

GREETING THE SAINT AT THE PORTALS OF THE NEW CHURCH YEAR



The junction of October – November marks the opening of the Church Year. It may not be casual that we meet the first canonized saint of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church at the very beginning of the Church Year, and seek his blessings and intercession!

The calendar year of the church is so organized that within the span of twelve months we commemorate and celebrate the salvific events entrusted to us by our Lord.

Hence we pass through, spiritually and emotionally and sacramentally, the ministry of Christ, His crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension and Second Coming; in the company of saints, martyrs and Doctors of the Church, who have nourished the life of the Church by their life and witness.

Every New Year brings in its wake a new hope, and dreams for a brighter future; and resolutions for better organization of our lives. The Church looks forward to her journey with her Lord and Master in this transitory world and in the world to come. This she does, by purging herself from all worldly blemishes and selfishness, from those influences and guiles, which draw her away from her Saviour. Thus, the opening of the Church Year calls for all – round and sincere cleansing of the "body politic" of the Church. This she hopes to attain through repentance, atonement for her foibles, and entreating her Lord to accomplish His Eternal Purposes through her, despite her shortcomings. Hence the Church addresses the very opening of the Church Calendar Year as the time for the continuing sanctification of the Church. It is an occasion to recollect and be confirmed in her God – given vocation of spreading the Gospel, and continually bearing witness to the Kingdom of God. Koodosh Eetho, gives a clarion call for repentance, rededication of our lives, and to reorient it towards the purposes of God.

No wonder that God has arranged it in such a way that we meet St. Gregorios Parumala at the "door" opening to the New Year. There he stands, epitomizing the best and the most celebrated in the history, traditions and psyche of the Church. St. Gregorios is the doyen of the Nazrani legacy, who symbolizes the vision and spirituality of the Church in the East. The Church of the modern times needs to take a leaf from his life and work, for; he pioneered the spirit and work of Mission, theological formation of clergy and laid strong foundation for the monastic life. A multi faceted personality, he was a litterateur, visionary, great Church leader, and above all, a mystical saint. It is his saintly nature that attracts all – as he set the trend for many others to follow him in this. Like the centre piece of a constellation of light, he lighted many other lamps to lighten the Church, and give new hope to its faithful, far and near. His immediate disciples – Vattasseril Mar Dionysius and Catholicos Geevarghese II, and Pampady Mar Gregorios are the most brilliantly shining among them.

May his prayers be a stronghold for us throughout the New Year!

Dr. Yakob Mar Irenaios.
Diocesan Metropolitan for Kochi

Harvest Festival 2010

The Harvest festival of the Edavaka will be held on November 17, 2010 at the Al Jaleel Al Jadeed School, Hawally from 8.30 AM till 6.30 PM. HG (Dr.) Zachariah Mar Aprem will bless the festivities.

(EARLY BIRD Gold draw)

Main coupon counterfoils deposited between 8.00 & 10.00 AM will be eligible for "EARLY BIRD" Gold Draw.

Enjoy the Festive Cuisine, Traditional Breakfast & Lunch and variety of entertainment programs including "Music Extravaganza". All members are requested to attend the festival and make it a grand success

Prayer Meeting Schedule for November 2010

DATE	TIME	HOST	GROUP	BG.#	FL.#	FT.#	LOCATION	Tel. No.
26/11/2010	6:00 PM	Jacob George Vengal	St. Andrews	22	1	3	Opp.Senior Indian Community School	66833097
05/11/2010		Reju Chandy		117	2	6	Opp.Al Razi Pharmacy 1st Building	24340873
12/11/2010	5:30 PM	Tinkumon Joice	St. Behnans		3	11	Beside Khyber Supermarket Building	24319846
19/11/2010		Alex Cherian (Shaji)			5	22	Next to Naif Chicken Building	99127928
26/11/2010	5:00 PM	Tony K Mathew	St. Dionysius		9	5	Marthoma Church Building / Shamil Internet	97469293
05/11/2010		Varghese Eapen			1	20	APS Store Building	97725610
19/11/2010	5:00 PM	Thomas Varghese	St. Elias		3	8	Near Gents Look Saloon	24349426
26/11/2010		Saju V Scharia			8	54	New Building (Behind ALH building)	97890465
05/11/2010		Thomas Daniel		1537	6	26	Next to Old Pakistani Mosque Builing	97105339
12/11/2010	5:00 PM	Alex Varghese	St. George	1016	1	1	Restaurant 21 building & Mahima Bakhala	66617236
19/11/2010		Shibin George		64	3	12	Top Star Rest.Building(Old Blue Star rest.)	66406938
26/11/2010		Varghese Abraham		42	2	11	Time Out Restaurant Building	97267766
26/11/2010	7:00 PM	Mathew V Thomas	St. James	6	3	21	Opp.Jawad Restaurant, Al Gafari Street	66495993
26/11/2010	8:00 PM	Vinny Easow	St. Johns	35	2	6	Orthodox Building # 1	66001574
05/11/2010		Varghese Mathew		1716	2	6	Opp. Lovely Store Building	24341974
12/11/2010	5:30 PM	Benny Varghese	St. Luke	38	6	26	Opp.Electirc sub Station	24332750
19/11/2010		C T Kochumman		1716	2	5	Opp. Lovely Store Building	97569908
05/11/2010		Selvin Oonoony		17	5	20	Dayana Restaurant Building	99513556
12/11/2010	5:30 PM	Siby Alexander	St. Mark	100	2	12	Near Spencer Bldg	99092065
19/11/2010		Joseph Mathew Panicker		52	2	5	Kodak Building	24316852
26/11/2010		Thomas Cherian		52	1	2	Kodak Building	24317611
12/11/2010	8:00 PM	Sherry Philip	St. Mary	281	4	13	Al Arbeed building, Behind Crowne Plaza	55155093
05/11/2010		Zachariah Kurian Manimala			4	13	Apasara Beauty Parlour Building	24338954
12/11/2010	5:00 PM	Abraham Mathew (Sunny)	St. Mathew		2	6	Dryshya Studio Building	24347312
19/11/2010		Joseph Varghese			2	9	Opposite Blaser Tailor(Corner Building)Building	24312895
26/11/2010		Saji M Georoge			5	15	King Cook Restaurant Building	24337018
05/11/2010		Anu Mammen Abraham		New	9	70	Opp.Uduppi PalaceReasturant - right building	66323967
12/11/2010	5:30 PM	George Mathew	St. Pauls	C. A/C	3	5	Unique store left- Central A/c Building	66842707
19/11/2010		Abu Thomas Oommen(shyju)		154	5	25	Opp.New Holy Sweets restaurant	66030651
26/11/2010		Alex George		New	2	6	Holy Sweets restaurant building	99758669
12/11/2010	8:00 PM	Mathew Daniel	St. Peter		6F	212	Mariam Building, Dasman Round	50067000
05/11/2010		Sabu Jacob			1	2	Opposite Highland supermarket	24316857
12/11/2010	5:00 PM	Deepak Panicker	St. Philipose		6	23	Near Canary Restaurant	97572759
19/11/2010		Biju Yohannan			8	32	Opposite German Clinic	24317734
24/11/2010	8:00 PM	Viju Varghese	St. Stephens	317	Basement	20	Street # 9, Block # 10, Near Jabriya Indian School	99761816
05/11/2010		Alexander George		35	2	7	Beside Mookambika Jewellery	24316730
12/11/2010	5:30 PM	Mathews M O	St. Thomas	34	3	233	Classic Typing No.: 2	24317364
19/11/2010		Shaji George		45	1	4	Saheel Bakery	24337612
26/11/2010		Saju Cherian		20	2	9	Total Workshop	24337657

Additional Worship services – Holy Qurbana

At the NECK - Diwaniya on all Saturdays from 07:30 AM to 09:30 AM

At Prayer Hall, Abbassiya - Starting on November 06, 2010 from 6:00AM - 8:15 AM on all Fridays and on every Saturday 5:30PM - 8:15 PM



Parumala Perunnal and Parish Day

Parumala Perunnal & Parish day will be celebrated on November 04 & 05 (Thurs day & Friday). There will be Rasa on November 04 starting from 5: 00 PM and Parish day celebrations there after. Perunnal Qurbana will be celebrated on November 05, HG (Dr.) Zachariah Mar Aprem will be the chief celebrant. All members are requested to participate and partake of the blessings

Commemoration Service for Late H G Stephanos Mar Theodosius

Commemoration service of Late H.G. Stephanos Mar Theodosius, former Bishop of Calcutta Diocese Diocese to which our parish belongs will be held on Friday, November 05, 2010



Marthamariam Samajam

Area meeting will be held on Monday, November 01, 2010 from 6.00 p.m. at Salmiya Parsonage.

A special meeting chaired by HG (Dr.) Zachariah Mar Aprem will be held on Monday November 08, 2010 from 6:00 PM at Abbassiya parsonage.

Monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. at NECK - Hall of faith

Orthodox Christian Youth Movement

General meeting will be held on Friday November 12, 2010 at NECK-Hall of Goodness, after the Holy Qurbana.

Monthly prayer meeting will be held on Thursday 18th November 2010 at 7:30 PM at the residence of Mr. Ebey Samuel (Flat #18, 5th Floor, Rainbow Building, Near Integrated School, Abbassiya, Mob: No. 9442 4621)