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Dearly beloved brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ,

It was an awesome January. The nations welcomed new COVID 19 vaccines and are waiting for the outcome. Our nation got a new President Mr. Joe Biden and Vice President Ms. Kamala Harris. Let the Will of God guide them to give leadership to the nation, at this Pandemic age.

As a Church, we celebrated the Epiphany and Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ (Jan.6). Then we observed 3 days Lent, the smallest Lent but we observed it with great importance. This Lent is a shadow of the Great Lent or 50 days Lent, which is observed 18 days after the 3-day-Lent. We prepare for the Great Lent carefully, keeping our forefathers, who taught us the faith, in memory. The first Sunday in between the 18 days is the Sunday of the Commemoration of the Departed Priests. The second Sunday is the Sunday of the Commemoration of all the Departed (Anide). The Sunday afterward is the first Sunday of the Great Lent (Kothne) and after 7 weeks, it is Kyamtha Sunday or Easter. The Church teaches us to prepare for the Great Lent in a spiritual manner so that the Holy Church can continue, accustoming the faithful to the ascetical struggle of fasting and gradual incorporation of abstinence, as we give much importance for prayers, retreats, and meditations.

May all these observances help us to turn our hearts in obedience to God's will in our lives and be spiritually prepared to embark on the journey of the Great Lent which lies ahead, that will enable us to regain the Lost Paradise!

Yours in His service,

Lovingly,

John Thomas Achen

Important Church Dates

- Feb. 2nd: Entry of Jesus Christ into the Temple (Mayalho)
- Feb. 3rd: Commemoration of All Departed Holy Church Fathers
- Feb. 7th: Remembrance of all Departed Faithful (Anide Sunday)
- Feb. 13th: Memory of Saint Ignatius Elias III
- Feb. 14th: Wedding at Cana (Kothne /Pethurtha Sunday)
- Feb. 15th: Great Lent starts (Shubkono)
- Feb. 16th: Remembrance of H.G. Geevarghese Mar Osthathios
- Feb. 21st: 2nd Sunday of Great Lent (Garbo-Leper)
- Feb. 23rd: Remembrance of H.G. Thomas Mar Makarios.
- Feb. 23rd: Feast of Saint Geevarghese Mar Dionysius (Vattasseril Bava)
- Feb. 24th: Feast of St. Mathew the Evangelist
- Feb. 28th: Feast of St. Ephrem
- Feb. 28th: 3rd Sunday of Great Lent (M'Shario - Paralytic)

Shubkono (2/15)

The first day of Great Lent begins with reconciliation leading into repentance. This is a doorway into the journey of lent where we mourn the loss of the the greatest gift of mankind.



English Qurbana Date : February 6th

Upcoming Events

Children's Day!

Program Coordinators: Amrita Roy & Shari Jacob

MC's: Emma Joseph & Rachel John

Featured virtual program to be aired on Feb. 14th @6:30 PM

In place of General Session on Feb. 13th, there will be a sunday school/youth discussion on topic: "All are equal in His sight"

Keynote Speaker: Jamy Chamakalayil

Time: 5PM

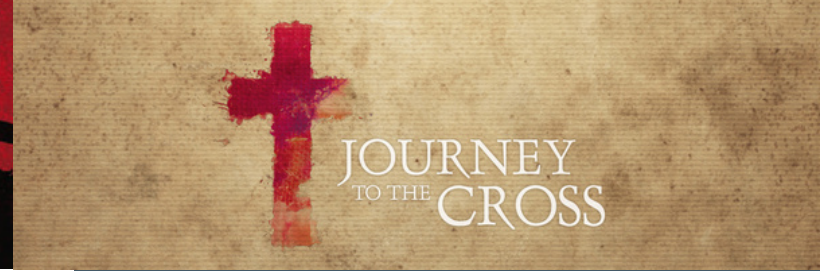
Message from the Youth Leaders

Hello Everyone,

We hope that everyone had a good start to this new year of 2021!

We observed the Nineveh lent on January 25th which is a good preparation for our entry into the great lent. We will be having our church's children's day on the 14th of February and we are looking forward to seeing everyone's talents in singing and dancing. Bible studies are very important to staying close in the word, so we will be hosting one in February, and we encourage the entirety of the youth to attend. Like always the Bible Study focuses on the theme of the retreat. For this month we will tackle the theme from the 4th ever retreat back in 2010 of "**Search After God's Own Heart**". The theme is taken from 1 Samuel 13:14. In addition, our Achen has graciously allowed us to attend English Qurbana once a month for our youth and Sunday school children. We hope you all take advantage of this opportunity to attend. We need you all to participate to help our youth grow stronger. We love you and will always pray for each and everyone of you.

Sincerely,
The Youth Leaders



February's Gospel Readings

Sunday of All Departed Faithful (2/7) - St. Luke 12:32-49

Jesus instructs his followers to be vigilant, prepare and be ready for his second coming. Apostle Luke paints us a picture of how we can prepare ourselves for the Lord's return. Our readiness for the Lord's return will be rewarded with eternal salvation.

Wedding at Cana (Kothne/Pethurtha Sunday) (2/14) - St John 2:1-11

First Sunday of the Great Lent - Jesus performs his first miracle by turning water into wine at a wedding feast in Cana and His glory was revealed for the first time.

2nd Sunday of the Great Lent (Garbo-Leper) (2/21) - St Luke 5:12-16; 4:40-41

Jesus performs his second miracle by healing a man with leprosy. Through this miracle, Jesus displays His Power and Compassion for those who approach Him with humility and faith.

3rd Sunday of the Great Lent (M'Shario-Paralytic) (2/28) - St. Mark 2:1-12

Jesus performs his third miracle by healing a paralyzed man. This passage reiterates that the one purpose of Christ's coming into the world is to forgive sins and freeing humanity from its bondage.

Special thanks to:

- President: Rev. Fr. John Thomas
- Church Leaders:
 - Secretary: Mr. Monzy Mani
 - Treasurer: Mr. Geevarghese Jacob
 - Youth Senior Advisors: Blessy Tharian & Tharun Eapen
- Editors: Michael Mani & Ryan Jose
- Youth Leaders:
 - Vice President: Alvin Cherian
 - Secretary: Emma Joseph
 - Treasurer: Alex Mani

Vattasseril Bava is known as Malankara Sabha Bhasuran (The Great Luminary of Malankara Orthodox Church). We remember his rich contribution to Malankara Orthodox Church. **Vattasseril Thirumeni** was a man of prayer, determination and dynamism.



The Feast of Mayaltho

Also known as the Presentation of our Lord to the Temple, it marks 40 days after his birth and symbolizes the transition from old law to new as Christ is the true redeemer of the human race.



Zoom Links

- EVENING PRAYER:**
SATURDAYS AT 6:15 PM MEDITATION & 6:30 PM PRAYER
DIAL +16465588656
MEETING ID: 841 6201 2423
ENTER # FOR PARTICIPANT
- SUNDAY SCHOOL GENERAL SESSION**
SATURDAYS AT 5:30 PM
[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/83091421672](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83091421672)
MEETING ID: 830 9142 1672
PASSCODE: 935461
- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:**
(FRIDAY FEB 19TH @ 6:30PM)

Prayer Requests

For the well-being of our church and community

The church mourns the loss of our member
Mrs. Mariamma Mathews.
Keeping the family in our prayers.