

# MANKARA ORTHODOX SYRAN CHURCH

# LITURGICAL CALENDAR - 2023

#### **JANUARY**

- 1. New Year. First Sunday after Christmas. (Niram 2)
- Circumcision of our Lord, Feast of St. Basil and St. Gregory & All the Holy 3. 59<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of HH Baselios
- 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) 7. Feast Commemorating the Beheading
- of St. John the Baptist 8. First Sunday after Epiphany.
- 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. 21. 14<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of HG Philipose
- Mar Eusebius Metropolitan (St. Basil Dayara, Pathanamthitta). 22. Third Sunday after Epiphany.
- 207<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of Marthoma VIII (Puthencavu Cathedral). 23. Commemoration of St. Augen the
- 26. 17<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of HH Baselios Marthoma Mathews II Catholicos (Mount HorebAshram, Shastamkotta). 69th Commemoration of HG Paulose Mar Athanasios Metropolitan (Thrikku nnathu Seminary, Aluva). Republic Day.
- 29.Sunday before Nineveh Lent (Pethurtho of Nineveh Fast). Commemoration of All Departed
- Fathers and Malpans. 30. Monday of Nineveh Lent.

### **FEBRUARY**

- 2. Mayaltho (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). 55<sup>th</sup> 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).
- 9. 14<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of HG Mathews Mar Epiphanios Metropolitan (St. Thomas Cathedral, Kollam).
- 12.Commemoration of all the Departed Faithful (Anide Sunday).
- 13.91st Commemoration of Patriarch Ignatius Elias III (Manjinikkara Dayara).
- 16. 11<sup>th</sup> 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). 15<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of HG Thomas
- Mar Makarios Metropolitan (Devalokam Aramana, Kottayam). Feast of St. Policarpos 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. 132<sup>nd</sup> Commemoration of Ambattu Geevarghese Mar Coorilos Metropolitan (Angamaly Cheriyapally).
- 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

- 18.61st Commemoration of HG Paulose Mar Severios Metropolitan
- (Kunnamkulam Arthat Puthen Pally). 19. Fifth Sunday of Great Lent (Kpiptho/Crippled woman).
- 93<sup>rd</sup> Commemoration of HG Sleeba Mar Osthathios Metropolitan (Kunnam kulam 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)
- 3. Monday of the Holy Week. 4. Tuesday of the Holy Week.
- 5. Wednesday of the Holy Week. 58th Commemoration of HG Kuriakose Mar Gregorios Metropolitan (Pampady Dayara).
- 6. Passover (Maundy Thursday). 7. Holy Friday of Crucifixion. 215th Commemoration of Valiya Mar Dionysius Metropolitan (Marthoma VI)
- (Puthencavu Cathedral). 8. Gospel Saturday (Saturday of Good
- 9. Kyomtho/Easter. (Evening to 1st Kauma of Night - Niram 8; Then Niram 1)
- 10. Hevoro Monday. (Niram 2)
- 11. Hevoro Tuesday. (Niram 3)
- 12. Hevoro Wednesday. (Niram 4) 10<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of HG Geevarghese Mar Ivanios Metropolitan (Mar Baselios Dayara, Njaliakuzhy).
- 13. Hevoro Thursday. (Niram 5) 14. Hevoro Friday. (Niram 6)
- Commemoration of Confessors of 327<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of Marthoma II (Niranam Valiyapally).
- 15. Hevoro Saturday. (Niram 7)
- 16.New Sunday (First Sunday after Easter). (Evening to 1st Kauma of Night - Niram 8; Then Niram 1)
- 17. 72<sup>nd</sup> Commemoration of *Catholicate* Ratnadeepam HG Geevarghese Mar Philoxenos Metropolitan (Puthencavu
- 21. 229<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of Yuhanon Mar Ivanios Episcopa (Chengannur Old Syrian Church)
- 22. 335<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of Marthoma III (Kadampanadu Cathedral).
- 23. First Sunday after New Sunday (Second Sunday after Easter).
  - Feast of St. George.
- 25.353<sup>rd</sup> Commemoration of Marthoma I (Ankamali Cheriyapally) Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist.
- 27. 352<sup>nd</sup> Commemoration of Mar Gregorios Abdel Jaleel Bava (Vadakan Paravur Church). 29. Commemoration of Mar Sabor & Mar
- Afroth.
- **30.Second Sunday after New Sunday** (Third Sunday after Easter). (Niram 3)

# MAY

- 1. Commemoration of St. James the Apostle (Son of Zebedee).
- 3. 110<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of HH Baselios Paulose I Catholicos (Pampakuda Cheriyapally).
- 7. Third Sunday after New Sunday (Fourth Sunday after Easter).
- 8. Feast of St. John the Apostle. 258<sup>th</sup> 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. 33<sup>rd</sup> Commemoration of HG Yuhanon Mar Severios Metropolitan (Zion
- Seminary, Koratty). 18. Ascension of our Lord (Sulogo). (Niram 5)
- 19.198<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of HG Mar Dionysius III (Punnathra) Metropolitan (Kottayam Cheriyapally).
- 19-27. The Days of Preparation to Pentecost.



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

- 20. Commemoration of the King Constantine and Helen the Queen. Commemoration of the 4 Evangelists, All fathers of the 3 Ecumenical Synods.
- 21.Fifth Sunday after New Sunday (Sixth Sunday after Easter -**Sunday before Pentecost).** (Niram 6)
- Sunday School Day. 26.9<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of HH Baselios Marthoma Didymus I Catholicos (Mount Tabor Dayara,
- Pathanapuram). 28.Pentecost Sunday. (Niram 7) 29. Commemoration of St. Aaron the Monk.

### JUNE

- 2. Golden Friday (Friday after Pentecost). (Niram 3)
- 4. First Sunday after Pentecost. (Niram 8)
- 5. World Environment Day. 6. 98<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of Karottuveettil
- **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. 134<sup>th</sup> 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
- Sleeha 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)

## **JULY**

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

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- 3. x Dukhrono of St. Thomas.
- 5. Feast of the 72 Evangelists. 214<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of Marthoma VII (Kolencherry Church).
- 7. 26<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of HG Zachariah Mar Dionysius Metropolitan (Mount Tabor
- Dayara, Pathanapuram). 9. Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. (Niram 5)
- 10.250th Commemoration of HG Yuhanon Mar Gregorios Metropolitan (Mulanthuruthy Cathedral).
- 11.114th Commemoration of HG Pulikkottil Joseph Mar Dionysius V Metropolitan, Founder of the Kottayam M. D. Seminary (Old Seminary, Kottayam).
- 12. 2<sup>nd</sup> Commemoration of HH Baselios Marthoma Paulose II Catholicos (Catholicate Aramana, Devalokam).
- 15. Feast of St. Kuriakose the Martyr and his Mother, Yulithy & St. Abhai of
- 16. Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. (Niram 6) 20. Feast of Prophet Mar Elijah.
- 22. Feast of St. Mary Magdalene. 23. Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. (Niram 7)
- 24th Commemoration of HG Geevarghese Mar Dioscoros Metropolitan (Holy Trinity Ashram, Ranni).
- 25. Feast of Mar Epiphanios of Cyprus. 27. Feast of St. Simon the Stylite.
- 30.Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. (Niram 8)
- 31.737<sup>th</sup> Feast of Mar Gregorios Bar Hebraeus.

### **AUGUST**

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

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. 108<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of Patriarch Mar Ignatios Abded Meshiha II (Kurkuma Dayara). Martha Mariam Samajam day. Kottayam Devalokam Catholicate Aramana Chapel Perunal.
- 16. 330<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of Mar Ivanios Hidayatulla Episcopa (Mulanthuruthy Cathedral).
- 19. Feast of All Prophets. Feast of St. Labbaeus (Thaddeus) the Apostle. 32<sup>nd</sup> Commemoration of HG Joseph Mar Pachomios Metropolitan (Carmelkunnupally, Mulakkulam).
- 20.First Sunday after the feast of the Ascension. (Niram 3)
- Commemoration of Prophet Samuel. 24. Feast of St. Matthias the Apostle. 5<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of HG Thomas Mar Athanasios Metropolitan (Othara
- 27.Second Sunday after the feast of the Ascension. (Niram 4)
- 28. Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. 31.43<sup>rd</sup> 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)
- 8. 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 (Sleeba
- Perunal). (Niram 8) 15.111<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of Catholicate in
- 17. First Sunday after the feast of
- the Holy Cross. (Niram 1) 23. 100<sup>th</sup> 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. 129<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of Patriarch
- Mar Ignatius Peter III of Antioch. 28. 26<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of HG Philipose Mar Theophilos Metropolitan (Aluva

#### Thrikkunathu Seminary). **OCTOBER**

- 1. Third Sunday after the feast of the Holy Cross. (Niram 3) Seminary Day.
- Feast of Evangelist Adai, Abahai the Martyr & Mar Malke. 2. 135th Commemoration of Karottuveettil Shemavoon
- Mar Dionysius (Kadungamangalam Church). 3. 338<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Baselios Yeldo Catholicos (Kothamangalam
- Cheriyapally). 7. Feast of Martyrs Sargis & Bakos. 8. Fourth Sunday after the feast of the Holy Cross. (Niram 4)
- 12. 168<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of HG Cheppad Philipos Mar Dionysius IV Metropolitan (Cheppad Church). 43<sup>rd</sup> 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. Osyo the Ascetic. 18. Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist.
- 22. Sixth Sunday after the feast of the Holy Cross. (Niram 6) 259<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of HH Mar Baselios 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). 116<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of HG Kadavil Paulose Mar Athanasios Metropolitan (Aluva Thrikkunnathu Seminary).
- 5. Koodosh Eetho Sunday **(Santification).** (Niram 1) 16th Commemoration of HG Stephanos Mar Theodosius Metropolitan (St. Thomas Ashram, Bhilai).
- 6. 57th Commemoration of HG Vayaliparambil Geevarghese Mar Gregorios Metropolitan (Aluva Thrikkunnathu Seminary). 8. 27th Commemoration of HH Mar
- Baselios Marthoma Mathews I Catholicos (Devalokam Catholicate Aramana). 12. Hoodosh Eetho Sunday (**Dedication**). (Niram 2) 211st Commemoration of Veda Ratnam Kayamkulam Philipose
- Ramban (Adoor 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) 20.12<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of HG Job Mar Philoxenos Metropolitan (Mount Tabor Dayara,

Pathanapuram).

- 21. 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
- Metroplitan (Old Seminary, Kottayam). 26.Sunday of Annunciation to
- St. Mary. (Niram 4)
- 28. Feast of Mar Jacob Baradaeus & Mar Dionysius Barsleebi.
- 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)
- Mar Dionysius Metropolitan (Mount Tabor Dayara, Pathanapuram).

51st Commemoration of HG Thoma

- 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 Baselios Mar Augen I Catholicos
- (Devalokam Catholicate Aramana). 9. 11th Commemoration of HG Mathews Mar Barnabas Metropolitan (St. Peter's &
- Valayanchirangara). 10. Sunday of Birth of John the **Baptist (Children's Day).** (Niram 6) Feast of the Martyrs, St. Behanam,

St. Paul's Church,

his sister, St. Sarah, and Co-Feast of Mar Philoxenos of Mabugh. 13. 33<sup>rd</sup> Commemoration of HG Daniel Mar Philoxenos

Metropolitan (Basil Aramana,

- Pathanamthitta). 17.Sunday of Revelation to **St Joseph.** (Niram 7) 95<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of HH Baselios Mar Geevarghese I Catholicos (Vallikattu Dayara,
- Vakathanam). 18. Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle (Commemoration of the Day he was Stabbed by Spear).
- 20. Feast of Mar Ignatius Nourono of 21. Dukhrono of St. Thomas the Apostle.
- 24.Sunday before Christmas. (Niram 8) 25. Yeldho, Incarnation of our Lord (Christmas). (Niram 1)
- 26. x Feast of the Exultation of St. Mary, Mother of God. (Niram 1) 37<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of HG Yakkob Mar Policarpos Metropolitan (Zion Seminary, Koratty).

27. Feast Commemorating the

- Slaughter of the Infants. (Niram 8) 31. First Sunday after Christmas.