

Vicar Message



Ettu Nombu is the commemoration of the Nativity of Mother Mary. The commemoration of the Nativity of St. Mary on 8th September is the result of the Immaculate Conception theory of the blessed virgin by the Roman Catholic Church. Orthodox Churches reject the immaculate conception of St. Mary. That is why our church has not listed it among the canonical feasts. So the observation of Ettu Nombu is discouraged and declared as against the faith and belief of the Church. Immaculate Conception means mother Mary born without the effect of the Adam’s sin and was holy pure. This may lead to biblical heresy (Rom 3:10,20,23-24) and contrary to the effect of Adamic sin. If Mariam was devoid of the effect of the Adam sin then Christ cannot be considered as the savior of the entire creation. Our belief is that Mariam was also a part and parcel to the Christ’s salvific act. Then the question arise, “how the savior born in the womb of a sinner?” Mary by virtue of her righteousness, faith and willingness to accede to the will of God, cleansed and illuminated by grace from the inheritance of flawed nature from Adam and made perfect when conceived Theotokosin her womb. When we say she was without any sin from the birth then we may force to equate her with Christ or delimit Christ to mere human or perfect human and not ‘Son of God’. Then why in our churches the nativity of St. Mary is been celebrated. This is because of the local pietism and not out of real understanding. Local pietism is woven out of prosperity theology. It is popular not because of the spiritual aspect it has but due to the emotional, physical and material benefits it contains. Moreover taking fast and nombu at any time is beneficial for the spiritual strengthening of believers.

The feast of Holy Cross on 14th September is a canonical feast related with the recovery of crucified cross of Christ by queen Helene of Constantinople. Cross till then a symbol of humiliation, contempt and damnation became a sign of victory, salvation and hope. Orthodox Christians prefer plain Cross instead of Cross with the crucified image of Christ. Plain Cross symbolizes the resurrection of Christ. Symbols and signs are not a later development or perversion of religious practice by the Christians. The earliest symbols used by ancient Christians were:- Chi-Rho. Chi and Rho are the first two letters (XP) of "Christ" in Greek ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ. (Christos). Fish Symbol . Another

I Jesus

CH Christ

TH God

U Son

S Savior



Chi-Rho symbol from the first two letters of Greek Christos



Anchor, fish, and Chi-Rho symbols from the Catacombs of St. Sebastian.

with an olive branch in its mouth appears as a symbol of the peace and happiness of the soul. Only occasionally in catacomb art does the dove represent as the Holy Spirit. Thus symbols are the tools to communicate the faith and beliefs of a believer. Use of these symbols are not an idol worship as widely accused by the certain Christians. It is an image that express the hidden mystery of an ornate form. Veneration of cross is not an idol worship but an honour ascribed to the great sacrifice of our lord and making it a path to be followed.

September also have a great importance for the entire Malayali community. On this month we celebrate Onam. It is a festival that symbolizes sacrifice, love, prosperity and unity.

All the above mentioned events teach us that life is fast and feast, love and sacrifice and above all supreme images of inspiration and imitation. On the occasion of Ettu Nombu, Sreeba Perunnal and Onam, we express our hearty wishes to all parish members.

Yours in Christ

Fr. Reji Chandy Varghese

Harvest Festival 2014

Harvest Festival 2014 will be held on Friday 21st November 2014 at Indian Central School Abbasiya. Harvest Festival Committee Invites active participation of all our members to make this event a great success. More details available at parish website: www.iocq8.org.

8 Day Lent and Annual Convention



Parish Annual Convention will be held from Sept 1st to Sept 7th (Every Day from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm) with Evening Prayer & Intercessional prayer. The main speaker for the convention is Rev. Fr. John Chacko Thirumoolapuram. He is the vicar of Puramattom St. Marys Oorsalem Orthodox Church and the vice president of youth movement, Niranam diocese. He is a member of Mar Baselios Mar Gregorios Church, Thirumoolapuram, Thiruvalla.

The Vicar, Associate Vicar, Managing Committee and parish members welcomes Achen and wish him a blessed and pleasant stay in Kuwait.

All are cordially invited along with your family and friends to participate and receive blessings at the solemn celebration.

Convention Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue
1 – Sep	Monday	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer & Convention	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
2 – Sep	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer & Convention	NECK
3 – Sep	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer & Convention	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
4 – Sep	Thursday	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer & Convention	NECK
5 – Sep	Friday	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer & Convention	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
6 – Sep	Saturday	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer & Convention	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
7 – Sep	Sunday	6:00 PM	Holy Qurbana & Madhyastha Prarthana	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
7 – Sep	Sunday	6:00 PM	Holy Qurbana & Madhyastha Prarthana	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya

Sunday School

- 8 Days Lent and Convention commences on 1st September. Please observe and attend as per schedule.
- Holy Qurbana in English will be celebrated on Friday, 12th September. It is compulsory for Teachers and Students of Class 3 and above to attend, for whom Attendance Coupons will be distributed. Transportation is arranged by the Parish Managing Committee and for more details contact, **Mr. Biju George – Mob: 66387935.**
- Sleebe Perunnal (Exaltation of the Holy Cross) is celebrated on Sunday, 14th September. Please attend and be blessed.
- Sunday School re-opens after summer vacation on Thursday, 11th September, 2014.
- Students to return Charity Covers on the re-opening day.
- SS Talent Scan has been re-scheduled to 24-October for KG, Infants and Primary; and 14-November for Juniors, Intermediate and Seniors, whose Essay Competitions will be held on 30-October. Students are requested to return the filled-in registration forms at the earliest.

St.Gregorios Yuvajana Prasthanam

- St.Gregorios OCYM General meeting and Soophiyo Study class will be held on Sunday 14th Sep. 2014 at 7.30 PM in Office Parsonage Abbasiya.
- Prayer meeting is scheduled on Sunday 28th Sep. 2014 at Office Parsonage Abbasiya from 7.30 PM.
- Inauguration function of St. Gregorios OCYM library named L.L H.G Geevarghese Mar Ivanios Memorial Library” will be held on 14th Sep. 2014.at Abbasiya Office Parsonage by Rev. Fr John Chacko Thirumoolapuram.
- St.Gregorios Orthodox Christian Youth Movement 10th Year Celebration inaugural function will be held on 26th Sep 2014 Friday 6:00 PM at Al Jawhara Al Ahlia Girls Auditorium, Riggae. OCYM central General Secretary Rev. Fr. P.V Jessan will be the chief guest of this function.

St. Boursouma’s Bachelors Prayer

Bachelor Prayer will be held on Sunday 14th September 2014, 6:30 pm at Peniel Hall, Abbasiya. (Police Station Road, New Lulu Exchange Bldg.)

Martha Mariam Samajam

- Chain prayer: From Tues, 2nd Sept, 6:00 pm to Wed, 3rd Sept, 6:00 pm.
 - Fasting Prayer: Sat, 6th Sept, 2014, from 9:00 am - 11:00 am, Abbasiya & Salmiya.
 - Common Samajam meeting: 18th Sept., 2014, 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm, NECK.
 - Retreat (Date to be announced later)
- Akhila Malankara Marth Mariam Samajam
(i) Examination: 17 October, 2014.
(ii) Annual Conference 3, 4, 5 October 2014. Venue: EVP Rajeswari Marriage Palace, Kolappakkom, Gundy, Chennai. Register in advance.

Anti Alcoholism Movement

Half day seminar for MGOCSM students by Rev. Fr. John Chacko Thirumoolapuram, on Saturday 13.09.2014 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. George Chapel Abbasiya.

Worship Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue
2-Sep	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Convention	NECK
5-Sep	Friday	6:30 AM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
5-Sep	Friday	8:15 AM	Holy Qurbana	NECK
5-Sep	Friday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
6-Sep	Saturday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
9-Sep	Tuesday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	NECK
12-Sep	Friday	6:30 AM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
12-Sep	Friday	8:15 AM	Holy Qurbana	NECK
12-Sep	Friday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
13-Sep	Saturday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
16-Sep	Tuesday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	NECK
19-Sep	Friday	6:30 AM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
19-Sep	Friday	8:15 AM	Holy Qurbana	NECK
19-Sep	Friday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
20-Sep	Saturday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
23-Sep	Tuesday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	NECK
26-Sep	Friday	6:30 AM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
26-Sep	Friday	7:00 AM	Holy Qurbana	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
27-Sep	Saturday	7:00 AM	Holy Qurbana	NECK
27-Sep	Saturday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
30-Sep	Tuesday	5:30 PM	Holy Qurbana	NECK

Condolence



On the Sad demise of,
Mr. John Philipose Valiaveetil (Baiju)
Valiaveetil, Kumarapuram,
Thiruvanathapuram.

John Philipose (Baiju) was an active member, who contributed immensely to the development of our parish. As a prominent Senior Sunday School teacher, he was well loved by the children and had deep and thorough knowledge on biblical teachings as well as our Church history. His unique method of simple delivery kept his students engrossed during his classes.

Baiju served the parish as a Managing Committee Member for several years. As a member of the spiritual organization, Mar Gregorios Movement, he extended his service to society and was their senior managing committee member and Ex Secretary. Baiju was a member of the St.Joseph Prayer group, Riggae and played an active role in all the prayer group activities. Baiju will always be remembered as an amiable member of this parish.

Lectionary

Date	Day	Old	Catholic	Pauline	Gospel
1-Sep	Monday	II Sam 17:23-26	Micah 6: 1-5	Heb 10: 26-31	St.Luke 16: 11-13
2-Sep	Tuesday	II Sam 17: 27-29	Micah 6: 6-9	Heb 10: 32-39	St.Luke 16: 14- 18
3-Sep	Wednesday	II Sam 18: 1-8	Micah 6: 9-16	Heb 11: 1-7	St.Luke 16: 19-31
4-Sep	Thursday	II Sam 18: 9-15	Micah 7: 1 -7	Heb 11: 8-12	St.Luke 17: 1- 5
5-Sep	Friday	II Sam 18: 16-18	Micah 7: 8- 10	Heb 11: 13-22	St.Luke 17: 5- 10
6-Sep	Saturday	II Sam 18: 19-23	Micah 7: 11- 17	Heb 11: 23-28	St. Luke 17: 11- 19
7-Sep	Fourth Sunday after Shoonoyo	Ex 3: 1-6, 11-14	I Peter 2: 1-5	I Cor 3: 15-23	St Mt 5: 38- 48
8-Sep	Monday	II Sam 18: 24-27	Micah 7: 18 -20	Heb 11: 29-29	St.Luke 17: 20- 27
9-Sep	Tuesday	II Sam 18: 28-33	Nahum 1: 1-5	Heb 12: 1-6	St.Luke 17: 28- 37
10-Sep	Wednesday	II Sam 19: 1-8	Nahum 1: 6-11	Heb 12: 17-13	St.Luke 18: 1- 8
11-Sep	Thursday	II Sam 19: 9-15	Nahum 1: 12-15	Heb 12: 14-17	St.Luke 18: 9- 14
12-Sep	Friday	II Sam 19: 16-23	Nahum 2: 1-5	Heb 12: 18-24	St.Luke 18: 15-17
13-Sep	Saturday	II Sam 19: 24-30	Nahum 2: 6-13	Heb 12: 25-29	St.Luke 18: 18 -30
14-Sep	Sleebea Perunal	Num 21: 4- 9	Acts 13: 26- 39	Gal 2: 17- 3: 14	St. Luke 21: 5-28
15-Sep	Monday	II Sam 19: 31-40	Nahum 3: 1-4	Heb 13: 1-6	St. Luke 18: 31 -34
16-Sep	Tuesday	II Sam 19: 41-43	Nahum 3: 5-7	Heb 13: 7-14	St.Luke 18: 35 -43
17-Sep	Wednesday	II Sam 20: 1-3	Nahum 3: 8-11	Heb 13: 15-19	St. Luke 19: 1- 10
18-Sep	Thursday	II Sam 20: 4-10	Nahum 3: 12-15	Heb 13: 20- 25	St.Luke 19: 11- 19
19-Sep	Friday	II Sam 20: 11-13	Nahum 3: 16- 19	Jas 1: 1-8	St.Luke 19: 20- 27
20-Sep	Saturday	II Sam 20: 14-26	Hab 1: 1-4	Jas 1: 9- 11	St Luke 19: 28- 40
21-Sep	First Sunday after Sleebea Perunal	Genesis 42: 1-28	Acts 3:21-26	I Cor 2: 10-16	St. Mk 13: 28-37
22-Sep	Monday	II Sam 21: 1-6	Hab 1:5-11	Jas 1: 12-18	St.Luke 19: 41- 48
23-Sep	Tuesday	II Sam 21: 7-9	Hab 1: 12-14	Jas 1: 19- 27	St.Luke 20: 1- 8
24-Sep	Wednesday	II Sam 21: 10-14	Hab 1: 15-17	Jas 2: 1- 7	St. Luke 20: 9- 19
25-Sep	Thursday	II Sam 21: 15-17	Hab 2: 1-5	Jas 2: 8- 13	St.Luke 20: 20- 26
26-Sep	Friday	II Sam 21: 18-22	Hab 2: 6-8	Jas 2: 14- 26	St.Luke 20: 27- 40
27-Sep	Saturday	II Sam 22: 1- 5	Hab 2: 9- 14	Jas 3: 1- 5	St.Luke 20: 41- 47
28-Sep	Second Sunday after Sleebea Perunal	Gen 42: 9-17	Acts 5: 17- 32	I Cor 2: 14-3: 9	St Mt 16: 5- 12
29-Sep	Monday	II Sam 22: 6- 10	Hab 2: 15-17	Jas 3: 6-13	St. Luke 21: 1- 6
30-Sep	Tuesday	II Sam 22: 11-15	Hab 2: 18-20	Jas 3:13- 18	St Luke 21: 7- 19

Brahmavar Prayer



Fr. Abraham Kuriakose, Associate Vicar of St. Mary's Orthodox Syrian Cathedral, Brahmavar, will arrive Kuwait on Tuesday, 9th September 2014. There will be Holy Qurbana in Konkani on Thursday, 11th September 2014 at Office Parsonage, Abbasiya, at 6.15 p.m.

Brahmavar Community will celebrate "**Nativity Feast (Monti Fest)**" on Friday, 12th September 2014 at Indian Central School, Abbasiya, at 11.30 a.m.

Newly Formed Prayer Group & Committee members

Old Name	New Name	New Committee Members	Phone
St. Aprem	N/A	Mr. Jacob George	97153123
St. Thomas (N)	St. Gregorios	Mr. Ajay T Varghese	99490878
St. George (W)	St. George	Mr. Roy Varghese Samuel	97419770
St. Philipose (S)	St. Ignatious	Mr. Ajeesh Thomas	99853901
St. Mathews (W)	St. Kuriakose	Mr. Rejimon Philip	66476373
St. Thomas (S)	St. Thomas	Mr. Manoj Thomas (Existing)	66940658
St. George (E)	St. Jude	Mr. Varghese K V John (Existing)	99470843
St. Philipose (N)	St. Philipose	Mr. Biju Thomas (Existing)	99461537
St. Mathews(E)	St. Mathews	Mr. Isac Varghese (Existing)	65587340

Prayer Schedule

Group	Time	Date	Host	Bldg	Flr #	Flt #	Location	Telephone
St.Aprem	5:00 PM	19 Sept	Sajeev V Varghese	15168	2	10	Opp. Best Bakers Right	24341907
		26 Sept	Mathew Varghese K.G	15168	10	78	Opp. Best Bakers Right	50200467
St. Behenan	5:30 PM	19 Sept	Reju Chandy	49	3	12	Beside Electrical workshop.(old cabin)	24340873
		26 Sept	Johnson Chandy	120	1	3	Opp.Al Razi Phar..... 1st bldg.	24349176
St. Elias	5:00 PM	19 Sept	Jomon John		2	5	Gulf Dream Shop Bldg	6779 1067
		26 Sept	Sinu Mathew		3	5	New Fish Shop Bldg, Near Friday Market	9732 5125
St. Jude	5:00 PM	19 Sept	Siju V Andrews	18	3	9	Art-Clean Laundry Bldg 1st U-Turn	55124681
		26 Sept	Lijo George Abraham		6	24	Opp.Chappra Mosq.New Corner Bldg	66367571
St. George	5:00 PM	19 Sept	Salu Thomas John	-	8	27	Swiss Clinic, Highway side	24337525
		26 Sept	Roy Varghese	-	3	12	Next to Old Pakistani Mosque Building	24313887
St. Luke	5:30 PM	19 Sept	Benny K Philipose	11	3	15	AL Manakh Shop	99137954
		26 Sept	Laji N Issac	17	2	4	Twinkle Twinkle Building -New	66575025
St. Mark	5:30 PM	19 Sept	Jacob Thomas .V (Shaji)	17	3	12	Dayna Resturant Building	66406760
		26 Sept	Abraham Chacko Malathu	100	1	5	Near Spencer Building	97253083
St. Mathew	5:00 PM	19 Sept	Thomas John		8	57	Opp. Unique Store New Bldg	97554681
		26 Sept	Deepu Varghese Chacko		9	74	Near Mosque Bldg (Opp. Kerala Salon Bldg)	97366802
St. Kuriakose	5:00 PM	19 Sept	Santhosh Mammen Samuel		4	15	Day Fresh Vegitable Shop Bldg	97524385
		26 Sept	Thomas Kuruvilla		1	1	Day Fresh Vegitable Shop Bldg	66843142
St. Paul's	5:30 PM	19 Sept	James Oommen	15152	5	10	Opp. Apsara Beauty Parlour	24330395
		26 Sept	John Kuriakose	154	7	34	Opp. Holy Sweets	24314350
St. Philipose	5:00 PM	19 Sept	Binoy Mathew		5	17	Near Bubyran Travels Bldg	65840846
		26 Sept	Zachariah P. C		1	4	Opp. German Clinic	99675660
St. Ignatious	5:00 PM	19 Sept	Roy N.K		3	9	Rahman Store Bldg	66396204
		26 Sept	Jayamam V M		1	6	Rehab Center Bldg	67794859
St.Gregorios	5:30 PM	19 Sept	Idiculla Koshy	79	6	17	OPP.family Bazar Bldg	24348988
		26 Sept	Binson John	1725	5	14	Family Bazar Bldg	24310767
St. Thomas	5.30 PM	19 Sept	George Joy	12	1	3	Dasmah Laundry Building	24335192
		26 Sept	Mani Mathew	56	GF	28	Hassawi Restaurant Bldg	24315928

Common Prayer on 12th September 2014 at St. George Chapel, Abbasiya

Prayer Schedule								
Group	Time	Date	Host	Bldg	Flr #	Flt #	Location	Telephone
St.Andrews	6:30 PM	26 Sept	Joseph George (Jose)	10	1	5	Seagul Workshop Building, Salmiya	66970417
St.Dionysious	5:30 PM	26 Sept	Rajan George Mangalathu	33	1	18		99825675
St.James	7:00 PM	26 Sept	Manoj Cherian	33B	3	47	Opposite Jawad Catering	25664927
St.Johns	8:00 PM	26 Sept	Oommen John (Aniyankunju)	35	2	9	Orthodox Building No.:1	99554470
St.Marys	8:00 PM	12-Sep	Varghese Oommen (Sabu)	168	5	13	Khaitan Near Carmel School st.98	9903 6481
St.Peters	8:00 PM	19 Sept	Manu C Varghese		3		Beside Yatrika Hotel, Near Indian Bakkala	22493245
Brahmavar	11:30 AM	19 Sept	Johnson D Souza				Farwaniya	97435746

Indian Orthodox Mercy Fellowship

IOMF General Body & Annual Picnic will be held on Friday, September 26 after the Holy Qurbana.

Mar Baselios Movement

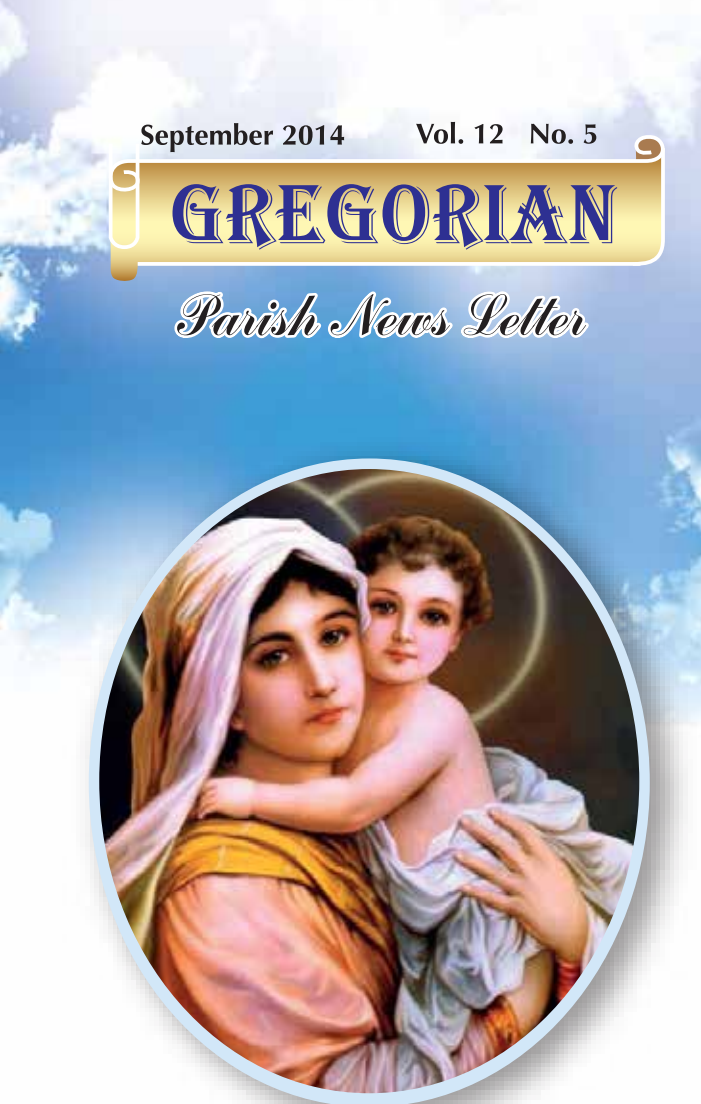
- MBM Monthly prayer meeting will be held on 13th September, Saturday at 7:45 PM. Venue will be informed later.
- MBM General Body meeting will be held on 26th September, Friday at 10:45 AM. Venue will be informed later.

Mar Gregorios Movement

MGM monthly Prayer Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th September, 2014 @ 7:30 PM at Alphonsa Hall, Abbassiya.

Church Calendar

Sep 1	8 Day Lent (Ettu Nombu) Convention Begins
Sep 2	Commemoration of H.G Yuyakim Mar Kurilose Metropolitan
Sep 4	Commemoration of Mylapara Mathews Ramban
Sep 7	Fourth Sunday After Shoonoyo
Sep 8	Feast of The Birth Of St. Mary, The Mother Of God
Sep 9	Feast of Youyakim And Hanna
Sep 14	Sleebea Perunaal (Exaltation of the Holy Cross) ; Anniversary of the 'Servants of the Cross' Community
Sep 21	First Sunday After Festival of Holy Cross
Sep 23	Commemoration of H.G. Alvares Mar Yulios (Panjim St.Mary's Church,Goa)
Sep 28	Second Sunday After Festival of Holy Cross, Commemoration of H.G Philipose Mar Theophilos (Thrikkunathu Seminary)



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