



From the Vicar's Desk

The month of August has a special significance, as far as the Orthodoxy is concerned with two important feasts that's coming up one is the Feast of Transfiguration and another is the Feast of Assumption. Here is a special time for all of us to brood and think in terms of our lives in terms of the feast. The culmination of the Holy Trinity in our lives and the honor one gets in a life time for being submissive to the will of God.

The Transfiguration of Jesus is an event reported in the New Testament when Jesus is transfigured and becomes radiant in glory upon a mountain. The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew 17:1–8, Mark 9:2–8, Luke 9:28–36) describe it, and the Second Epistle of Peter also refers to it (2 Peter 1:16–18). It has also been hypothesized that the first chapter of the Gospel of John alludes to it (John 1:14).

In these accounts, Jesus and three of his apostles, Peter, James, John, go to a mountain (the Mount of Transfiguration) to pray. On the mountain, Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light. Then the prophets Moses and Elijah appear next to him and he speaks with them. Jesus is then called "Son" by a voice in the sky, assumed to be God the Father, as in the Baptism of Jesus.

In the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Transfiguration falls during the Dormition Fast, but in recognition of the feast the fast is relaxed on this day.

In the Orthodox view the Transfiguration is not only a feast in honor of Jesus, but a feast of the Holy Trinity, for all three Persons of the Trinity are interpreted as being present at that moment: God the Father spoke from heaven; God the Son was the one being transfigured, and God the Holy Spirit was present in the form of a cloud. In this sense, the transfiguration is also considered the "Small Epiphany" (the "Great Epiphany" being the Baptism of Jesus, when the Holy Trinity appeared in a similar pattern).

The Dormition or Assumption (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated on August 15. The Feast of the Dormition, which is also sometimes called the Assumption, commemorates the death, resurrection and glorification of Christ's mother. It proclaims that Mary has been "assumed" by God into the heavenly kingdom of Christ in the fullness of her spiritual and bodily existence.

According to Orthodox Tradition, Mary died like all humanity, "falling asleep," so to speak, as the name of the feast indicates. She died as all people die, not "voluntarily" as her Son, but by the necessity of her mortal human nature which is indivisibly bound up with the corruption of this world. The feast was added to the Roman calendar in the seventh century as the Dormitio. In the eighth century, the title was changed to the Assumptio (Assumption).

The Apostles were miraculously summoned to this event, and all were present except Thomas the Apostle when Mary passed from this life. She was then buried. Thomas the Apostle arrived a few days later, and desiring to see her one more time, convinced the others to open her tomb. Upon doing so, the Apostles discovered that her body was no longer present. This event is seen as a firstfruits of the resurrection of the faithful that will occur at the Second Coming of Christ.

The Orthodox Church teaches that Mary is without personal sins; as well that Mary truly needed to be saved by Christ as all human persons are saved from the trials, sufferings, and death of this world. She truly died and was raised up by her Son as the Mother of Life and participates already in the eternal life of paradise. This life of paradise is prepared and promised to all who "hear the word of God and keep it."

Let's with fervor and joy come across these two feasts which the Holy Church has given us to be grow steadfast in love. May the intercession of St Mary be all of us.

Yours in Lord

Fr. Jacob Thomas



WORSHIP SCHEDULE - HOLY QURBANA

Date	Day	Time	Venue
3-Aug	Friday	6:00 AM	Ace Hall, Abbasiya (Basement of Subway)
		6:30 AM	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
		8:15 AM	NECK
		5:30 PM	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
4-Aug	Saturday	5:30 PM	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
5-Aug	Sunday	6:30 PM	* St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
		6:30 PM	* St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
7-Aug	Tuesday	5:30 PM	NECK
10-Aug	Friday	6:00 AM	Ace Hall, Abbasiya (Basement of Subway)
		6:30 AM	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
		8:15 AM	NECK
		5:30 PM	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
11-Aug	Saturday	5:30 PM	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
14-Aug	Tuesday	6:30 PM	** St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
		5:30 PM	** NECK
		6:30 PM	** St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
		6:00 AM	Ace Hall, Abbasiya (Basement of Subway)
17-Aug	Friday	6:30 AM	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
		8:15 AM	NECK
		5:30 PM	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
		5:30 PM	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
18-Aug	Saturday	5:30 PM	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
21-Aug	Tuesday	5:30 PM	NECK
24-Aug	Friday	6:00 AM	Ace Hall, Abbasiya (Basement of Subway)
		6:30 AM	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
		6:30 AM	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
		7:00 AM	NECK (South Tent)
25-Aug	Saturday	5:30 PM	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
28-Aug	Tuesday	5:30 PM	NECK
31-Aug	Friday	6:00 AM	Ace Hall, Abbasiya (Basement of Subway)
		6:30 AM	St. George Chapel, Abbasiya
		8:15 AM	NECK
		5:30 PM	St. Mary's Chapel, Salmiya
Important days		* Feast of Transfiguration ** Feast of Assumption of St. Mary	

CHURCH CALENDAR

Date	Church Calendar
1-Aug-18	15 Days Lent commences (Shoonoyo), Feast of Martyrs Marth Shmouny, her 7 children and Eliazar their teacher, Commemoration of L.L. Paulose Mar Pachomios Metropolitan (Bethany Ashramam, Perunaad, Ranni)
5-Aug-18	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
6-Aug-18	The feast of Transfiguration (Koodaara Perunnal), Commemoration of L.L. Alexios Mar Theodosios Metropolitan (Bethany Ashramam, Perunaad, Ranni)
12-Aug-18	First Sunday after the festival of Transfiguration, Feast of St. Azazayel the Martyr
14-Aug-18	Commemoration of Prophet Micha
15-Aug-18	Feast of the Assumption of St Mary (Shoonoyo), Martha Mariam Vanitha Samajam day, Commemoration of Patriarch Mar Ignatios Abded Meshiha (Kurkuma Dayara at Devalokam), Independence day
16-Aug-18	Commemoration of L.L. Mar Ivanios Hidayatulla Metropolitan (Mulunthuruthy Church)
19-Aug-18	First Sunday after the festival of the Assumption of St Mary, Feast of Saint Labbaeus (Thaddeus) the Apostle, Commemoration of L.L. Joseph Mar Pachomios Metropolitan (Mulakulam Carmel Kunnupally)
20-Aug-18	Commemoration of Prophet Samuel
24-Aug-18	Feast of St. Matthias the Apostle
26-Aug-18	Second Sunday after the festival of the Assumption of St Mary
29-Aug-18	Commemoration of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist
30-Aug-18	Commemoration of Mar Gabriel Episcopa (Kottayam Cheriapalli)
31-Aug-18	Commemoration of L.L. Mathews Mar Ivanios Metropolitan (Puthenpuram Dayara, Pampady)

Feast of Transfiguration



Feast of Transfiguration of our Lord is observed on 6th August by the Holy Church as a Canonical Feast. Holy Qurbana will be celebrated on Sunday, 5th August 2018 at St. Mary's Chapel Salmiya, and St. George Chapel Abbasiya.

15 Days Lent & Shoonoyo Perunnal (Assumption of St. Mary)



Fifteen Days Lent is observed from the 1st of August till 15th August. SHOONOYO perunnal (Assumption of St. Mary to Heaven) is commemorated on 15th August, 2018. The Holy Qurbana will be celebrated on Tuesday evening 14th August, 2018 at St. Mary's Chapel Salmiya, St. George Chapel Abbasiya and St. Gregorios Maha Edavaka - NECK Kuwait City. During Aug. 1st to 14th (except on H.Q. days), evening prayer and intercessory prayers also will be held. All Parishioners are requested observe the lent with reverence, partake in the Holy Qurbana and be blessed.

WORD OF GRATITUDE



SGIOC(ME) expresses our whole hearted gratitude to Rev. Fr. K. I. Varghese, Vicar of St. George Orthodox Cathedral Nagpur for having accepted our invitation and providing selfless service to our Maha Edavaka. Achen hails from Karichal and is presently Kolkata Diocesan Council Member.

Harvest Festival 2018

Harvest Festival of our Parish will be held on Friday 9th November, 2018 at Indian Central School- Jleeb. Harvest Festival Committee invites active participation of all Parish members to make this event a grand success. We solicit your immense support by promoting the Raffle Coupon Sale, sourcing commercial & personal advertisements for the Souvenir and securing Sponsorship for the Fest. Also, requesting your earnest Prayers for this mega event. Further updates will be available in due course.

Marth Mariam Samajam

Chain Prayer is scheduled on Wednesday, 1st August.

A half-day conference to commemorate the ൨൩൩൩ ദിനം will be held on Saturday, 11th August at St. Marys Chapel Salmiya. All MMS members are requested to attend the same.

SGIOC Jubilee Veda Maha Vidyalayam

All Sunday School Students and Teachers are requested to observe the **Shoonoyo lent** with reverence, attend worship as per schedule and be blessed.

SS Re-opens on Thursday, 13th September at SS City and Friday, 14th September at SS Abbasiya.

SSFC Exams Registration – Registration Cutoff date for appearing SSFC & XII Exam is 28th September. Reg. Fees will be KD. 2.500

Talent Scan Forms to be returned back to SS Admin by **August 17th**.

St. Gregorios OCYM

OCYM **General Body Meeting** will be held on Sunday, 12th August, 2018 at 7:30 pm at Parsonage Office, Abbasiya.

Independence Day Flag Hoisting Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, 15th August at 6:30 am at Parsonage Office, Abbasiya.

OCYM **Monthly Prayer Meeting** will be held at the residence of Mr. Cibhu Alex Chacko, Fatima Al Mulla Bldg., Flat# 9, Floor #5, Next to Amiri Hospital, Sharq, Kuwait City, on Thursday, 16th August, 2018, at 7 pm. Mobile # 6500 3040. All Members are requested to attend the meetings.

Indian Orthodox Mercy Fellowship

IOMF **General Body** will be held on 31st August, 2018 at Nandanam Hall, Salmiya at 11:00 am.

Mar Baselios Movement

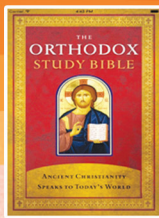
MBM **General Body** will be held on 24th August, 2018 at Orma Plaza Auditorium, Abbasiya at 11:15 am.

Mar Gregorios Movement

A Leadership and Personality Development Workshop for children at 9 am and a **Divine Retreat** for all members (including children) is scheduled at 11:30 am on Thursday, 23rd August, 2018 at Orma Auditorium, Abbasiya. Members are requested to register their name with the concerned area representatives on or before 10th August, 2018.

Anti-Alcoholism Movement

AAM **Monthly Prayer Meeting** will be held on Sunday, 5th August, 2018 at 7:30 pm at Parsonage Office, Abbasiya.



LECTIONARY

Date	Day	Old	Catholic	Pauline/Other Letters	Gospel
01/08/2018	WEDNESDAY	II KING 3: 1-6	II PET 3: 1-5	II COR 8: 1-5	ST MARK 14: 1-5
02/08/2018	THURSDAY	II KING 3: 7-11	II PET 3: 6-10	II COR 8: 6-10	ST MARK 14: 6-9
03/08/2018	FRIDAY	II KING 3: 12-19	II PET 3: 11-14	II COR 8: 11-15	ST MARK 14: 10-15
04/08/2018	SATURDAY	II KING 3: 20-27	II PET 3: 15-17	II COR 8: 16-21	ST MARK 14: 16-21
05/08/2018	SUNDAY	JOSHUA 23: 7-14	ST JAMES 2:14-26	I COR 14: 34-39	ST MARK 6: 7-13
06/08/2018	MONDAY (FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION)	PSALMS 24	I JOHN 2: 23- 29	ROM 11: 25-36	ST LUKE 9: 27-36
07/08/2018	TUESDAY	II KING 4: 1-7	I JOHN 1: 1-5	II COR 8: 22-24	ST MARK 14: 22-26
08/08/2018	WEDNESDAY	II KING 4: 8-13	I JOHN 1: 6-10	II COR 9: 1-5	ST MARK 14: 27-31
09/08/2018	THURSDAY	II KING 4: 14-17	I JOHN 2: 1-6	II COR 9: 6-10	ST MARK 14: 32- 36
10/08/2018	FRIDAY	II KING 4: 18-22	I JOHN 2: 7-11	II COR 9: 11-15	ST MARK 14: 37-42
11/08/2018	SATURDAY	II KING 4: 23-27	I JOHN 2: 12-17	II COR 10: 1-6	ST MARK 14: 43-49
12/08/2018	SUNDAY	PSALMS 27	ST JAMES 5: 1-6	PHILIP. 4: 8-20	ST MATTHEW 21: 28-32
13/08/2018	MONDAY	II KING 4: 28-31	I JOHN 2: 18-23	II COR 10: 7-11	ST MARK 14: 50-56
14/08/2018	TUESDAY	II KING 4: 32-37	I JOHN 2: 24-29	II COR 10: 12-18	ST MARK 14: 57-65
15/08/2018	WEDNESDAY (FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF ST MARY)	ISAIAH 45: 11-19	ACTS 7: 44-53	HEB. 2: 14-18	ST MATTHEW 12: 46-50
16/08/2018	THURSDAY	II KING 4: 38-41	I JOHN 3: 1-6	II COR 11: 1-4	ST MARK 14: 66-72
17/08/2018	FRIDAY	II KING 4: 42-44	I JOHN 3: 7- 10	II COR 11: 5-10	ST MARK 15: 1-5
18/08/2018	SATURDAY	II KING 5: 1-6	I JOHN 3: 11-18	II COR 11: 11-15	ST MARK 15: 6-10
19/08/2018	SUNDAY	I SAM 8: 4-9	I JOHN 2: 22-29	EPH. 6: 10-17	ST LUKE 6: 39-45
20/08/2018	MONDAY	II KING 5: 7-10	I JOHN 3: 19-24	II COR 11: 16-20	ST MARK 15: 11-15
21/08/2018	TUESDAY	II KING 5: 11-15	I JOHN 4: 1-6	II COR 11: 21-25	ST MARK 15: 16-20
22/08/2018	WEDNESDAY	II KING 5: 16- 18	I JOHN 4: 7-12	II COR 11: 26- 29	ST MARK 15: 21-28
23/08/2018	THURSDAY	II KING 5: 19-22	I JOHN 4: 13-16	II COR 11: 30- 33	ST MARK 15: 29-32
24/08/2018	FRIDAY	II KING 5: 23-27	I JOHN 4: 17- 21	II COR 12: 1-5	ST MARK 15: 33-36
25/08/2018	SATURDAY	II KING 6: 1-7	I JOHN 5: 1-5	II COR 12: 6-10	ST MARK 15: 37-41
26/08/2018	SUNDAY	PSALMS 12: 1-7	II PET 3: 8-14	I THES. 5: 1-11	ST LUKE 11: 9-20
27/08/2018	MONDAY	II KING 6: 8-12	I JOHN 5: 6-12	II COR 12: 11-15	ST MARK 15: 42-47
28/08/2018	TUESDAY	II KING 6: 13-17	I JOHN 5: 13-17	II COR 12: 16-21	ST MARK 16: 1-5
29/08/2018	WEDNESDAY	II KING 6: 18-23	I JOHN 5: 18-21	II COR 13: 1-4	ST MARK 16: 6-11
30/08/2018	THURSDAY	II KING 6: 24-29	II JOHN 1: 1-6	II COR 13: 5-8	ST MARK 16:12- 18
31/08/2018	FRIDAY	II KING 6: 30- 33	II JOHN 1: 7-11	II COR 13: 9-13	ST MARK 16: 19-20

PRAYER SCHEDULE

Group	Time	Date	Host	Bldg	Floor	Flat	Location	Telephone
St. Aprem	5.00 pm	03/08/2018	Beno Varghese		7	27	Holy star coffee shop Bldg	9713 4875
		10/08/2018	Geevarghese M. Mammen	15119	2	3	Opp. New BEC Bldg	9952 7749
		24/08/2018	John George	15121	3	14	Q8 Shoppee Bldg	6660 4227
		31/08/2018	John P. G.	15121	1	5	Q8 Shoppee Bldg	5175 4804
St. Behenan	5.30 pm	03/08/2018	Mr.Shaji Samuel		2	11	Kyber Super Market Bldg	9479 5112
		10/08/2018	Mr.John.P.Thomas		5	29	Opp.Kerala Saloon New Bldg	6614 4626
		17/08/2018	Mr.Shaji Abraham		4	13	Opp.Joy Alukkas Exchange 2nd Bldg	2431 1639
		24/08/2018	Mr.K.V. Thomas		1	3	Makka Store Last Bldg	2434 0489
		31/08/2018	Mr.Saji John		4	16	Makka Store Bldg	6031 7659
St. Elias	5.00 pm	03/08/2018	Mr.Roymon K. Issac		3	12	Gulf Dream Shop Bldg.	6658 2728
		10/08/2018	Mr.Binu Koshy		7	28	Near Royal City Clinic-Madan saloon	5160 2255
		17/08/2018	Mr.Ninan Thomas		5	18	Anwar Super Market (right wing)	6628 4523
		24/08/2018	Mr.Jose John		1	3	Double Bldg.	9497 2060
St. Gregorios	5.30 pm	31/08/2018	Mr.Jebby Jacob Mathew		4	28	Near Gulf Dream Shop	9728 6528
		17/08/2018	Mr.Zachariah Mammen	1730	2	12	Near Choco Heaven	9750 3764
		03/08/2018	Mr. Jacob Philip		0	84	Ground floor of Address Bldg.	6672 0280
		10/08/2018	Mr. Varghese George		1	4	Next to old Pakistani mosque Bldg.	6659 4034
St. George	5.00 pm	17/08/2018	Mr. Charlie John		5	20	Next to old Unique store number 3	9924 7463
		31/08/2018	Mr. Shibin George		3	12	Top star/ Blue Star hotel Bldg.	6640 6938
St. Ignatius	5.00 pm	03/08/2018	Mr.Bijo Jacob		5	25	Church Bldg	5592 5439
		10/08/2018	Mr.Roy N.K		3	9	Rahman Store Bldg	6639 6204
		17/08/2018	Mr.Eby Samuel		5	18	Golden Gift Centre Bldg	6587 3642
		24/08/2018	Mr.Thomas Kunjappy		1	3	Near Golden Gift Centre	5500 2955
		31/08/2018	Mr.Sajimon Thomas.		7	28	Opp Highland (Maharaja Rest.Bldg)	5517 1743
St. Jude	5.00 pm	03/08/2018	Mr.Soji Varghese		6	45	Mebena Ladies Saloon Bldg	5527 1991
		10/08/2018	Mr.Ninan Joseph		2	5	Opp.Rainbow Store Bldg	6593 1105
		17/08/2018	Mr.Lijo George Abraham		6	24	Opp.Chappra Mosque.Corner	6636 7571
		24/08/2018	Mr.Sam Pynumoodde		4	10	Left Side Highway Center Bldg	6665 6642
		31/08/2018	Mr.Biju George		7	28	Opp.Chappra Mosque, Corner	6638 7935
St. Kuriakose	5.00 pm	03/08/2018	Mr.Ron Varghese Simon		7	26	Apsara Beauty Parlour Bldg	6648 5659
		10/08/2018	Mr.Zachariah Jacob		7	27	Apsara Beauty Parlour Bldg	6688 4470
		17/08/2018	Mr.George Joseph		1	4	Angel Beauty Parlour Bldg.	6663 1532
		24/08/2018	Mr.Sherry Jacob Kurien		2	9	Caesars Travels Bldg.	6990 5111
		10/08/2018	Mr.Thampi Lukose		4	48	Oman Exchange Bldg	6646 1684
St. Luke	5.00 pm	17/08/2018	Mr.Kochu Koshy John		2	9	Choice Centre Bldg	9474 1558
		24/08/2018	Mr.John Mathew		2	6	Hardware Bldg	6642 7652
		31/08/2018	Mr.Sminu Yohannan		2	9	Electrical Substation	5092 1151
		17/08/2018	Mr.Binodgi Cherian		4	13	Safa Restaurant Bldg	6606 7006
St. Mark	5.30 pm	31/08/2018	Mr.Jerry Mathew		8	29	Successlines Bldg	9760 2047
St. Mathew	5.00 pm	10/08/2018	Mr.Cherian Abraham		1	3	Swad Restaurant Bldg	6512 0751
		31/08/2018	Mr.Viju K. Job		4	22	Kerala Saloon Bldg.	9750 8764
St. Philipose	5.30 pm	10/08/2018	Mr.Jojoy Thomas Babu		3	13	Al-Mulla Exchange Bldg	9785 7410
		17/08/2018	Mr.Reji Chacko Varghese		5	24	Beside Dollar Co Bldg	9943 7827
		24/08/2018	Mr.Biju Yohannan		8	28	Opp.German Clinc	6657 0840
		31/08/2018	Mr.Thomas Mathew		3	8	Opp.German Clinc	9768 9423
St. Thomas	5.30 pm	03/08/2018	Mr.Philips John	39	5	19	Unique Auto Work Shop	9954 8878
		10/08/2018	Mr.Chacko P. Mathew		5	19	Saheel bakary Bldg.	6671 4310
		24/08/2018	Mr.Biju Daniel		2	16	Hi-Tech Computer Bldg.	9491 9575
		31/08/2018	Mr.Ajo C. Thomas		3	12	Madappally Work Shop Bldg.	9723 3914
St. Pauls	5.30 pm	10/08/2018	Mr.Mathew Samuel		4	8	Unique Store left - C. A/C Bldg.	9791 9306
		24/08/2018	Mr.Varghese Oommen		7	29	India Saree House Bldg.	6046 9943
		31/08/2018	Mr.Joy George Mullamthanam	144	1	13	Best Bakers Bldg.	9558 4011
St. Johns	8.00 pm	24/08/2018	Mr.Reji Oommen		7	21	Near Chapel Bldg.	6640 3992
St. Dionysius	5.30 pm	24/08/2018	Mr.Shibu Mathew	18	2	5	Near White Rose Restaurant	9767 9500
St. Andrews	6.30 pm	24/08/2018	Mr.George K. Abraham		9	25	U A E Exchange Bldg.	9719 0792
St. James	7.00 pm	24/08/2018	Mr.Anoop Joy	38	9	38	Bl-12,Str-3,Salmiya	6502 4137
St. Marys	7.30 pm	10/08/2018	Mr.K.K Thampy	1303	5	10	Near Burger King, Opp.Royal Palace Bakala	6653 3389
St. Bursouma	7.00 pm	12/08/2018	Bachelors Prayer Sunday	Abbassiya Office Parsonage				6634 7396
Brahmavar	11.30 am	10/08/2018	Brahmavar Prayer					9932 0972



Let's Pray!

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