



MALANKARA ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH

LITURGICAL CALENDAR - 2023



HIS HOLINESS BASELIOS MARTHOMA MATHEWS III
CATHOLICOS OF THE EAST & MALANKARA METROPOLITAN

JANUARY

1. New Year.
First Sunday after Christmas. (Niram 2)
Circumcision of our Lord, Feast of St. Basil and St. Gregory & All the Holy Fathers.
3. 59th Commemoration of HH Basielos Geevarghese II Catholicos (Devalokam Aramana).
Memorial Day of Oath of Koonan Cross (St. George Church, Mattanchery).
- 6. Epiphany/Danaha (Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ).** (Niram 2)
Feast Commemorating the Beheading of St. John the Baptist
- 8. First Sunday after Epiphany.** (Niram 3)
Feast Commemorating the Martyrdom of St. Stephen.
- 15. Second Sunday after Epiphany.** (Niram 4)
x Feast of St. Mary for Seeds
Commemoration of Paul the Monk.
18. Feast of St. Samuel, St. Simon, St. Antony.
21. 14th Commemoration of HG Philipose Mar Eusebius Metropolitan (St. Basil Dayara, Pathanamthitta).
- 22. Third Sunday after Epiphany.** (Niram 5)
207th Commemoration of Marthoma VIII (Puthencavu Cathedral).
23. Commemoration of St. Augen the Monk.
26. 17th Commemoration of HH Basielos Marthoma Mathews II Catholicos (Mount HorebAshram, Shastamkotta).
69th Commemoration of HG Paulose Mar Athanasios Metropolitan (Thrikunathu Seminary, Aluva).
Republic Day.
- 29. Sunday before Nineveh Lent (Pethurtho of Nineveh Fast).** (Niram 6)
Commemoration of All Departed Fathers and Malpans.
30. Monday of *Nineveh* Lent.

FEBRUARY

2. Mayalath (Entry of our Lord into the temple). (Niram 3)
The end of *Nineveh* Lent (Commemoration of Prophet Jonah).
Feast of Mar Severios of Antioch.
Commemoration of St. Simon and Hanna. (Elder's Day).
55th Commemoration of HG Pathrose Mar Osthathios Metropolitan (Carmel Dayara, Kandanadu).
3. Feast of St. Bar Soumo - the Chief Among Mourners & Mar Kauma
- 5. Commemoration of all Departed Priests (Kohne Sunday).** (Niram 7)
9. 14th Commemoration of HG Mathews Mar Epiphanius Metropolitan (St. Thomas Cathedral, Kollam).
- 12. Commemoration of all the Departed Faithful (Anide Sunday).** (Niram 8)
13. 91st Commemoration of Patriarch Ignatius Elias III (Manjinkara Dayara).
16. 11th Commemoration of *Sabha Ratnam* HG Geevarghese Mar Osthathios Metropolitan (St. Paul's Mission Chapel, Mavelikkara).
- 19. First Sunday of Great Lent (Kothine Sunday) (Pethurtha of the Great Lent).** (Niram 1)
20. First Monday of the Great Lent (*Shubkono*).
23. 89th Feast of Malankara Sabha Bhasuran St. Geevarghese Mar Dionysius Metropolitan Vattasseril (Old Seminary, Kottayam).
15th Commemoration of HG Thomas Mar Makarios Metropolitan (Devalokam Aramana, Kottayam).
Feast of St. Policarpus of Smyrna.
24. Feast of St. Mathew the Evangelist.
25. Commemoration of Mar Ephrem Malpan & Mar Theodoros the Martyr (First Saturday of the Great Lent).
Perunal of St. Dionysius
- 26. Second Sunday of Great Lent (Leper's Sunday).** (Niram 2)

MARCH

- 5. Third Sunday of Great Lent (Palsy Sunday).** (Niram 3)
9. x *Memory of Forty Martyrs of Sebastia*.
132nd Commemoration of Ambattu Geevarghese Mar Coorilos Metropolitan (Angamaly Cheryapally).
11. *Perunal of Forty Martyrs of Sebastia*.
- 12. Fourth Sunday of Great Lent (Canaanite woman).** (Niram 4)
15. Mid Lent. (Niram 8)
Commemoration of King Abgar of Uraha.

18. 61st Commemoration of HG Paulose Mar Severios Metropolitan (Kunnamkulam Arthat Puthen Pally).
- 19. Fifth Sunday of Great Lent (Kpiptho/Crippled woman).** (Niram 5)
93rd Commemoration of HG Sleetba Mar Osthathios Metropolitan (Kunnamkulam Arthat Puthen Pally).
21. 138th Commemoration of Konattu Geevarghese Mar Julius Metropolitan (Pampakuda Valiyapally).
25. x *Annunciation to St. Mary, Vachanippu (Suboro).* (Niram 4)
295th Commemoration of Marthoma IV (Kandanadu Cathedral).
- 26. Sixth Sunday of Great Lent (Blind Man).** (Niram 6)
Malankara Orthodox Church Day - Catholicate Day.
31. 40th Friday. (Niram 2)

APRIL

1. Lazarus' Saturday. (Niram 8)
- 2. Hosanna/Palm Sunday (Boys' and Girls' Day).** (Niram 7)
- Monday of the Holy Week.
- Tuesday of the Holy Week.
- Wednesday of the Holy Week.
58th Commemoration of HG Kuriakose Mar Gregorios Metropolitan (Pampady Dayara).
- Passover (Maundy Thursday).*
- Holy Friday of Crucifixion.*
- 215th Commemoration of Valiya Mar Dionysius Metropolitan (Marthoma VI) (Puthencavu Cathedral).
- Passover (Maundy Thursday).*
- Holy Friday of Crucifixion.*
- 215th Commemoration of Valiya Mar Dionysius Metropolitan (Marthoma VI) (Puthencavu Cathedral).
8. *Gospel Saturday (Saturday of Good Tidings).*
- 9. Kyomtho/Easter.** (Evening to 1st Kauma of Night - Niram 8; Then Niram 1)
10. Hevero Monday. (Niram 2)
11. Hevero Tuesday. (Niram 3)
12. Hevero Wednesday. (Niram 4)
10th Commemoration of HG Geevarghese Mar Ivanios Metropolitan (Mar Basielos Dayara, Njaliakuzhy).
13. Hevero Thursday. (Niram 5)
14. Hevero Friday. (Niram 6)
Commemoration of Confessors of Faith.
327th Commemoration of Marthoma II (Niranam Valiyapally).
15. Hevero Saturday. (Niram 7)
- 16. New Sunday (First Sunday after Easter).** (Evening to 1st Kauma of Night - Niram 8; Then Niram 1)
17. 72nd Commemoration of *Catholicate Ratnadeepam* HG Geevarghese Mar Philoxenos Metropolitan (Puthencavu Cathedral).
21. 229th Commemoration of Yuhanon Mar Ivanios Episcopa (Chengannur Old Syrian Church)
22. 335th Commemoration of Marthoma III (Kadampnadu Cathedral).
- 23. First Sunday after New Sunday (Second Sunday after Easter).** (Niram 2)
Feast of St. George.
25. 353rd Commemoration of Marthoma I (Ankamali Cheryapally)
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist.
27. 352nd Commemoration of Mar Gregorios Abdel Jaleel Bava (Vadakk Paravur Church).
29. Commemoration of Mar Sabor & Mar Afroth.
- 30. Second Sunday after New Sunday (Third Sunday after Easter).** (Niram 3)
Feast of St. George.

MAY

1. Commemoration of St. James the Apostle (Son of Zebedee).
3. 110th Commemoration of HH Basielos Paulose I Catholicos (Pampakuda Cheryapally).
- 7. Third Sunday after New Sunday (Fourth Sunday after Easter).** (Niram 4)
Feast of St. John the Apostle.
258th Commemoration of Marthoma V (Niranam Valiyapally).
10. Feast of St. Simon the Zealot.
- 14. Fourth Sunday after New Sunday (Fifth Sunday after Easter).** (Niram 5)
15. x *Feast of St. Mary for Good Crops & Harvest.* (Niram 1)
Commemoration of St. Isaac.
16. 33rd Commemoration of HG Yuhanon Mar Severios Metropolitan (Zion Seminary, Koratty).
18. *Ascension of our Lord (Suloqa).* (Niram 5)
19. 198th Commemoration of HG Mar Dionysius III (Punnathra) Metropolitan (Kottayam Cheryapally).
- 19-27. The Days of Preparation to Pentecost.

JULY

- 2. Fifth Sunday after Pentecost.** (Niram 4)
Mission Sunday.

JUNE

2. Golden Friday (Friday after Pentecost). (Niram 3)
- 4. First Sunday after Pentecost.** (Niram 8)
5. World Environment Day.
6. 98th Commemoration of Karottuveetil HG Yuyakim Mar Ivanios Metropolitan (Parumala Seminary).
16th Commemoration of HG Augen Mar Dionysius Metropolitan (Vallikkattu Dayara, Vakathanam).
- 11. Second Sunday after Pentecost.** (Niram 1)
Feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle.
134th Commemoration of HG Simon Mar Athanasios Metropolitan (Kottayam Puthen Pally).
15. x *Feast of St. Mary, Commemoration of the Establishment of the First Church in St. Mary's Name.* (Niram 1)
16. Beginning of Apostles' Fast (13 days *Sleetba* Fast).
- 18. Third Sunday after Pentecost.** (Niram 2)
19. Feast of St. James, Brother of Jesus and the First Bishop of Jerusalem.
24. Commemoration of the Birth of St. John the Baptist.
- 25. Fourth Sunday after Pentecost.** (Niram 3)
29. Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul. (Niram 5) End of Apostles' Fast.
30. Feast of the Twelve Apostles. (Niram 8)

AUGUST

1. Beginning of Assumption (*Shoonoyo*) Fast (15 days).
Feast of Martyrs Marth Shmuni, her 7 children and Eliazar their teacher.
11th Commemoration of HG Paulose Mar Pachomios Metropolitan (Bethany Ashram, Ranni Perunad).
- 6. Tenth Sunday after Pentecost.** The festival of Transfiguration (*Koodara Perunal*). (Niram 6)
58th Commemoration of HG Alexios Mar Theodosios Metropolitan (Bethany Ashram, Ranni-Perunad).
7. Feast of St. Demetrios of Thessalonica.

- Commemoration of *Yathivaryan* Fr. Younan (Anchal Achen).
- 13. First Sunday after the Transfiguration.** (Niram 2)
Commemoration of Prophet Micha.
14. Feast of St. Azazayel the Martyr.
15. *Festival of the Ascension of St. Mary (Shoonoyo Perunal).* (Niram 7)
Indian Independence Day.
108th Commemoration of Patriarch Mar Ignatios Abded Meshiha II (Kurkuma Dayara).
Martha Mariam Samajam day.
Kottayam Devalokam Catholicate Aramana Chapel Perunal.
16. 330th Commemoration of Mar Ivanios Hidayatulla Episcopa (Mulanthuruthy Cathedral).
19. Feast of All Prophets.
Feast of St. Labbaeus (Thaddeus) the Apostle.
32nd Commemoration of HG Joseph Mar Pachomios Metropolitan (Carmelkunnappally, Mulakkulam).
- 20. First Sunday after the feast of the Ascension.** (Niram 3)
Commemoration of Prophet Samuel.
24. Feast of St. Matthias the Apostle.
5th Commemoration of HG Thomas Mar Athanasios Metropolitan (Othara Dayara).
- 27. Second Sunday after the feast of the Ascension.** (Niram 4)
28. Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist.
31. 43rd Commemoration of HG Paret Mathews Mar Ivanios Metropolitan (Mar Kuriakose Dayara, Pampady).

SEPTEMBER

2. 149th Commemoration of HG Yuyakim Mar Coorilos Metropolitan (Mulanthuruthy Caathedral).
- 3. Third Sunday after the feast of the Ascension.** (Niram 5)
- x *Feast of the Birth of St. Mary, the Mother of God.* (Niram 1)
9. Feast of St. Mary's Parents, Youyakim and Hanna.
- 10. Fourth Sunday after the feast of the Ascension.** (Niram 6)
14. *Feast of the Holy Cross (Sleetba Perunal).* (Niram 8)
15. 111th Anniversary of the Establishment of Catholicate in Malankara.
- 17. First Sunday after the feast of the Holy Cross.** (Niram 1)
23. 100th Commemoration of HG Alvarez Mar Julius Metropolitan (Panjim St. Mary's Church, Goa).
- 24. Second Sunday after the feast of the Holy Cross.** (Niram 2)
Feast of St. Dimeth of Persia.
25. 129th Commemoration of Patriarch Mar Ignatius Peter III of Antioch.
26. 26th Commemoration of HG Philipose Mar Theophilos Metropolitan (Aluva Thrikkunathu Seminary).

OCTOBER

- 1. Third Sunday after the feast of the Holy Cross.** (Niram 3)
Feast of Evangelist Adai, Abahai the Martyr & Mar Malke.
- 135th Commemoration of Karottuveetil Shemavoon Mar Dionysius (Kadungamangalam Church).
- 338th Feast of St. Basielos Yeldo Catholicos (Kothamangalam Cheryapally).
7. Feast of Martyrs Sargis & Bakos.
- 8. Fourth Sunday after the feast of the Holy Cross.** (Niram 4)
12. 168th Commemoration of HG Cheppad Philipos Mar Dionysius IV Metropolitan (Cheppad Church).
43rd Commemoration of HG Yuhannon Mar Athanasios Episcopa (Bethany Ashram, Ranni-Perunadu).
14. Commemoration of St. Athanasios of Alexandria.
- 15. Fifth Sunday after the feast of the Holy Cross.** (Niram 5)
Feast of St. Oso the Ascetic.
18. Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist.
- 22. Sixth Sunday after the feast of the Holy Cross.** (Niram 6)
259th Commemoration of HH Mar Basielos Shakralla (Kandanadu Cathedral).
Feast of St. James the Apostle, Son of Alphaeus.
24. 6th Commemoration of HG Zachariah Mar Theophilos Metropolitan (Thadagam Ashram, Coimbatore).
- 25. Seventh Sunday after the feast of the Holy Cross.** (Niram 7)

NOVEMBER

1. Feast of All Saints.

2. 121st Commemoration of St. Geevarghese Mar Gregorios of Parumala (Parumala Seminary).
116th Commemoration of HG Kadavil Paulose Mar Athanasios Metropolitan (Aluva Thrikkunathu Seminary).
- 5. Koodosh Eetho Sunday (Santification).** (Niram 1)
16th Commemoration of HG Stephanos Mar Theodosios Metropolitan (St. Thomas Ashram, Bhilai).
- 57th Commemoration of HG Vayalipambil Geevarghese Mar Gregorios Metropolitan (Aluva Thrikkunathu Seminary).
- 27th Commemoration of HH Mar Basielos Marthoma Mathews I Catholicos (Devalokam Catholicate Aramana).
- 12. Hoodosh Eetho Sunday (Dedication).** (Niram 2)
211st Commemoration of *Veda Ratnam* Kayamkulam Philipose Ramban (Aador Kannamkode Cathedral).
13. Feast of St. John Chrysostom.
14. Feast of St. Philip the Apostle.
- 19. Sunday of Revelation to Zachariah (Father of John the Baptist).** (Niram 3)
20. 12th Commemoration of HG Job Mar Philoxenos Metropolitan (Mount Tabor Dayara, Pathanapuram).
- x *Commemorating the Entry of St. Mary to the Temple of Jerusalem.* (Niram 1)
24. 207th Commemoration of HG Pulikkottil Joseph Mar Dionysius II & 27th Commemoration of HG Paulose Mar Gregorios Metropolitan (Old Seminary, Kottayam).
- 26. Sunday of Annunciation to St. Mary.** (Niram 4)
28. Feast of Mar Jacob Baradaeus & Mar Dionysius Barsleebe.
29. Feast of Mar Jacob of Serugh.
30. Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle.

DECEMBER

1. Beginning of the Fast of the Nativity (25 days fast).
- 3. Sunday of St. Mary's Journey to Elizabeth.** (Niram 5)
51st Commemoration of HG Thoma Mar Dionysius Metropolitan (Mount Tabor Dayara, Pathanapuram).
4. Feast of the Martyrs St. Barbara and St. Juliana.
6. Feast of St. Soke, Bishop of Myre (St. Nikolas, Christmas Father).
8. 48th Commemoration of HH Basielos Mar Augen I Catholicos (Devalokam Catholicate Aramana).
- 11th Commemoration of HG Mathews Mar Barnabas Metropolitan (St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Valayanchirangara).
- 10. Sunday of Birth of John the Baptist (Children's Day).** (Niram 6)
Feast of the Martyrs, St. Behanam, his sister, St. Sarah, and Co-Martyrs.
Feast of Mar Philoxenos of Mabugh.
13. 33rd Commemoration of HG Daniel Mar Philoxenos Metropolitan (Basil Aramana, Pathanamthitta).
- 17. Sunday of Revelation to St. Joseph.** (Niram 7)
95th Commemoration of HH Basielos Mar Geevarghese I Catholicos (Vallikkattu Dayara, Vakathanam).
18. Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle (Commemoration of the Day he was Stabbed by Spear).
20. Feast of Mar Ignatius Nouron of Antioch.
- Dukhrono* of St. Thomas the Apostle.
- 24. Sunday before Christmas.** (Niram 8)
25. *Yeldho, Incarnation of our Lord (Christmas).* (Niram 1)
- x *Feast of the Exultation of St. Mary, Mother of God.* (Niram 1)
37th Commemoration of HG Yakkob Mar Policarpus Metropolitan (Zion Seminary, Koratty).
27. Feast Commemorating the Slaughter of the Infants. (Niram 8)
- 31. First Sunday after Christmas.** (Niram 1).