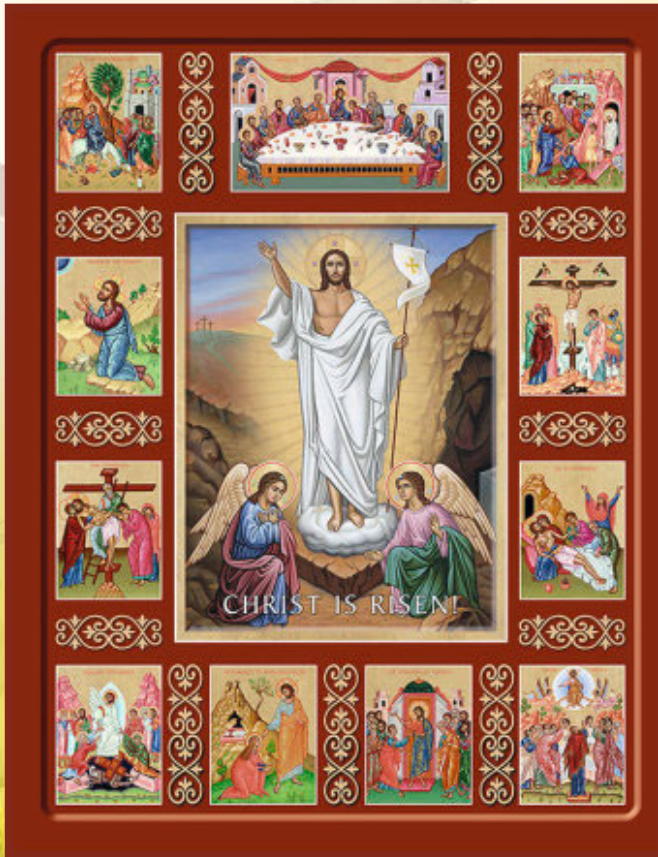


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**"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."**

യേശുവിനെ കർത്താവു എന്നു വായിക്കൊണ്ടു ഏറ്റുപറുകയും ദൈവം അവനെ മരിച്ചവരിൽ നിന്നു ഉയിർത്തെഴുന്നേൽപ്പിച്ചു എന്നു ഹൃദയംകൊണ്ടു വിശ്വസിക്കുകയും ചെയ്താൽ നീ രക്ഷപ്പെടും.

**Romans 10:9**

**Rev. Fr. Ninan Philip Panackamattam**

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It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who, indeed intercedes for us (Roman 8:34)

A great pilgrimage to the cross is moving toward the finishing point this month. Once again, the Church as a whole is participating in the suffering, crucifixion, and resurrection of our Lord and God. Jesus Christ was crucified for all human kind, which is under the bondage of sin from the time of Adam. There is a trading which claims that Jesus Christ was crucified exactly where Adam was buried. After the crucifixion, the cross became the sign of salvation. He conquered sin, death and suffering through the cross and resurrection. Jesus says: 'In the word you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world' (St. John – 16:33)

Again Jesus Christ says: "if any one want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (St. Mark 8:34) Suffering is the privilege of a Christian believer. St. Paul says: "For He has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well." (Philippians 1:29)

Nobody is immune to suffering. It is a part and parcel of human life. The world is not divided into men who suffer and men who do not, but into men who carry the cross and men who do not and will not carry the cross.

But in this consumerist society, everyone wants the crown; not the cross or suffering. In fact, this was the demand of many when Jesus Christ was lying on the cross. "If you are Son of God. Come down from the cross". There is no crown without a cross. Jesus Christ went to the cross not as a martyr but as a victor. He never spoke of his death without speaking

of his resurrection. The two were never separated.

Truly, resurrection of our Lord made all the difference, not the crucifixion. The Great Lent is leading us to Easter Sunday, not to Good Friday. According to Gregory of Nazianzus, Easter is the feast of feasts. It is the climax of great Lent, The existence of Church even after more than 2,000 years is due to the resurrection of our Lord. Orthodox Churches give more importance to resurrection than to crucifixion, but increasingly Good Friday gets more importance than Easter Sunday as is evident from the attendance of Easter service itself.

In earlier centuries, Baptism for the 'catechumens' (those who wish to join the church) was given on Easter. They used to be taught the faith and traditions of the Church during the Great Lent, and baptized on Easter. It was only after Baptism on Easter that they could attend the full service also, it was mandatory for them to wear white cloths. So the seven days following Easter is known as 'Hevero' days. The Syriac word 'Hevero' means white.

Finally, let us introspect this Easter about what we have achieved through this Great Lent. If it has brought about a single change in our lifestyle, surely it is a blessed and fruitful one.

May the Love and Peace of our risen Lord be with you always, wish you all a Happy Easter. Let us proclaim again

**CHRIST IS RISEN!****HE IS RISEN, INDEED!**



## Lazarus Saturday

April 13



St. Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary, the friends of the Lord Jesus, had given Him hospitality and served Him many times (Luke 10:38-42; John 12:2-3). They were from Bethany, a village of Judea. This village is situated in the eastern

parts by the foothills of the Mount of Olives, about two Roman miles from Jerusalem. When Lazarus - whose name is a Hellenized form of "Eleazar," which means "God has helped," became ill some days before the saving Passion, his sisters had this report taken to our Savior, Who was then in Galilee. Nonetheless, He tarried yet two more days until Lazarus died; then He said to His disciples, "Let us go into Judea that I might awake My friend who sleepeth." By this, of course, He meant the deep sleep of death. On arriving at Bethany, He consoled the sisters of Lazarus, who

was already four days dead. Jesus groaned in spirit and was troubled at the death of His beloved friend. He asked, "Where have ye laid his body?" and He wept over him. When He drew nigh to the tomb, He commanded that they remove the stone, and He lifted up His eyes, and giving thanks to God the Father, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." And he that had been dead four days came forth immediately, bound hand and foot with the grave clothes, and Jesus said to those standing there, "Loose him, and let him go." This is the supernatural wonder wrought by the Savior that we celebrate on this day.

According to an ancient tradition, it is said that Lazarus was thirty years old when the Lord raised him; then he lived another thirty years on Cyprus and there reposed in the Lord. It is furthermore related that after he was raised from the dead, he never laughed till the end of his life, but that once only, when he saw someone stealing a clay vessel, he smiled and said, "Clay stealing clay." His grave is situated in the city of Kition, having the inscription: "Lazarus the four days dead and friend of Christ." In 890 his sacred relics were transferred to Constantinople by Emperor Leo the Wise.

## Usha`ne (Palm Sunday)

April 14



On Sunday, five days before the Passover of the Law, the Lord came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Sending two of His disciples to bring Him a foal of an ass, He sat thereon and entered into the city. When the

multitude there heard that Jesus was coming, they straightway took up the branches of palm trees in their hands, and went forth to meet Him. Others

spread their garments on the ground, and yet others cut branches from the trees and strewed them in the way that Jesus was to pass; and all of them together, especially the children, went before and after Him, crying out: "Hosanna: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel" (John 12:13). This is the radiant and glorious festival of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem that we celebrate today.

The branches of the palm trees symbolize Christ's victory over the devil and death. The word Hosanna means "Save, I pray," or "Save, now." The foal of an ass, and Jesus' sitting thereon, and the fact that this animal was untamed and considered unclean according to the Law, signified the former uncleanness and wildness of the nations, and their subjection thereafter to the holy Law of the Gospel.



**Holy Thursday**  
**April 18**



On the evening of this day, which was the eve of the feast of unleavened bread (that is, the Passover), our Redeemer supped with His twelve disciples in the city. He blessed the bread and the wine, and gave us the Mystery of

the Divine Eucharist. He washed the feet of the disciples as an example of humility. He said openly that one of them was about to betray Him, and He pointed out the betrayer by revealing that it was he "that dipped his hand with Me in the dish." And after Judas had straightway gone forth, Jesus gave the disciples His final and sublime instructions, which are contained in the first Gospel Reading of the Holy Passion (John 13:31-18:1 known as the Gospel of the Testament). After this the God-man went forth to the Mount of Olives, and there He began to be sorrowful and in anguish. He went off alone, and bending the knees He prayed

**Good Friday**  
**April 19**



When Friday dawned, Christ was sent bound from Caiaphas to Pontius Pilate, who was then Governor of Judea. Pilate interrogated Him in many ways, and once and again acknowledged that He was innocent, but to please the Jews,

he later passed the sentence of death against Him. After scourging the Lord of all as though He were a runaway slave, he surrendered Him to be crucified.

Thus the Lord Jesus was handed over to the soldiers, was stripped of His garments, was clothed in a purple robe, was crowned with a wreath of thorns, had a reed placed in His hand as though it were a scepter, was bowed before in mockery, was spat upon, and was buffeted in the face and on the head. Then they again clothed Him in His own garments, and bearing the cross, He came to Golgotha, a place of condemnation, and there, about the third hour, He was crucified between two thieves. Although both blasphemed Him at the first, the thief at His right hand repented, and said: "Remember me, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy Kingdom," to which our Savior answered, "Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise."

fervently. From His great anguish, His sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling to the ground. As soon as He had completed that anguished prayer, lo, Judas came with a multitude of soldiers and a great crowd; on greeting the Teacher guile fully with a kiss, he betrayed Him.

The Lord Jesus was then apprehended and taken prisoner to the high priests Annas and Caiaphas. The disciples were scattered, but Peter, who was more fervent than the others, followed Him even into the court of the high priest, but in the end denied thrice that he was His disciple.

Then our divine Teacher was brought before the lawless Sanhedrin and was interrogated concerning His disciples and His teaching. The high priest adjured Him before God that He tell them whether He was truly the Christ. And having spoken the truth, He was judged guilty of death, supposedly as one who had blasphemed. Then they spat in His face, beat Him, smote Him with the palms of their hands, and mocked Him in every way, throughout the whole night until the morning.

As He hung upon the Cross, He was blasphemed by those who were passing by, was mocked by the high priests, and by the soldiers was given vinegar to drink mixed with gall. About the ninth hour, He cried out with a loud voice, saying, "It is finished." And the Lamb of God "Which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29) expired on the day when the moon was full, and at the hour when, according to the Law, was slain the Passover lamb, which was established as a type of Him in the time of Moses.

Even lifeless creation mourned the death of the Master, and it trembled and was altered out of fear. Yet, even though the Maker of creation was already dead, they pierced Him in His immaculate side, and forthwith came there out Blood and Water. Finally, at about the setting of the sun, Joseph of Arimathea came with Nicodemus (both of them had been secret disciples of Jesus), and they took down the all-holy Body of the Teacher from the Cross and anointed it with aromatic spices, and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth. When they had buried Him in a new tomb, they rolled a great stone over its entrance.

Such are the dread and saving sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ commemorated today, and in remembrance of them, we have received the Apostolic commandment that a fast be observed every Friday.



## Holy Saturday

April 20



On Saturday, the high priests and Pharisees gathered together before Pilate and asked him to have Jesus' tomb sealed until the third day; because, as those enemies of God said, "We suspect that His disciples will come

and steal His buried body by night, and then proclaim to the people that His resurrection is true, as that deceiver Himself foretold while He was yet alive; and then the last deception shall be worse than the first." After they had said these things to Pilate and

received his permission, they went and sealed the tomb, and assigned a watch for security, that is, guards from among the soldiers under the supervision of the high priests (Matt. 27:62-66). While commemorating the entombment of the holy Body of our Lord today, we also celebrate His dread descent with His soul, whereby He destroyed the gates and bars of Hades, and made His light to shine where only darkness had reigned (Job 3 8 : 17; Isaiah 49:9; 1 Peter 3:18-20); death was put to death, Hades was stripped of all its captives, our first parents and all the righteous who died from the beginning of time ran to Him Whom they had awaited, and the holy angelic orders glorified God for the restoration of our fallen race.

## Qyomto (Easter)

Feast Day: April 21



Mary Magdalene, and the other women who were present at the burial of our Savior on Friday evening, returned from Golgotha to the city and prepared fragrant spices and myrrh, so that they might anoint the body of Jesus. On the mor-

row, because of the law which forbids work on the day of the Sabbath, they rested for the whole day. But at early dawn on the Sunday that followed, almost thirty-six hours since the death of the Life-giving Redeemer, they came to the sepulchre with the spices to anoint His body. While they were considering the difficulty of rolling away the stone from the door of the sepulchre, there was a fearful earthquake; and an Angel, whose countenance shone like lightning and whose garment was white as snow, rolled away the stone and sat upon it. The guards that were there became as dead from fear and took to flight. The women, however, went into the sepulchre, but did not find the Lord's body. Instead, they saw two other Angels in the form of youths clothed in white, who told them that the Savior was risen, and they sent forth the women, who ran to proclaim to the disciples these gladsome tidings. Then Peter and

John arrived, having learned from Mary Magdalene what had come to pass, and when they entered the tomb, they found only the winding sheets. Therefore, they returned again to the city with joy, as heralds now of the supernatural Resurrection of Christ, Who in truth was seen alive by the disciples on this day on five occasions.

Our Lord, then, was crucified, died, and was buried on Friday, before the setting of the sun, which was the first of His "three days" in the grave; observing the mystical Sabbath, that "seventh day" in which it is said that the Lord "rested from all His works" (Gen. 2:2-3), He passed all of Saturday in the grave; and He arose "while it was yet dark, very early in the morning" on Sunday, the third day, which, according to the Hebrew reckoning, began after sunset on Saturday.

As we celebrate today this joyous Resurrection, we greet and embrace one another in Christ, thereby demonstrating our Savior's victory over death and corruption, and the destruction of our ancient enmity with God, and His reconciliation toward us, and our inheritance of life everlasting. In addition, this day of this particular week, which is the first of all the rest, is dedicated to the honor of the Lord; in honor and remembrance of the Resurrection, the Apostles transferred to this day the rest from labor that was formerly assigned to the Sabbath of the ancient Law.



### St. George The Martyr

Feast Day: April 23



George, this truly great and glorious Martyr of Christ, was born of a father from Cappadocia and a mother from Palestine. Being a military tribune, or chiliarch (that is, a commander of a thousand troops), he was illustrious

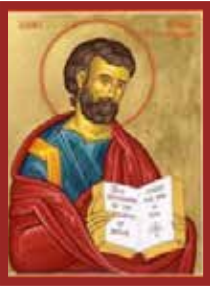
in battle and highly honoured for his courage. When he learned that the Emperor Diocletian was preparing a persecution of the Christians, Saint George presented

himself publicly before the Emperor and denounced him. When threats and promises could not move him from his steadfast confession, he was put to unheard-of tortures, which he endured with great bravery, overcoming them by his faith and love towards Christ. By the wondrous signs that took place in his contest, he guided many to the knowledge of the truth, including Queen Alexandra, wife of Diocletian, and was finally beheaded in 296 in Nicomedia.

His sacred remains were taken by his servant from Nicomedia to Palestine, to a town called Lydda, the homeland of his mother, and then were finally transferred to the church which was raised up in his name.

### St. Mark the Evangelist

Feast Day: April 25



Mark was an idolater from Cyrene of Pentapolis, which is near Libya. Having come to the Faith of Christ through the Apostle Peter, he followed him to Rome. While there, at the prompting of Peter himself and at the request of the Christians living there, he wrote his Gospel in Greek, and it is second in order after Matthew's. Afterwards, travelling to Egypt, he preached the Gospel there and was the first to establish the Church in Alexandria. The idolaters, unable to bear his preaching, seized him, bound him with ropes, and dragged him through the streets until he, cut to pieces on rocks, gave up his soul. It is said that he completed his life in martyrdom about the year 68. He is depicted in holy icons with a lion next to him, one of the living creatures mentioned by Ezekiel (1:10), and a symbol of Christ's royal office, as Saint Irenaeus of Lyons writes.

## ശീവർഗ്ഗീസ് മാർ ചിലക്സിനോസ്



അനേകരുടെ മനസ്സിൽ ഒരു വിശുദ്ധനായി ഇന്നും ജീവിക്കുന്ന പുത്തൻ കാവിൽ കൊച്ചുതിരുമേനിക്ക് മലങ്കര സഭയുടെ പരമാദ്ധ്യക്ഷനായ പരി. ബസ്സേലിയോസ് മാർത്തോമ്മാ പൗലോസ് ദിതിയൻ കാതോലിക്കാ ബാവാ “കാതോലിക്കേറ്റിന്റെ രത്നദീപം” എന്ന സ്ഥാന

ബഹുമതി ചാർത്തിയപ്പോൾ അത് തിരുമേനിയുടെ പേരിനൊപ്പം പുത്തൻ കാവിനും ലഭിച്ച ആദ്ധ്യാത്മിക കിരീടം തന്നെയാണ്.

കാതോലിക്കേറ്റിന്റെ കരുത്തനായ വക്താവ്, ആരാധനാ മാധ്യമത്തിന്റെ ഉറവ, പ്രഭാഷണ കലയുടെ പ്രചാരകൻ എന്നീ നിലകളിൽ പ്രസിദ്ധനായ കൊച്ചുതിരുമേനി അനിതരസാധാരണമായ അർപ്പണബുദ്ധിയും, കർമ്മകൃശലതയും, പ്രതിപക്ഷബഹുമാനവും സഭയുടെ കെട്ടുറപ്പിനും വേണ്ടി എന്ത് ത്യാഗവും ചെയ്യാനുള്ള സന്മനസ്സും സന്നദ്ധതയും അദ്ദേഹത്തെ സഭാ മക്കളുടെ കണ്ണിലുണ്ണിയാക്കിത്തീർത്തു.

ഏപ്രിൽ 17 ന് കാലം ചെയ്ത ആ പുണ്യപിതാവിനെ മാതൃഹൃദയവകയായ പുത്തൻകാവ് സെന്റ് മേരീസ് കത്തീഡ്രലിൽ കബറടക്കി. ●



# കുറിയാക്കോസ് മാർ ത്രിതോദിയോസ്

(പാമ്പാടി തിരുമേനി)

തന്റെ വ്രതശുദ്ധിയാലും പ്രാർത്ഥനയാലും രോഗത്തെ അമർച്ച ചെയ്ത പുണ്യവാനായ തിരുമേനി മനുഷ്യസ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ ഉത്തമ ഉദാഹരണമാണ്. പാട്ടുകളിലും അവയുടെ രാഗവൃതിയാനങ്ങളിലും കുദാശാനുഷ്ഠാനങ്ങളുടെ നിഷ്ഠയിലും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്ന പ്രാവീണ്യം തന്റെ ശിഷ്യൻമാരിലേക്ക് പകരുവാൻ കഠിനപ്രയത്നം ചെയ്തിരുന്ന തങ്ങളുടെ ഗുരുവിന്റെ സാമർത്ഥ്യത്തെയും വാൽസല്യത്തെയും കുറിച്ച് വിവരിക്കുവാൻ ജീവിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ചുരുക്കം ചില ശിഷ്യൻമാർക്ക് നാവുകൾ പോരാ.

1885 ഏപ്രിൽ 4 ന് പാമ്പാടി കരിങ്ങനാമറ്റം കുടുംബത്തിൽ പേഴുമറ്റം ശാവയിൽ മൂലക്കര വീട്ടിൽ ചാക്കോച്ചന്റെയും ഇളച്ചിയുടെയും പുത്രനായി ജനനം. 14-ാം വയസ്സിൽ ശൈശ്വശുദ്ധവും 21-ാം വയസ്സിൽ കശ്ശീശാപ്പട്ടവും, റമ്പാൻ സ്ഥാനവും, 44-ാം വയസ്സിൽ കോട്ടയം ഏലിയാ കത്തീഡ്രലിൽ വച്ച് പരി. ഗീവർഗീസ് ദിതീയൻ ബാവയിൽ നിന്ന് കോട്ടയം ഭദ്രാസനത്തിന്റെ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തയായി അഭിഷേകം ചെയ്യപ്പെട്ടു.

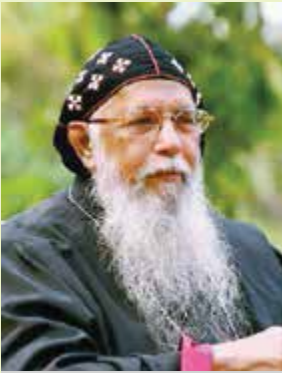
1965 ഏപ്രിൽ 5 ന് കാലം ചെയ്ത ഈ താപസശ്രേഷ്ഠൻ പിൻതലമുറയ്ക്ക് അനുകരിക്കുവാൻ തക്ക ഒരു ഉത്തമ മാതൃക തന്നെ ആയിരുന്നു എന്നതിൽ തർക്കമില്ല. ●

ദയറാ ജീവിതത്തിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാന തത്വങ്ങളായ ദാരിദ്ര്യവും കന്യാത്വത്തിൽ അധിഷ്ഠിതമായ ജീവിത വിശുദ്ധിയും ദാനശീലവും എല്ലാം സ്വന്തം ജീവിതത്തിൽ പ്രാവർത്തികമാക്കിയിരുന്ന തിരുമേനി ആർജിക്കുന്നതിലല്ല മറിച്ച് ദാനം ചെയ്യുന്നതിലായിരുന്നു സന്തോഷം അനുഭവിച്ചിരുന്നത്.



Watch Of Thirumeni which stopped at the time of Thirumeni's Heavenly Abode

1935-ൽ കുനംകുളം പ്രദേശത്ത് പ്ലേഗ് ബാധമൂലം അസംഖ്യം ആളുകൾ ദിനപ്രതി മരിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരുന്ന സമയത്ത് സഭയെ അവിടേക്ക് കടന്നുചെന്ന്



## Memory Eternal H.G. Geevarghese Mar Ivanios

Thirumeni was well known for his prayer life and spiritual leadership. H.G. was instrumental in establishing Njalyakuzhy Dayara which became the modern Mount Athos of the Malankara Orthodox church. H.G. served the church as the professor of Orthodox Theological seminary and the President of the St. Thomas Vaidika Sangham, an organization for the clergies of the church. As a Metropolitan, H.G. was very particular for the spiritual discipline and growth of the Kottayam Diocese. H.G.'s prophetic voice always became a corrective force against the evil trends in the church and the society. Thirumeni stands parallel with Pampadi Thirumeni for his devotion and human love.

### LIFE LINE:

**Diocese: Kottayam**

**Original Name: Geevarghese**

**Date of Birth: 14 Nov. 1940**

**Ordination (Deacon): 1963**

**Ordination (Priest): 1973**

**Ordination (Episcopa): 1985**

**Ordination (Bishop): 1991**

His Grace was born in 1940 at the Keeyath family, Othara. After his schooling, he did his BSc from Fathima Matha College, Kollam. Further to that he took his post graduation in Hebrew and Syriac Languages from Mansfield College, England. Also he took a Masters in Theology from Oxford University. Meanwhile, he learnt Sanskrit and Latin. H.G. was ordained a deacon in 1963 and a priest in 1973, respectively, by His Grace Mathews Mar Kurilos. Thereupon, he worked as the Vicar of Karappuzha Chappel. In 1979, HH Marthoma Mathews I, ordained him to the rank of a ramban.

His Grace was ordained an episcopos in 1985 at St Mary's Church, Puthiakavu, Mavelikkara. Since then, H.G. is working as the Bishop of Kottayam Diocese. H.G. was ordained as a metropolitan in 1991. From 1971 onwards, H.G. was teaching at the Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kottayam and has authored a book, "Hridaya Sudhikaranam". His Grace is also a known guru in meditation! May his soul rest with the righteous and the just in the heavenly abode. May his prayers be a refuge for us before God Almighty.

## NEW MEMBERS JOINED IN MARCH 2019

No. Name	Cardex #	Mobile#	Area	Home Parish
Sibi Varghese	S743	971503508145	Al Shaabw	St.stephen's Orthodox Cathedral, Pathanamthitta
Sajan Thomas	S744	971524283956	Sharjah - Alnadha	St.mary's orthodox syrian church, marthamariam pilgrim centre, anchal
Sibin Vaidyan A	S745	971568030046	Al Ghusais	St.mary's Orthodox Vallya Pally, Patharam Po, Sooranad South
Jinu Susan Roy	J792	971509148901	Karama	St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral, Puthiyacavu, Mavelikkara
Gregory Milac	G311	971562919936	Rashidiya/Sonapur/Lulu Village	St.george Orthodox Syrian Church, Adupputty, Kunnankulam
Koshy George	K173	971502165381	Alquoz/Jabali	St.mary's Orthodox Syrian Church, Kanaikode Arakkunnam
Renie James	R388	971506917964	Al Ghusais	St.george Orthodox Syrian Church, Ramalingapuram, Chennai-71
Shaji John	S746	971501746047	Al Nahda 2	St.gregorios Orthodox Church, Sadanandapuram P.o, Kottarakara
Aby K Rajan	A467	971505298763	Alquoz/Jabali	St.george Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, Pathanamthitta
Sorny Pulikkottil Jos	S747	971508081244	Al Qusais	Mar Ignatious Orthodox Syrian Church, Kattakampal
Subin Babu	S748	971558934282	Al Qusais	St.john's Orthodox Church, Chemmanthoor, Punalur.
Abin Jacob Philip	A468	971562447994	Bur Dubai	Mar Augen Orthodox Syrian Church, Maravanthuruthu P.o, Vaikom
Manoj Mathai	M429	971521959861	Sharjah-Alnadha	St.george Orthodox Vallyapally, Puthoor P.o, Kollam
Sunil Mathew	S749	971503473438	Naif Road, Deira	St.mary's Orthodox Cathedral, Puthiyakavu, Mavelikkara
Jinish K Thomas	J793	971528343860	Karama	St.thomas Salem Orthodox Church, Chethomakara, Ranni
Tijo Jacob	T337	971523145408	Rashidiya/Sonapur/Lulu Village	Jerusalem St.mary's Orthodox Church, Puthenchantha P.o, Kottayam
Varghese P Joseph	V312	971553124906	Alquoz/Jabali	Kadeesa Othodox Cathedral Kayamkulam





# CATHOLICATE DAY 2019



ST THOMAS  
APOSTLE

"The wise leaders will shine with all brightness of the sky. And those who have taught many people to do what is right will shine like stars for ever."

Daniel 12:3



H.H. BASELIOS MAR  
THOMA PAULOSE II  
(2016-Present)



H.H. Basilio  
Paulose I  
(1912-1913)



H.H. Basilio  
Geevarghese I  
(1925-1926)



H.H. Basilio  
Geevarghese II  
(1926-1944)



H.H. Basilio  
Augen I  
(1944-1971)



H.H. Basilio Mar Thoma  
Mathews I  
(1971-1981)



H.H. Basilio Mar Thoma  
Mathews II  
(1981-2000)



H.H. Basilio Mar Thoma  
Didymos I  
(2000-2016)

We celebrate Catholicate Day (SABHA DINAM) on Friday 12th April 2019. On this day the Catholicate flag will be hosted. Special prayer will be offered for our Church. His Holiness Catholicate Bava Thirumeni, Our Diocesan Metropolitan and all members of the Holy Synod, all the priest and all the faithful declare the Faith, allegiance and dedication to the Church followed by singing of Catholicate Mangala Ganam.

As by the Kalpana of Bava Thirumeni and being faithful members of our Church it is obligatory for each member to contribute the average income of a day for the Catholicate Day collection. This fund is utilized for the needs of all Dioceses, Grants to various spiritual organisations and maintenance of Catholicate Aramana and office.

As St.Paul reminds us in II Corinthians 9:7 "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"

## Triv?a

### Questions

- \_\_\_ How many sons did the father have?
- \_\_\_ Which son asked his father for his inheritance?
- \_\_\_ After he left home, where did the son go?
- \_\_\_ What happened in the country where the son went?
- \_\_\_ After the son wasted his money, what job did he get?
- \_\_\_ Why did the son decide to return home?
- \_\_\_ Who was not happy about the son's return?
- \_\_\_ What did the father do when he saw his youngest son in the distance?
- \_\_\_ What did the father give his son when he arrived home?
- \_\_\_ What did the father do to celebrate his youngest son's return?

### Answers

1. There was a famine
2. Feeding pigs
3. Good shoes, clothes and a ring.
4. The eldest son
5. Youngest son
6. Two
7. Far away country
8. Ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.
9. He came to his senses (repentance).
10. Killed a fatted calf and had a party.



MARCH EVENTS



OCYM FOOD FEST





## **ST. THOMAS ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT (OCYM)**

**Regular Meeting on Every Friday at OCYM Hall**

**Contact: 050 304 3637, Email: ocymdubai@gmail.com, Website: www.stthomasocymdubai.org**

### **JOB CELL**

**Active job seekers and job providers forum within the Church. Providing orientation for job seekers.**

**Ensuring appropriate candidates for job providers.**

**Contact: 050 9385982, Email: jobcellocymdubai@gmail.com**

### **LIBRARY**

**Library opens every Friday after the Holy Qurbana. Collection of more than 10,000 of books including children's books.**

**Contact: 052 8395577, Email: ocymdxblibrary@gmail.com**

### **DIVYABODHANAM**

**Classes for Bible Study, Church History, Fundamentals of Malankara Orthodox Church.**

**Every Monday 8 pm to 9.30 pm**

**Contact: 055 3525278, Email: ocymdubai@gmail.com**

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Regular Classes from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm**

**26-04-19 Distribution of Entry Forms for Cultural Competitions.**

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## **MOMS**

**Regular Meeting on Every Friday after Holy Mass**

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## **MGOCSM**

**Regular Meeting on Every Friday after Holy Mass**

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## **STOC MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP**

**Regular Meeting on Every Second Wednesday after intercessory prayers**

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## **STOC SENIOR CITIZEN'S FORUM**

**Regular Meeting on Every First Wednesday after intercessory prayers**

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**ST. THOMAS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, DUBAI**

**PASSION WEEK PROGRAMME 2019**

*“He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee. The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.” St. Luke 24: 6-7*

April 12 Friday Catholicate Day Celebration	07:15 am - 10:30 am	Morning Prayer & Holy Qurbana 40th Day of Holy Lent & Hoisting of Catholicate Flag Evening Prayer & Holy Qurbana (Lazarus Day)
Lazarus Day	06:30 pm – 09:00 pm	
April 13 Saturday Palm Sunday	06:00 pm – 10:30 pm	Evening Prayer & Holy Qurbana Palm Sunday Service
April 14 Sunday Vade’ Dal Mino	07:00 pm – 09:00 pm	Evening Prayer & Devotional Address Vade’ Dal Mino Service
April 15 Monday	07:00 pm – 09:00 pm	Evening Prayer & Devotional Address
April 16 Tuesday	07:00 pm – 09:00 pm	Evening Prayer & Devotional Address
April 17 Wednesday Pesaha	06:00 pm – 10:30 pm	Evening Prayer & Holy Qurbana Pesaha
April 18 Thursday Kalukazhukal Shusrusha	07:00pm – 9:30 pm	Evening Prayer & Kalukazhukal Shusrusha
April 19 Friday Good Friday	07:00 am – 04:00 pm 07:30 pm	Good Friday Service Evening Prayer followed by Recitation of Psalms
April 20 Saturday Holy Saturday Easter	09:00 am – 11:00 am 06:30 pm – 10:30 pm	Noon Prayer & Holy Qurbana Evening Prayer & Easter Service Holy Qurbana

**H.G. Yuhanon Mar Policarpus will be the chief celebrant during Passion Week**

**AREA PRAYER MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2019**

DAY & DATE	WEEK	AREA	NAME	CARDEX	ADDRESS
27th April 2019 SATURDAY	FORTH	SHARJAH - AL NAHDA	MR. MATHEW K SLEEBA	M223	CHURCH HALL CONTACT # 0507684686
29th April 2019 MONDAY	FIFTH	MIRDIFF - SILICON OASIS	MR. SAJU GEORGE	S267	CHURCH HALL CONTACT # 0506575899

**SONAPUR PRAYER MEETING - EVERY FRIDAY EVENING AT EVERHOT CAMP @ 17:00 - 19:00 HRS**

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