue Tit 2: 11-14 Await with hope.  
Mk 9: 42-48 Do not cause one to sin.  
**Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**  
*Patron's day of Mar Raphael Thattil.*  
Rev 12:7-12 Michael and angels.  
Jn 1:43-51 The angels ascending and descending.
- 30 Wed 2 Thes 3: 6-12 Be vigilant in doing good.  
Lk 9: 1-6 Jesus sends the apostles.  
**St. Jerome (Propria Vol. IV. Page 941)**  
Dt 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.

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## Seasons of Elijah-Cros-Moses

- 1 Thu *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Thomas Thuruthimattam CST (2006).  
and Mar Jacob Muricken (2012).*  
*Patron's day of Mar Remigious Inchananiyil.*  
2 Tim 3: 1-7 The days of the wicked.  
Mt 8: 1-4 Jesus cleanses the leper.

**St. Therese of Child Jesus (Propria Vol. IV. Page 912)**

Dt 32:8-12 The Lord is my portion.  
Is 66:12- 18 (66: 12-24) The God who consoles like a mother.  
Eph 3:14-19 Christ's love is our strength.  
Mt 18:1-5 Be like a child.

- 2 Fri *First Friday.*

Tit 2: 6-10 Be a model for good deeds.  
Lk 11: 5-13 The power of prayer.

**Guardian Angel**

Act 12:6-11 God saved me by sending his angel.  
Mt 18:10-14 Their angels continually see the face of God.

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

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

**St. Francis Assisi (4 Sunday) (Propria Vol. IV. Page 912)**

*Patron's day of Pope Francis.*

Dt 15:7-11 Help the poor.

Is 6:1-7 Isaiah's revelation.

Gal 6:14-17 Crucified to the world for Christ.

Mt 11:25-30 Jesus the comfortor of the afflicted.

- 4 Sun ✘ **Sixth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses (Third Sunday of Cross) (Propria Vol. IV. page 834)**

*Episcopal ordination of Mar Dominic Kokkatt (1984).*

Dt 9:13-24 God punishes the wrongdoers.

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

Phli 4:4-9 (4:4-23) Rejoice, for the Lord is near.

Mt 15:21-28 (15:21-38) The faith of the Cananite woman.



- 5 Mon 2 Tim 2: 8-13 If we are faithless he remains faithful.  
Mk 6: 18-29 The death of John the Baptist.
- 6 Tue *Episcopal Ordination of Mar Joseph Kunnath (1999).*  
2 Tim 2: 21-26 Call on the Lord from a pure heart.  
Mt 5: 13-16 You are the salt of the earth and light of the world.
- 7 Wed Heb 2: 1-4 Those who reject salvation gets punishments.  
Lk 20: 20-26 Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's  
and to God the things that are God's.
- 8 Thu 2 Jn 4-11 Stand firm in the teachings of Christ.  
Jn 5: 39-47 Jesus the word of eternal life.
- 9 Fri *Death anniversary of the Servant of God Mar Mathew  
Kavukatt (1969).*  
2 Tim 1: 1-7 God did not give us a spirit of cowardice.  
Lk 21: 7-19 By your endurance you will gain your soul.
- 10 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.
- 11 Sun ✘ **Seventh Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses (First Sunday  
of Moses) (Propria Vol. IV. page 834)**  
Dt 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.
- 12 Mon Tit 3: 1-7 Practise the Christian Lifestyle.  
Lk 10: 38-42 Mary has chosen better part.
- 13 Tue Heb 4: 1-11 Disobedience prevents from entering the rest.  
Lk 11: 14-23 Whoever is not with me is against me.
- 14 Wed I Cor 1: 24-31 Foolishness of God.  
Lk 11: 24-26 The return of the evil spirit.

- 15 Thu Heb 10:1-10 Law, the shadow of good things to come.  
Lk 9:28-36 They saw his glory.  
**St. Theresa of Avila (Propria Vol. IV. Page 941)**  
Dt 11:13-17 Abide by the laws of the Lord.  
Is 61:10-11 I rejoice in the Lord.  
Col 2:20-3:4 I will be raised with Christ.  
Jn 14:18-24 Love and the unity with God.
- 16 Fri **Bl. Thevarparampil Kunjachan (Propria Vol. IV. Page 901)**  
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 Sat **St. Luke the Evangelist (18 Sunday) (Propria Vol. I. Page 131)**  
Tob 12:6-15 With fitting honor declare to all people the deeds of  
God.  
Sir 38:1-9 Doctor and healing.  
Col 4:10-15 (4:10-15 + 2 Cor 8:16-24) Luke preached the Word  
with Paul.  
Lk 10:1-9 Seventy disciples are sent.  
**St. Ignatius of Antioch (Propria Vol. I. Page 289)**  
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 Sun ✘ **Eighth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses (Second  
Sunday of Moses) (Propria Vol. IV. page 842)**  
Dt 11:26-32 (11:13-12:1) Blessing for those who obey the  
commandments of the Lord.  
Is 41:1-7 (40:18-41:7) Israel assured of God's help.  
Gal 5:16-26 (5:1-26) Live by the Spirit and do not gratify the  
desires of the flesh.  
Lk 8:41b-56 Your faith has made you well.  
**Mission Sunday**  
Act 22:6-21 Apostle of the Gentiles.  
Mt 28:16-20 Mission of preaching the Gospel.

- 19 Mon Heb 10: 19-25 We have a great priest over the house of God.  
Mt 18: 10-14 No one shall be lost.
- 20 Tue Gal 6: 11-18 Crucified to the world for the sake of Christ.  
Lk 4: 38-44 Healings at Simon's House.
- 21 Wed Heb 11: 11-22 The faith of the Fathers.  
Lk 11: 37-42 The hypocrisy of the Scribes and Pharisees.
- 22 Thu *Episcopal Ordination of Mar John Vadakkal (2009).*  
Rom 14: 10-13 Shall not judge your brother.  
Mt. 25: 1-13 The parable of the ten bridesmaids.
- 23 Fri Heb 2: 5-9 He crowned man with glory and honour.  
Lk 16: 1-8 Unjust but wise steward.
- 24 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.
- 25 Sun ✘ **Ninth Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses (Third Sunday of Moses) (Propria Vol. IV. page 842)**  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Joseph Arumachadath (2008).*  
Dt 13:12-18 Do not let anything devoted to destruction stick to your hand.  
Is 41:8-16 (41:8-20) Do not be afraid, for I am your God.  
Gal 6:1-10(6:1-18) Bear one another's burden.  
Mt 8:23-34 (8:23-9:9) Even the winds and the sea obey Him.
- 26 Mon Heb 2: 10-18 Jesus was made perfect by suffering.  
Mt 24: 3-14 The beginning of trials.
- 27 Tue 1Thess 4:9-12 Grow in loving one another.  
Jn11:1-16 Let us go and die with him.

28 Wed **Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles (Propria Vol. III. Page 611)**

*Episcopal Ordination of Pandarassery Mar Joseph.*

Ex 15:11-13 The Lord is splendid in holiness.

Wis 10: 15-21 Wisdom will open the mouth of the dumb.

Eph 6:10-17 Gird your loins with truth and stand firm.

Jn 15:18-25 Jesus has chosen us.

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

Lk 9: 46-48 Who is greatest?

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

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

31 Sat Jud 5-7 Punishment for the lack of faith.

Jn 9: 17-23 The blind receiving healing from Jesus.

**Feast of All Saints (1 Nov, Sun) (Propria Vol. II. Page 406)**

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

Mt 5:1-12 The Beatitudes.

# November 2015

## Seasons of Dedication of the Church and Annunciation

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.

### 1 Sun ✕ **First Sunday of Dedication of the Church (Propria Vol. IV. Page 860)**

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.

### 2 Mon Jas 3: 6-12 Control your tongue.

Lk 20: 1-8 The authority of Jesus.

### **Commemoration of the dead (Propria Vol. I. Page 230)**

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.

### 3 Tue Heb 6: 1-6 Grow to maturity.

Lk 21: 1-4 The offering of the widow.

### 4 Wed Jas 1: 19-25 Keep the word.

Lk 8: 26-39 Jesus heals the man who had demons.

- 5 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.  
**Sts. Zachariah and Elizabeth**  
Col 1:21-23 Stability of Faith.  
Lk 1:5-25 Lord's mercy on Zachariah and Elizabeth.
- 6 Fri *First Friday*  
*Death anniversary of Mar George Alappat (1973).*  
*Episcopal ordination of Mar Gratian Mundadan (1977).*  
1 Pet 1: 13-20 Be holy as the one who called you.  
Lk 19: 1-10 Conversion of Zacheus.
- 7 Sat Acts 10: 9-16 Peter's vision of the church.  
Lk 5: 1-11 From now on you will be catching people.
- 8 **Sun ✠ Second Sunday of Dedication of the Church (Propria  
Vol. IV. Page 872)**  
*Next Sunday is World Day of Communication (Special  
collection).*  
Ex 40:1-16 (39:32-40:16) The Tabernacle and its equipments  
are sanctified.  
1Kigs 8:22-29 (8:10-29) Solomon's prayer before the altar.  
Heb 8:1-6 (8:1-9:10) We have a high priest seated at the right  
hand of the throne of the Majesty.  
Mt 12:1-13 (12:1-21) The Son of Man is Lord of the sabbath.
- 9 Mon 2 Cor 4: 11-15 We are always being given up to death for Jesus'  
sake.  
Mt 19: 16-22 If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.
- 10 Tue 1 Cor 4: 1-5 We are the servants of Christ and stewards of  
God's mysteries.  
Jn 6: 47-53 Eternal life for the one who believes.
- 11 Wed 2 Cor 11: 7-15 False Apostles.  
Mk10: 28-30 Remuneration of following Jesus
- 12 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.

- 13 Fri Gal 4: 12-20 I am in the pain of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.  
Jn 14: 1-7 Jesus the way to the Father.
- 14 Sat 3 Jn 5-12 Whoever does good is from God.  
Lk 22: 24-30 The dispute about greatness.
- 15 Sun ✠ **Third Sunday of Dedication of the Church (Propria Vol. IV. Page 882)**  
*World Day of Communication (Special collection).*  
Num 9:15-18 (7:1-10+9:15-18) The tent of the covenant is filled with the glory of God.  
Is 54:1-15 Good news about the new Jerusalem.  
Heb 9:5-15 (9:1-15) Christ entered once for all into the Holy Place with his own blood.  
Jn 2:13-22 (2:12-22) The body of Christ is the temple.
- 16 Mon *Syro-Malabar Hierarchy was instituted (1924).*  
Heb 13: 9-16 Here we have no lasting city.  
Lk 11: 1-4 The prayer that Jesus taught.
- 17 Tue Jude 17-25 Keep yourself in the love of God for eternal life.  
Lk 8: 1-3 Women followers of Jesus Christ.
- 18 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.
- 19 Thu Rev 19: 5-10 Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.  
Mt 22: 1-14 Many are called, but few are chosen.
- 20 Fri Rev 19: 11-16 Christ, the king of kings.  
Jn 18: 28-37 My kingdom does not belong to this world.
- 21 Sat *Death anniversary of Mar Sebastian Vayalil (1986).*  
Rev 21: 9-14 Vision of the new Jerusalem.  
Lk 9: 10-17 Jesus feeds five thousand people.

**22 Sun ✕ Fourth Sunday of Dedication of the Church (Propria Vol. IV. Page 891)**

**Feast of the Christ the King**

1Kigs 6:11-19 (6:1-19) I will dwell among the children of Israel.

Ezek 43:1-7 (43:1-7+44:1-5) The glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east.

Heb 9:16-28 Christ entered heaven to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Mt 22:41-46 (22:41-23:22) Christ who sits at the right hand side of God.

23 Mon Rev 4: 1-11 The heavenly worship.

Mt 6: 19-21 Your heart will be there where your treasure is.

24 Tue 1 Thes 4: 1-8 A life pleasing to God.

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

25 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.

26 Thu 1 Pet 1: 3-7 Living hope.

Jn 17: 12-19 I speak these things so that they may have complete joy.

27 Fri Rev 14: 1-7 The Lamb standing on the mount Zion.

Lk 19: 45-48 Cleansing of the Temple.

28 Sat *Episcopal ordination of Mar Jacob Manantheodath (1992).*

1 Pet 4: 1-10 Steward of God's grace.

Jn 12: 37-43 Unbelieving Jews.

## **Period of Annunciation**

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



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

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

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

**29 Sun ✕ First Sunday of Annunciation (Propria Vol. I. Page 9)**

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

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

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

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

**30 Mon St. Andrew, the Apostle (Propria Vol. III. Page 611)**

*Patron's day of Mar Andrews Thazhath.*

*Marriage is banned from today midnight till Christmas.*

Gen 28:10-17 Dream of Jacob.

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

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

Mt 4:18-22 Jesus calls Andrew.

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### Season of Annunciation–Nativity

- 1 Tue *25 days fasting begins.*  
Rom 13: 8-14 Awaken from the sleep.  
Lk 1: 18-20 Unbelief of Zachariah.
  
- 2 Wed 1Cor 1:4-9 God who called us is faithful.  
Jn 8:26-30 Jesus sent by the Father.
  
- 3 Thu **St. Francis Xavier (Propria Vol. IV. Page 922)**  
Dt 26:16-19 You are a holy people.  
Is 45:20-24 There is no God besides me.  
2 Cor 6:3-10 We are God's servants.  
Mk 6:7-13 Jesus sends out His disciples.
  
- 4 Fri *First Friday*  
Col 3: 1-10 Seek the things that are above.  
Mt 13: 12-17 The purpose of the parables.
  
- 5 Sat Gal 3: 1-9 Justification through faith.  
Lk 9: 57-62 Commitment to the discipleship.
  
- 6 Sun ✕ **Second Sunday of Annunciation (Propria Vol. I. Page 19)**  
  
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.
  
- 7 Mon Eph 4:13-16 Grow into Christ.  
Jn 14:11-14 For those who believe nothing is impossible.  
**St. Ambrose (Propria Vol. IV. Page 941)**  
Dt 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 righteousness.  
Lk 14: 25-33 Cost of discipleship.

- 8 Tue ✘ **Feast of Immaculate Conception of Our Lady (Propria Vol. I. Page 248)**  
 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 Wed *Death anniversary of Mar Louis Pazheparampil (1919).*  
 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.
- 10 Thu Rom 12: 9-18 Love one another with mutual affection.  
 Lk 1: 39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth.
- 11 Fri 2 Cor 8: 11-15 Be ready to help others.  
 Lk 1: 46-56 Magnificat.
- 12 Sat Heb 3: 12-19 Do not go away from God.  
 Lk 11: 33-36 The light of the body.
- 13 Sun ✘ **Third Sunday of Annunciation (Propria Vol. I. Page 29)**  
 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.
- 14 Mon 1 Cor 5: 1-8 Leave the immorality.  
 Lk 6: 43-45 Be a tree which produces good fruits.  
**St. John of the Cross (Propria Vol. IV. Page 922)**  
 1Cor 2:1-10 Hidden and mysterious wisdom.  
 Lk 14:25-33 Discipleship demands sacrifice.
- 15 Tue Eph 2: 1-10 Salvation is the gift of God.  
 Mt 3: 1-6 Kingdom of heaven has come near.
- 16 Wed 1Thes 2: 13-17 Fidelity to the Word of God.  
 Lk 16: 10-13 Be faithful to God.

- 17 Thu Gal 3:26-29 Those who have put on Christ.  
Lk 1:67-79 Canticle of Zachariah.
- 18 Fri **The Miraculous Cross of Mylapore (Propria Vol. I. Page 256)**  
Ex 17:4-6 Stream from the rock.  
Acts 2:29-36 (2:14-36) God raised Christ whom you crucified.  
Eph 2:14-22 All are united in Christ Jesus.  
Jn 14:1-6 Jesus the way, the truth and the life.
- 19 Sat *Death anniversary of Mar John Menacherry (1919).*  
Gal 1:11-17 Those who are called by God's grace.  
Jn 3:31-36 Who is from above is above all persons.
- 20 Sun ✘ **Fourth Sunday of Annunciation (Propria Vol. I. Page 38)**  
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.
- 21 Mon Eph 6:18-20 Pray continuously.  
Jn 1:1-5 The Word was in the beginning.  
*The establishment of Syro-Malabar Hierarchy (1923).*
- 22 Tue Gal 4:1-7 Son of God born from Woman.  
Jn 1:6-13 He came to give witness to light.
- 23 Wed Eph 4:17-24 New life in Christ.  
Jn 1:43-51 Nathanael meets Jesus.
- 24 Thu Rom 9:6-16 Word of God that never fails.  
Mt 5:17-20 Christ, the fulfilment of covenant.
- 25 Fri ✘ **Christmas – The Nativity of our Lord  
(See the Liturgy of Christmas)**  
*Day of Obligation.*  
Is 7:10-16+9:1-3,6-7 The young woman shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.  
Mic 4:1-3+5:2-5,8-9 From you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel.  
Gal 3:15-4:6 In the fullness of time God sent his Son.  
Lk 2:1-20 The Birth of Jesus Christ.

- 26 Sat 1Jn 2:26-29 Abide in him.  
 Jn 1:19-29 There is someone among you whom you do not know.  
**St. Stephen (Propria Vol. I. Page 148)**  
 Act 6:8-10+7:54-59 The martyrdom of St. Stephen.  
 Mt 10:16-22 Whoever holds out to the end will be saved.
- 27 Sun ✕ **First Sunday of Nativity (Propria Vol. I. Page 61)**  
 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.  
**St. John, the Apostle (Propria Vol. III. Page 611)**  
*Patron's day of Mar John Vadakkal.*  
 Ex 33:12-23 (33:9-23 ) God is with the people.  
 Sir 15:1-6 The God's servant will receive the rewards.  
 Rom 8:35-39 Who can separate us from the love of Christ?  
 Jn 21:20-24 The disciple whom Jesus loved.
- 28 Mon **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 Tue 2 Cor 1:18-22 We are instituted in Christ.  
 Jn 13:31b-35 Mutual love is the sign of Christ's disciple.
- 30 Wed Col 3:12-17 Let the Words of Jesus abide in you.  
 Mt 2:1-12 Visit of Magi.
- 31 Thu Heb 5:11-14 Distinguish good from evil.  
 Mt 12: 43-45 Return of the evil spirit.  
**End of the Year (Propria Vol. I. Page 265)**  
 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 Prothesis
June	21	St. Aloysius 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

## Appendix II

### Common Readings for the Feasts of the Saints and other Occasions

<p><b>I. Saints</b></p> <p><b>1. Holy Mary</b></p> <p><b>A</b> Gen. 3:1-19 Gen. 17:15-22 Ex. 40:32-38</p> <p><b>B</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</p> <p><b>C</b> Act. 1:12-14 Rom. 8:26-30 Gal. 4:4-7 Eph. 1:3-12</p> <p><b>D</b> 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 Lk. 2:1-14 Lk. 2:15b-19</p>	<p>Lk. 2:27-35 Lk.2: 41-52 Lk.11: 27-28 Jn. 2:1-11 Jn. 19:25-27</p> <p><b>2. Martyrs</b></p> <p><b>A</b> Gen.4: 8-16</p> <p><b>B</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</p> <p><b>C</b> Act. 7:55-60 Rom. 5:1-5 Rom. 8:31-39 2Cor 4:7-15 2Cor 6:4-10 2Tim. 2:8-13,3:10-12 Heb. 10:32-36 Jam. 1:2-4,12-13 1Pet. 3:14-17 1Pet. 4:12-19 Rev. 12-10-12</p>	<p><b>D</b> Mt. 10:16-25 Mt. 10:26-33 Lk9:23-36 Jn. 12:24-26 Jn. 15:18-21 Jn. 17:11-19</p> <p><b>3. Priest - Saints</b></p> <p><b>A</b> Exc. 32:7-14</p> <p><b>B</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</p> <p><b>C</b> 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 Eph. 4:1-7,11-13 Col. 1:24-29</p>
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<p>1The. 2:2-8  2Tim. 2:1-9  1Pet. 5:1-4  <b>D</b>  Mt. 9:35-38  Mt. 16:13-19  Mt. 23:8-12  Mt. 28:16-20  Mk. 1:14-20  Mk. 16:15-20  Lk. 5:1-11  Lk. 22:24-30  Jn. 10:11-16  Jn. 15:9-17  Jn. 21:15-17  <b>4.</b>  <b>Fathers of the Church</b>  <b>A</b>  Dt. 6:1-15  Num. 27:15-22  <b>B</b>  1King. 3:7-14  Wis. 7:7-10,15-16  Sir. 15:1-6  Sir. 39:8-14  <b>C</b>  1Cor. 1:18-25  1Cor. 2:1-10  1Cor. 2:11-16  Eph. 3:8-12  Eph. 4:1-7,11-13  2Tim. 2:1-13  2Tim. 4:1-5  <b>D</b>  Mt. 5:13-19  Mt. 7:21-29</p>	<p>Mt. 23:8-12  Mt. 4:1-10,13-20  <b>5. Virgins</b>  <b>A</b>  Dt. 11:10-15  <b>B</b>  Song. 8:6-7  Hos. 2:16-22  <b>C</b>  1Cor. 7:25-35  Rev. 19:5-9  Rev. 21:1-5  <b>D</b>  Mt. 19:3-12  Mt. 25:1-13  Lk. 10:35-42  <b>6. Other Saints</b>  <b>A</b>  Gen. 12:1-6  Lev. 19:1-2,17-18  Dt. 6:3-9  Dt. 10:8-9  <b>B</b>  1Kgs. 19:4-15  1Kgs. 19:16-21  Tob. 12:6-13  Sir. 2:7-11  Sir. 3:17-25  Is. 58:6-11  Jer. 20:7-9  Mic. 6:6-8  <b>C</b>  Act. 4:32-35  Rom. 8:26-30  1Cor. 1:26-31  2Cor. 10:17-11:2  Gal. 2:19-20  Gal. 6:14-16</p>	<p>Eph. 3:14-19  Eph. 6:10-13,18  Phi. 3:8-14  Phi. 4:4-9  Col. 3:12-17  Jam. 2:14-17  1Pet. 3:1-9  1Jn.3:14-18  1Jn. 4:7-16  1Jn. 5:1-5  Rev. 3:14-22  Rev. 19:1-9  Rev. 21:5-7  <b>D</b>  Mt. 5:1-12  Mt. 5:13-16  Mt.7:21-27  Mt. 11:25-30  Mt. 13:43-46  Mt. 16:24-27  Mt. 18:1-5  Mt. 19:27-29  Mt. 22:34-40  Mt. 25:14-30  Mt. 25:31-46  Mk. 3:31-35  Mk. 9:34-37  Mk. 10:13-16  Mk. 10:17-30  Lk. 6:27-38  Lk. 9:57-62  Lk. 10:38-42  Lk. 12:32-34  Lk. 14:25-33  Jn. 15:1-8  Jn. 15:9-17  Jn.17: 20-26</p>
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## **II. Other Occasions**

### **1. Baptism**

#### **A.**

Gen. 12:1-4  
Gen.15:1-6  
Gen. 17:1-8  
Gen. 35:1-7  
Dt. 30:15-20

#### **B**

Jos. 24:14-18  
2Kig. 5:9-15  
Is. 44:1-8  
Jer. 31:33-34  
Ezek. 36:24-28  
Ezek. 47:1-12

#### **C**

Act. 8:26-38  
Rom. 6:3-11  
Rom. 8:22-32  
Rom. 8:35-39  
1Cor. 12:12-13  
Gal. 3:26-28  
Eph. 1:3-10  
Eph. 4:1-6  
Col. 3:9-17  
Tit. 3:4-7  
Heb. 10:22-25  
1Pet. 2:4-10  
Rev. 19:1-9

#### **D**

Mt. 16:24-27  
Mt. 22:35-40  
Mt. 28:18-20  
Mk. 1:9-11  
Mk. 10:13-16  
Mk. 12:28-34

Mk. 16:15-20

Lk. 24:44-53

Jn. 1:9-18

Jn. 1:29-34

Jn. 3:1-6

Jn. 3:16-21

Jn.4:5-14

Jn.6:44-47

Jn.7:37-39

Jn.9:1-7

Jn. 12:44-50

Jn.15:1-11

Jn. 19:31-35

### **2. Chrismation**

#### **A**

Num. 11:16-17

#### **B**

Is. 11:1-4

Is.42:1-3

Is. 61:1-9

Ezek.36:24-28

Joe. 2:28-32

#### **C**

Act.1:3-8

Act. 2:1-6

Act.8:14-17

Act.10:37-44

Act.19:1-6

Rom. 5:1-8

Rom. 8:12-17

Rom. 8:26-27

1Cor.12:4-13

Gal. 4:1-7

Gal. 5:16-25

Eph. 1:17-19

Eph. 4:1-6

#### **D**

Lk. 4:16-22

Lk.8:14-16

Lk.10:21-24

Jn. 7:37-39

Jn. 14:15-17

Jn.14:21-26

Jn.15:18-27

Jn.16:5-13

### **3. Priestly Ordination**

#### **A**

Num. 3:5-9

Ex. 28:1-5,40-43

Lev. 8:1-12

Is. 61:1-3

Jer. 1:4-9

#### **B**

Act. 10:37-43

Act. 20:17-36

Rom. 12:4-8

1Cor. 12:27-31

2Cor. 4:1-7

2Cor. 5:14-20

2Cor. 4:8-20

1Tim. 3:8-13

1Tim. 4:6-16

2Tim. 1:6-14

Heb. 5:1-10

1Pet. 4:7-11

1Pet. 5:1-4

#### **C**

Mt. 5:13-16

Mt. 9:35-38

Mt.10:1-5

Mt. 20:25-28

Lk. 10:1-9

Lk.12:35-44

<p>Lk. 22:14-20,24-30  Jn. 10:11-16  Jn. 12:24-26  Jn. 15:9-17  Jn. 17:6-19  Jn. 20:19-23  Jn. 21:15-17</p> <p><b>Diaconate</b></p> <p><b>A</b>  Num. 8:5-16  Num. 8:20-26</p> <p><b>B</b>  Sir. 30:1-11  Is. 6:1-8</p> <p><b>C</b>  Act. 6:1-7  Act. 8:26-40  Act. 12:4-11  1Tim. 3:8-13  2Tim. 3:10-15</p> <p><b>D</b>  Mk. 1:11-20  Lk. 5:1-11  Jn.1:35-42  Jn.1:43-49</p> <p><b>Sub Diaconate</b></p> <p><b>A</b>  Gen. 14:18-20  Ex. 16:2-15  Ex. 24:3-8  Dt. 8:2-16</p> <p><b>B</b>  Prov. 9:1-6</p> <p><b>C</b>  Act. 2:43-47  Act. 10:37-43  1Cor. 10:16-17</p>	<p>1Cor. 11:23-26  Heb. 9:11-15</p> <p><b>D</b>  Mk. 14:12-26  Lk. 9:11-17  Lk. 24:13-35  Jn. 6:1-15  Jn. 6:24-35  Jn. 6:41-51  Jn. 6:51-59</p> <p><b>Lector</b></p> <p><b>A</b>  Dt. 6:3-9  Dt. 30:10-14</p> <p><b>B</b>  Neh. 8:1-10  Is. 55:10-13</p> <p><b>C</b>  1Cor. 2:1-5  2Tim. 3:14-17  2 Tim. 4:1-5  Heb. 4:12-13  1Jn. 1:1-4</p> <p><b>D</b>  Mt. 5:14-19  Mk. 1:35-39  Lk.4:16-21  Jn.7:14-18</p> <p><b>4. Anointing of the Sick</b></p> <p><b>A</b>  Ex. 3:7-8  Ex. 17:1-6</p> <p><b>B</b>  1Kgs 19:1-8  Is. 35:1-10  Is. 52:13-53:12  Is. 61:1-3</p>	<p><b>C</b>  Act. 3:1-10  Act. 3:11-16  Act.4:8-12  Rom. 8:14-17  Rom.8:18-27  1Cor 12:12-27  2Cor 4:16-18  Gal. 4:12-19  Phi. 2:25-30  Col. 1:22-29  Heb. 4:14-16  Heb. 5:7-9  Jam. 5:13-16  1Pet. 1:3-9  Rev. 21:1-7  Rev. 22:17-21</p> <p><b>D</b>  Mt. 5:1-12  Mt. 8:1-4  Mt. 8:5-17  Mt. 11:25-30  Mt. 15:25-31  Mt. 25:31-40  Mk. 2:1-12  Mk. 10:46-52  Lk. 7:19-23  Lk.12:35-45  Lk.18:9-14  Jn. 6:35-40  Jn. 9:1-7</p> <p><b>5. Marriage</b></p> <p><b>A</b>  Gen. 1:26-28  Gen. 2:18-24  Gen. 24:48-67</p>
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