



The Indian Orthodox Church

(THE MALANKARA ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH)
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As a remembrance and a means of union with Christ, the liturgical year becomes a source of grace. With its succession of feasts and fasts it commemorates on the one hand events in the life of our Lord, His Mother, St. John the Baptist and also all those men, women and children who have achieved sanctity. Each feast brings into focus a special aspect and meaning of the divine order. The feasts of the saints, beginning with those of the Theotokos and ending with those of the most recently glorified members of the Church "celebrate a special grace that flows from Christ, for their sanctity is but an aspect, a shining ray of the holiness of Christ" (Fr. Lev Gillet). The festal calendar is a result of continuous development. Begun in Christian antiquity, it is always "in progress." Each age adds to it its own significant ecclesiastical events and its own martyrs and witnesses of the faith, who in the purity of their hearts have seen the invisible God as in a mirror, and through whom divine grace has richly flowed to us.

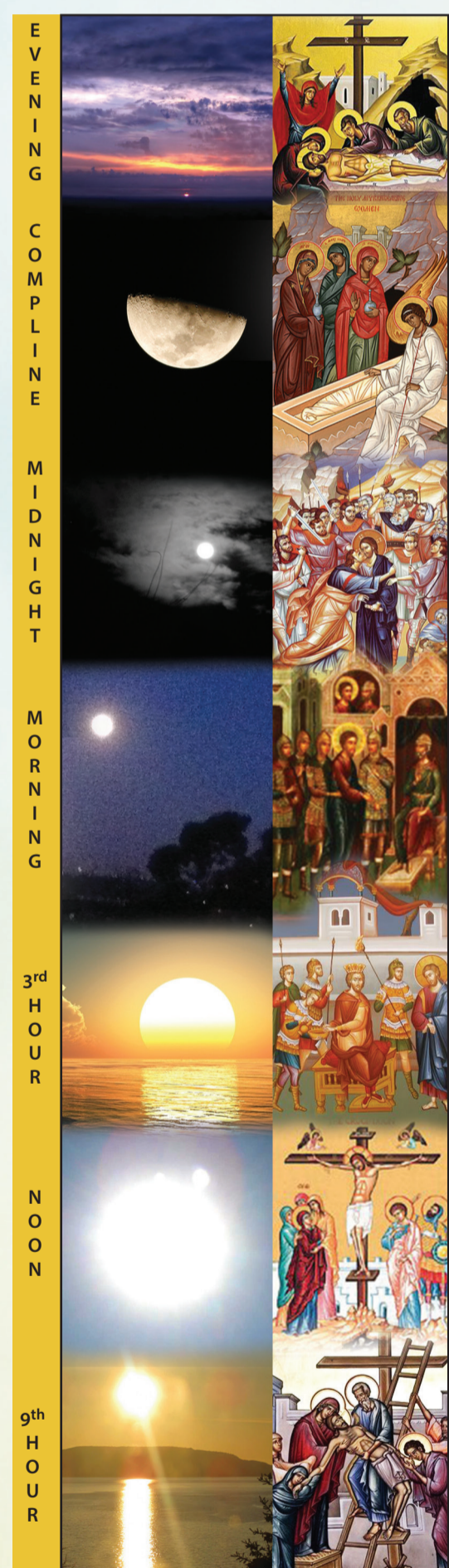
The liturgical Calendar of the Oriental Orthodox Church begins on 'Koodhosh-Etho' (Sanctification of the Church) Sunday, falls on 8th Sunday before Christmas, the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord. So this will be the Sunday after 29th of October every year; for instance 1st of Nov. in 2015.

Like we have seven liturgical hours per day such as 6 pm: Evening, 9 pm: Compline (daily retirement for sleep), 12 am: Midnight, 6 am: Morning, 9 am: 3rd Hour/ Before daily work begins, 12 pm: Noon and 3 pm: 9th Hour/ end of daily work. However, for convenient of community worship, the 9th hour of the previous day along with Evening and Compline complied together as Evening Prayer and likewise the Night, Morning, 3rd Hour and Noon are compiled in the Morning Prayer; and seven days per week (Sunday to Saturday).

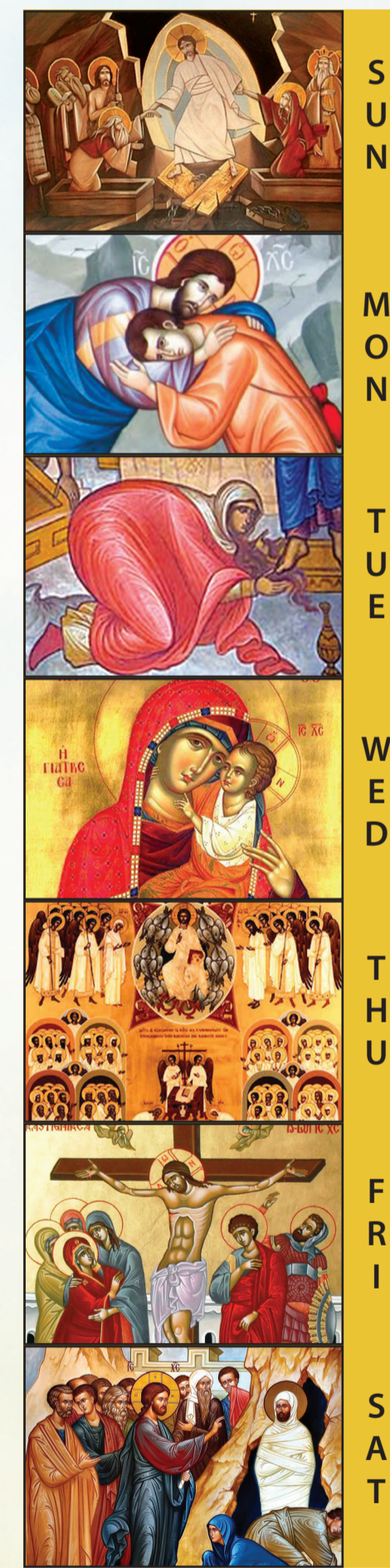
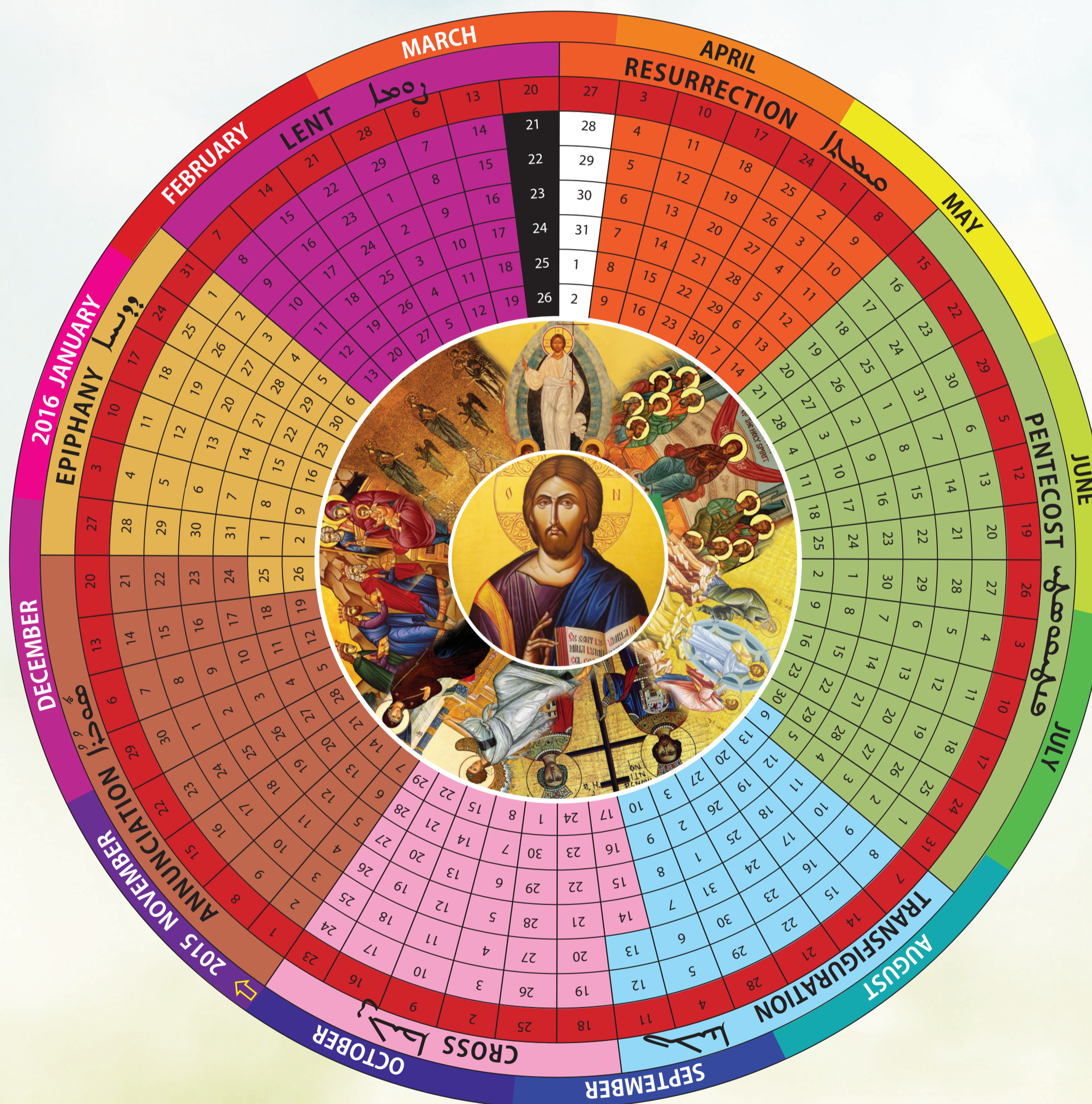
It is arranged in such a beautiful way by the Fathers to lead us in a meaningful Christ centered spiritual life and for personal meditation that in every year we begin from the binging of Creation of the World to the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, then we grow with Him, becoming disciples, follow Him in His Public Ministry like His suffering, death, resurrection, ascending into heaven, descending of the Holy Spirit, growth of the Church and finally looking forward the Last Judgement and Second-coming. The same pattern and sequence we can see both in meditation theme of each day in a week and also in each canonical hour of a day!

While Sunday, being the first day according to the creation account of the Holy Scripture, represents the binging of Creation, when we reach to Saturday being the seventh day, represents Sabbath, a day of rest and hence the Church remembers all the Departed souls on Saturday! Likewise, while the Evening time represents the start of Creation, the 9th hour, the last canonical hour of each day, represents the Resurrection of the dead in Christ. This spiritual Rhythm and harmony is seen in every aspect of the liturgical life of the Church!

The Holy Scripture itself begins from the Creation story, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."(Gen. 1:1), prepares the way for our Lord through the Old Testament and in the New Testament it further explains that the 'Word of God' became Man in Christ, through His redemptive-works He paved a way to humanity, founded the Holy Church as His own bride and made her to await for His Second Coming, the Last-Judgement and promised eternal Salvation. He assures: 'He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. And the Church pray and saying: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20).



LITURGICAL HOUR



LITURGICAL WEEK

THE LITURGICAL YEAR IS ALSO DIVIDED INTO SEVEN SEASONS OR PERIODS.

EACH PERIOD OF AN YEAR, EACH DAY OF A WEEK AND EACH HOUR OF A DAY HAS SOME COMMONALITY IN THEIR THEME! THE SEVEN SEASONS /PERIODS ARE:

Season of Annunciation:
It starts from Koodhosh-Etho to Eldho (the Feast of Nativity of our Lord)/ Sunday/ Evening: refers the time from the start of Creation till to the birth of our Lord; covers the entire Old Testament.

Season of Epiphany:
Eldho to the beginning of the Great-lent/ Monday/ Compline (before bed): refers the time from the birth of our Lord till to His Public Ministry; covers thirty years in the life of our Lord.

Season of Great Lent:
Great-lent/ Tuesday/ Night: the time of His Public Ministry; refers around the three and a half years that He ministered many those who believed in Him.

Season of Resurrection:
Feast of Resurrection to the Feast of Pentecost/ Wednesday/ Morning: refers the time that our Lord being with us as Resurrected Being and Presence; covers the forty days till His ascension and the ten days that the Apostles and believers awaited for the Holy Spirit.

Season of Pentecost:
Pentecost to the Feast of Transfiguration (Aug. 6th)/ Thursday/ 7 am: refers the time of the Growth of the Church through the propagation of the Gospel by the Apostles, Prophets, Martyrs and holy Fathers, Doctors and Departed of the Church.

Season of Transfiguration:
From Aug. 6th to the Feast of exaltation of the Holy Cross (Sep. 14th)/ Friday/ Noon: refers the assurance in Him and believe those who suffered for the Kingdom of God will be glorified.

Season of Holy Cross:
From Sep. 14th to the next Koodhosh-Etho/ Saturday/ 3 pm: refers the Futuristic Period as we affirm in the last part of the Nicene Creed, "we look forward for the resurrection of the dead and a life eternal to come".



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This is a neo-Syriac Icon written by Abdo from Lebanon. The first depiction is a symbolic representation of the purification and dedication of the Church (Kudosh Idto and Hudot Idto). The second depiction is the annunciation to St. Mary by Angel Gabriel about the incarnation of God the Son. Genealogy is presented as the third segment of the Icon as the sprout from Jesse.

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Annunciation Period

According to the Tradition of Orthodoxy, Liturgical-year is the annual celebration of the Economy of Salvation or the Divine Dispensation. The Liturgical-year of our Church has seven Seasons like seven canonical prayer hours a day and seven days a week.

The First Season begins on the 8th Sunday before the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and named as Qudoš 'Edto Sunday (Sanctification of the Church) which is followed by the Sunday of Hudoth 'Edto (Dedication of the Church). The following six Sundays of this season refers all important Scriptural events and aspects until the birth of our Lord. Thus, the first season, namely the annunciation period, presents the great mystery of Incarnation. The Nativity-fast falls in this period. Through the twenty five days fasting we have to purify ourselves in order to bear Jesus Christ, the Saviour who left His glory and came down from heaven [Jn 1:18; Phil 2:6-11] for raising us unto heaven.

Even though the Feast of Annunciation falls in the month of Nisan (25 March, nine months before the Nativity Feast), it is also commemorated on the fourth Sunday of first Period, in winter full of woes depicting us the nature of this world which is full of misery. Angel of God announced us the good news about the Incarnation of God the Son which is a sign of the world to come, full of joy and, the presence of the Sun of righteousness through His divine birth into this world.

Iconography: in Orthodoxy, the tradition of iconography has a big role to play. It is a talent given by the Holy Spirit to dedicated faithful to express the Scriptural mystical events to the common people. Each Orthodox Church has their own iconographic tradition in connection with their on cultural contexts and trying to explain the mystery of Incarnation.

Through this Liturgical Calendar, we are trying to introduce different iconographic traitors of the Orthodox Churches. Small icons in each day columns are mainly taken from the modern Syriac Iconography accordionist to Maronite Orthodox tradition. We are thankful to Fr. Abdo for sharing and allowing us to use those meaningful icons in this Calendar.

The page front icons are taken from different iconographic tradition, like Syriac, Coptic, Ethiopian, Armenian, Indian and from Eastern Orthodox Churches as well.

SEASON OF ANNUNCIATION		അറിയിപ്പുകാലം		مُحَمَّدًا وَهَيْدًا		
سَبْعًا	أَوَّلُ سَبْعًا	اَلثَّانِي سَبْعًا	اَلثَّلَاثِي سَبْعًا	الرَّابِعُ سَبْعًا	خَمْسًا سَبْعًا	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
سَبْعًا	أَوَّلُ سَبْعًا	اَلثَّانِي سَبْعًا	اَلثَّلَاثِي سَبْعًا	الرَّابِعُ سَبْعًا	خَمْسًا سَبْعًا	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
1 Qudosh Idto, (Sanctification of the Church) Beginning of the Liturgical Year	2 113th Commemoration of St. Gregorios (Parumala Seminary) 108th Memorial of Kadavil Paulose Mar Athanasios Metropolitan (Aluva Thrikkunathu Seminary)	3	4	5 8th Memorial of Stephanos Mar Theodosios Metropolitan (Bhilai St. Thomas Ashramam)	6 49th Memorial of Vayaliparambil Geevarghese Mar Gregorios Metropolitan (Aluva Thrikkunathu Seminary)	7
8 Hudoth idto, (Dedication of the Church) 19th Memorial of Mar Baselius Mar Thoma Mathews I Catholicos (Devalokam) 88th Memorial of Konattu Mathan Malpan	9	10 204th Memorial of Kayamkulam Philipose Ramban (Adoor, Kannamkode)	11	12	13	14 Comme. of Apostle St. Philip
15 Suboreh dazkharyo Revelation to Zachariah (Father of John the Baptist)	16	17	18	19	20 4th Memorial of Iyob Mar Philoxenos Metropolitan (Pathanapuram Mt. Tabor Dayara)	21 Feast of the Entrance of St. Mary to the Jerusalem Temple
22 Suboroh dabthulto Annunciation to St. Mary	23	24 199th Memorial of SABHA JYOTHIS Pulikkottil Joseph Mar Dionysius I Malankara Metropolitan 19th Memorial of Paulos Mar Gregorios Metropolitan (Kottayam Old Seminary)	25	26	27	28 Comme. of St. Jacob Baradaeus & St. Dionysius Barsleebi
29 Mi'zalto St. Mary's Visit to Elizabeth Comme. of St. Jacob of Serugh	30 Comme. of St. Andrew the Apostle	1 Beginning of Nativity Fast	2	3 43rd Memorial of Thoma Mar Dionysius Metropolitan (Pathanapuram Mt. Tabor Dayara)	4 Comme. of the Martyrs St. Barbara and St. Juliana	5
6 Mawlodeh d-Yuhanon Birth of John the Baptist Comme. of St. Soko (St. Nicholas) Bishop of Myre (Christmas Father)	7	8 40th Memorial of Mar Baselius Augen Catholicos (Devalokam Catholicate Chapel)	9 3rd Memorial of Mathews Mar Barnabas Metropolitan (Valayam Chirangara)	10 Comme. of Martyrs St. Behnam, his sister Sarah and other Martyrs & Comme of St. Philoxenos of Mabbug	11	12
13 Galyono d-yawseph Revelation to St. Joseph 25th Memorial of Daniel Mar Philoxenos Metropolitan (Pathanamthitta Basil Dayara)	14 98th Memorial of Paulose Mar Coorilos Metropolitan (Panampady)	15	16	17 87th Memorial of Mar Baselius Geevarghese I Catholicos (Vallikkattu Dayara)	18 Comme. of St. Thomas the Apostle (The day St. Thomas was pierced by the lance of heathens)	19
20 Sunday before the Feast of Nativity Comme. of St. Ignatius Nurono (St. Ignatius the Fiery One)	21 Martyrdom of St. Thomas (Apostle of India)	22	23 15th Memorial of N.K. Koruthu Malpanachan (Vadavukodu)	24	The Nativity (Yeldho) Fast, is the first fast of the Church according to the Liturgical order and it prepares the faithful to meditate the mystery of Incarnation. Though it should begin from the Monday followed by the Annunciation Sunday, fourth Sunday of the Calendar, in Indian tradition, we begin it from the first day of the month December and commonly calling 25 days fast.	

Lectionary

GOSPELS	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
Eve : Mark 8:27-33 Mon : John 21:15-22 HQ : Mathew 16:13-20	Ex. 33:5-11 1 Kings 6:1-8; Jeremiah 31:10-14	Acts 7:44-53 Hebrews 9:1-14
Eve : Luke 9:18-25 Mon : John 10:22-38 HQ : John 10:22-42	Exodus 31:18-32:6; 1 Kings 6:1-8; Ezek. 9:9-11+5:18-22	Acts 7:44-53 Hebrews 9:1-14
Eve : Luke 1:1-17 Mon : Luke 1:18-25 HQ : Luke 1:1-25	Genesis 17:15-22 Num 8:1-20 Isaiah 41:8-16	2 Peter 1:1-15 Romans 4:13-25
Eve : Luke 1:26-38 Mon : Luke 1:46-55 HQ : Luke 1:26-38	Deut 26:16-24 Zach 2:1-13 Isaiah 63:15-64:5	1 John 3:2-17 Heb. 6:13-20; 7:1-10
Eve : Luke 10:38-42 Mon : Luke 10:38-42 HQ : Luke 1:39-56	Gen 27:22-40; Jer. 11:1-8; Isaiah 6:1-11	1 Pet 2:6-10 Rom 1:1-15 + Gal 3:15-29
Eve : Luke 1:57-80 Mon : Mathew 11:11-19 HQ : Luke 1:57-80	Gen 21:9-21; Exodus 2:1-10; Isaiah 62:1-12	1 John 4:18-30 Gal 4:18-30
Eve : Mathew 1:18-25 Mon : John 6:30-46 HQ : Mathew 1:18-25	Gen 37:5-11; 2 Sam 22:26-51; Isaiah 45:18-25+ 46:1-2	1 Peter 2:1-10 Gal. 1:11-24
Eve : Mathew 1:1-17 Mon : Luke 3:23-38 HQ : Mathew 1:1-17	Gen 46:8-27 1 Kings 9:3-7; Isaiah 7:14-15 + 11:1-9	Acts 3:20-26 Rom. 4:13-21

DAYS PERMITABLE FOR MARRIAGE
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November: 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29



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This sequence is of Coptic Orthodox icons depicting the nativity, dedication to the Church and the Baptism of our Lord. Those icons represent the major feasts which falls in the Season of Epiphany.

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Epiphany Period

In the early centuries, the feasts of Nativity and Epiphany were celebrated jointly on January sixth [The Canon 6 of the Doctrine of Apostles orders the celebration of the Epiphany on January 6th. There was only one feast of the Denho, which includes Nativity and Epiphany in the Eastern Church]. The incarnation of the Divine Word and the baptism of our Lord, which he received from St. John the Baptist, were used to be commemorated together for a long time in the Church. According to the current practice of our Church we celebrate those feasts separately. The visit of the Magi and martyrdom of innocent children and are also commemorated at this period.

The next day after Christmas the Church commemorates St. Mary, the Mother of God, for the wonderful gift towards us. Mary gave birth to our Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of the entire world. Thus Mary's importance next to Jesus and first among the Saints is duly stressed through the celebration of this feast. Now Christ regenerates through our hearts, so we are also called the bearer of God and transmitters of the Divine Word through our words and deeds. Only after the commemoration of Virgin Mary, the Epiphany of our Lord is celebrated and then afterwards the other commemorations and feasts come in the liturgical season.

There are seven weeks in the period of Denha. The period of Epiphany representing three years and six months which is the public ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ as mentioned in the Gospel. And on the eighth day after Christmas the Church recalls the Presentation of our Lord to the temple and the growth of the child that is the period of thirty years before the baptism of our Saviour. The Church instructed us to observe the three days fasting as the rogation of Nineveh which culminates eighteen days before the beginning of the great Lent.

This period celebrates the mystery of revelation of the Holy Trinity through the birth and life of Jesus Christ. The week of baptism indicates our renewal in Christ and redemption through Him. Most of the days of this period are provided for the commemorations of those who witnessed Jesus Christ to this world through their life and deeds like Martyrs, Saints, Departed Priests, Faithful etc.

SEASON OF EPIPHANY

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مُحَسَّبًا وَسَبًا

	سَبْعَةَ SUNDAY	اَوَّلُ يَوْمٍ MONDAY	اَلثَّانِي يَوْمٍ TUESDAY	اَلثَّلَاثِي يَوْمٍ WEDNESDAY	رَبِيعَةَ يَوْمٍ THURSDAY	خَمِيسًا FRIDAY	سَبْتًا SATURDAY
DECEMBER	Yeldo Feast is the liturgical celebration of the birth of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ and most of the Christian Churches celebrates it on 25th December every year.	Denha Feast is the liturgical celebration of the Baptism of our Lord at river Jordan by the John the Baptist. Since the presence of God the Father in Sound, God the Son in Jesus and God the Holy Spirit as a dove were revealed during the baptism, the event is being called as Theophany (God revealed) or Epiphany (the true Light revealed). The word Denha means divine Light.	Maeltho Feast refers the first entry of our Lord to the temple of Jerusalem. It was on the fortieth day after the Birth of our Lord and hence it falls on 2 February every year. Simon and Hannah are the two witnesses from the Jewish Scriptural tradition who has proclaimed that the Son of God, Messiah has born and entered to the Temple of Jerusalem!		25 Christmas (Yeldo) The Feast of Nativity of our Lord	26 Nurotho/Kuloso Glorification of St. Mary, the Mother of God 29th Memorial of Yacob Mar Policarpus Metropolitan (Koratty Sion Seminary)	
	27 1st Sunday after Christmas Qetlo d-yaludé Massacre of the Holy infants	28	29	30	31	1 Gzurto (Circumcision of our Lord) Comme. of St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory & All Sainly Fathers and Malpans. New Year Day (Reshatho)	2
2016	3 Second Sunday after Nativity Oath of Koonan Cross 52nd Memorial of H.H. Baselius Geevarghese II Catholicos (Devalokam Catholicate Chapel)	4	5	6 Denho/Denaha (Feast of the Epiphany) Baptism of our Lord	7 phsoq risheh d-yuhanon Beheading of St. John the Baptist	8 Comme. of St. Stephen, the first Martyr	9
	10 First Sunday after Epiphany	11	12	13	14	15 Feast of St. Mary for Seeds Comme. of Paul the Monk	16
JANUARY	17 Second Sunday after Epiphany Pethurtho of Nineveh Fast	18 Comme. of St. Samuel, St. Antony the hermit 60th Memorial of Michael Mar Dionysius Metropolitan (Panampady)	19 NINEVEH FAST (THREE-DAY FAST)	20 Comme. of Prophet Jonah	21 Nineveh Feast Commemoration of St. John Chrysostom (Golden-mouthed) 7th Memorial of Philipos Mar Eusebius Metropolitan (Pathanamthitta Basil Dayara)	22	23 Comme. of St. Augen the monk
	24 Kohné Sunday of the All Departed Bishops & Priests	25	26 10th Memorial of Mar Baselius Mar Thoma Mathews II Catholicos (Shasthamkotta Mount Horeb) 63rd Memorial of Paulose Mar Athanasios Metropolitan (Kuttikkattil) (Always Thrikunnathu Seminary) Republic day	27	28	29	30
FEBRUARY	31 Aneedé All the Departed Faithful	1 Maranaya (Feast's)	2 Ma'elto (Entrance of our Lord into the Temple) Comme. of St. Simon and Hanna. 48th Memorial of Patrose Mar Osthathios Metropolitan (Kandana Carmel Dayara)	3 Comme. of Mar Bar Souma & Mar Qauma Comme. of All Spiritual Father	4	5	6
	6 Niram (Tune)	7	8	9	10	11	12

Lectionary

GOSPELS	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
Eve : John 1:1-17 Fire Pit : Luke 2:1-14 Mon : Luke 2:15-20 HQ : Math 2:1-12	Gen 21:1-8; Job 19:21-20:4; Isaiah 9:1-7 2 Kings 4:8-17;	Fire Pit : Heb 1:1-12 1 John 1:2-6 Heb 1:1-14
Eve : Luke 2:15-20 Mon : Luke 11:23-32 HQ : Luke 8:16-21	Exodus 3:1-10; 1 Sam 4:4-8; Isaiah 8:1-10	Acts 7:30-43 Romans 1:1-12
Eve : Matthew 2:13-23 Mon : Mark 6:1-6 HQ : Matthew 2:13-23	Exodus 1:1-22; Jer 31:15-26; Isaiah 60:8-14	Acts 7:11-29 Rom 15:1-13
Eve : John 10:1-16. Mon : Luke 2:21; 4:14-30 HQ : John 15:8-19	Genesis 17:9-27; 1 Sam 14:27-34; Isaiah 40:25-31.	Acts 7:2-10 Romans 2:28-3:8
Eve : John 1:43-51 Mon : John 1:35-42. HQ : Mathew 2:19-23	Genesis 37:1-4; 1 Sam 2:18-21; Psalms 45:1-17	1 John 3:21-24; Heb 11:23-31;
Eve : Mark 1:1-11 Night : John 4:4-30 Mon : Mathew 3:1-17 HQ : Luke 3:15-22	Genesis 24:1-28 2 Sam 23:13-17 Isaiah 12:1-6.	Acts 8:6-40; Titus 2:11-37 +1 Tim 1:17
John 4:4-42	Numbers 21:1-11 2 Kings 2:19-25; Isaiah 12:1-6	Acts 8:26-40 Heb. 10:15-25
Eve : Luke 3:1-14; 19-20 Mon : Mark 6:14-29 HQ : Mathew 14:1-12	2 Kings 12:17-21 Jeremiah 37:12-21 Isaiah 41:8-13; 66:18-24	Acts 26:1-10; Ephesians 3:1-12
Eve : Mark 12:1-12 Mon : John 8:34-59 HQ : Mathew 23:34-39	Deut 34:7-12; 2 Chronicles 24:20-25 Isaiah 37:8-20.	Acts 7:54-8:2 1 Cor. 1:10-17; 16:15-24
Eve : Mark 1:14-34 Mon : John 1:18-28 HQ : Mathew 4:12-22	Genesis 25:19-34 2 Kings 5:9-15 Isaiah 49:7-13	Acts 2:37-47 Ephesians 1:3-14
Eve : John 1:26-34 Mon : John 1:35-42 HQ : John 1:43-51	Leviticus 22:26-33; Proverbs 8:22-9:9; Isaiah 51:1-8	1 Peter 3:7-15; Heb 1:1-2:4
Eve : Mathew 12:31-41 Mon : Mathew 7:1-12	Numbers 5:5-11 Jonah 1:1-2:1 Isaiah 19:17-22	Acts 7:37-43 Colossians 1:3-13
Eve : Luke 4:24-32 Mon : Mathew 24:36-46	Micah 1:1-16 Jonah 4:5-11 Isaiah 57:13-19	Acts 8:9-25 Romans 15:14-25
Eve : Luke 11:5-13; 29-32 Mon : Luke 11:27-36 HQ : Mathew 12:38-50	Zephaniah 1:11-2:4 Jonah 2:2-3:5 Isaiah 41:17-26	Mon: James 1:13-27 Romans 15:24-33 HQ: 2 Peter 2:1-8 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24
HQ : Luke 12:54-13:9	Genesis 18:23-33 Joshua 7:6-13 Jonah 1:1-2; 3:10-4:11	James 4:7-17 Ephesians 5:3-11
Eve : Mathew 25:13-30 Mon : Luke 19:11-27 HQ : Mathew 24:42-51	Numbers 20:23-29 Job. 14:7-22 Bara Sirach 4:7-16. Isaiah 65:13-20	Acts 20:26-38 1 Thess 4:13-5:11
Eve : Mathew 25:31-46 Mon : John 5:19-29. HQ : Luke 12:32-49	Deut 34: 1-12 Joshua 24:29-33 Isaiah 38:10-20	James 4:6-5:6 1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Eve : Luke 2:22-35 Mon : Luke 2:22-35 HQ : Luke 2:22-40	Leviticus 12:1-8 2 Sam. 5:1-6; 17-21 Isaiah 10:33-11:10	Acts 24:10-23 Ephesians 3:13-21
Eve : Luke 13:22-30 Mon : Mathew 12:31-41 HQ : Luke 6:20-32	Genesis 39:11-22 Proverbs 24:11-25 Lamentations 3:1-21	James 1:12-21 2 Timothy 3:10-15

DAYS PERMITABLE FOR MARRIAGE
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DECEMBER: 27, 28
JANUARY: 3, 4, 10, 11, 24, 25, 31



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These two icons of Syriac tradition are depicting resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. Highlighting the glorious resurrection and ascension is a characteristic feature of Orthodox Theology. Resurrection and ascension of our Lord secured the victory over the whole effects of sin including death and opened the way for our salvation. These icons are taken from the Rabbula Gospel dated back 13th century.



Resurrection Period

In the period of Qyomtho (Resurrection), the Church commemorates and celebrates the salvific action of Christ, the second person of the most holy Trinity. It commemorates the mystery of the resurrection as the foretaste of our own participation in the risen glory of Christ in heaven. There are forty days between the Resurrection and Ascension. In those days the Disciples of Christ saw Him and He assured them of the blessed Resurrection that was sought by all the children of Adam. Through His resurrection and ascension, He guaranteed all the righteous the entry into the eternal communion with Him.

As Mary gave birth to the medicine of life, the Church gave the sacraments to its inhabitants. Christ is the Good Physician and he has healed our race through his salvific action and provided us the holy Eucharist, which is His body and blood as the medicine for the remission of sins and eternal life.

Christ suffered the passion on the cross, so that by his death he may vivify human race and ascended and sat in heaven, above the Archangels and Dominions. As in the first Adam we were condemned, in the second Adam we have been justified.

Christ's descent down to the earth was in order to cause the human being to ascend to his kingdom. Through the renewal the human being can enter into the Paradise like First Adam who was there before the fall.

SEASON OF RESURRECTION ഉയിർപ്പുകാലം ܡܚܘܠܐ ܘܘܨܥܘܕܐ

	ܡܫܘܒܬܐ SUNDAY	ܐܘܡܐ ܚܘܪܐ MONDAY	ܐܘܪܬܐ ܚܘܪܐ TUESDAY	ܐܘܪܬܐ ܚܘܪܐ WEDNESDAY	ܡܫܘܒܬܐ ܚܘܪܐ THURSDAY	ܚܘܪܐ ܘܘܨܘܪܐ FRIDAY	ܚܘܪܐ ܘܘܨܘܪܐ SATURDAY	
MARCH	27 8/1 Qyomto Resurrection Sunday	28	29	30	31	1 6 Hevoro Friday Comme. of Mawdyone	2 7	
	HEVORO WEEK							
		Hevoro Monday	Hevoro Tuesday	Hevoro Wednesday	Hevoro Thursday		Hevoro Saturday	
	3 8/1 Hadto New Sunday (First Sunday after Easter)	4	5 51st Memorial of Kuriakose Mar Gregorios Metropolitan (Pampady Dayara)	6	7 208th Memorial of Valiya Mar Dionysius Metropolitan (Mar Thoma VI) (Puthencavu Palli)	8	9	
APRIL	10 2 First Sunday after New Sunday	11	12 3rd Memorial Geevarghese Mar Ivanios Metropolitan (Njaliyakkuzhi Dayara)	13	14	15	16 330th Memorial of Mar Thoma II (Niranam Valiya Palli) 200th Memorial of Mar Thoma VIII (Puthencavu)	
	17 3 Second Sunday after New Sunday 65th Memorial of Catholiceatente Ratnadeepam Geevarghese Mar Philexinos Metropolitan (Puthencavu)	18	19	20	21 222nd Memorial Yuhanon Mar Ivanios Episcopa (Chengannur)	22 328th Memorial of Mar Thoma III (Kadambanad)	23 Comme. of St. George the Great Martyr	
	24 4 Third Sunday after New Sunday	25 Comme. of St. Mark the Evangelist 346th Memorial of Mar Thoma I (Ankamaly Cheriya Palli)	26	27 345th Memorial of Mar Gregorios Abdal Jaleel Metropolitan (North Parur Palli)	28	29 Comme. of Mar Sabor & Mar Aproth	30	
MAY	1 8/5 Fourth Sunday after New Sunday Comme. of St. James the Apostle (Son of Zebedee)	2	3 103rd Memorial of H.H. Baselios Paulose I Catholikos (Pampakuda Cheriya Palli)	4 Sabhakavi Sri C. P. Chandy (Pathanamthitta Basil Dayara)	5 Suloqo Ascension of our Lord	6	7	
	8 8/6 Sunday before Pentecost Comme. of St. John the Evangelist	9	10 Comme. of St. Simon the Apostle 251st Memorial of Mar Thoma V (Niranam Valiya Palli)	AWAITING HOLY SPIRIT			11	12
	6 Niram (Tune)	Maranaya (Feast's)	Feast of St. Mary	Fast Days	Feast Days			

Lectionary

GOSPELS	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
Eve : Mathew 28:1-20 Night : Luke 24:1-12 Mon : John 20:1-18 HQ : Mark 16:1-8	Exodus 40:17-23 1 Samuel 21:2-7 Isaiah 60:11-16; 61:10-62:5 Service of the Exaltation of the Cross	Acts 2:22-43 1 Cor. 15:20-28
HQ : John 13:34-35; 14:27; 15:11-15; 17-19; 17:1; 11-17; 24-26	Leviticus 23:26-32; Micah 7:8-13; Jeremiah 57:19-20; 60:17-22	1 Peter 5:5-14; Romans 8:5-11; MAR - 27
Eve : Luke 24:13-35 Mon : Mathew 28:11-20 HQ : Luke 24:13-35	Genesis 41:41-46 1 Kings 18:36-40 Isaiah 40:9-15	1 Peter 2:19-25 Romans 6:12-23 MAR - 28
Eve : Mark 15:37-16:8 Mon : Mark 16:9-18 HQ : Mathew 28:11-20	Exodus 14:26-31 Bara Sirach 1:1-8 Isaiah 63:8-14	Acts 13:26-39 Ephesians 6:10-24 MAR - 29
Eve : Luke 23:46-24:12 Mon : Luke 24:12-24 HQ : Luke 24:1-12	Exodus 40:1-16 Joshua 2:1-6 Isaiah 65:1-7	Acts 4:8-21 Hebrews 3:1-13 MAR - 30
Eve : John 19:30-20:2 Mon : John 20:3-18 HQ : John 20:11-18	Exodus 34:4-12 1 Kings 20:28-30 Isaiah 37:8-17	1 John 4:19-5:15 Hebrews 11:3-6 MAR - 31
Eve : John 20:18-23 Mon : Mathew 27:50-61 HQ : Mathew 28:1-10	Deut 16:1-8 Proverbs 9:1-11 Isaiah 26:1-8	1 Peter 3:17-22 Hebrews 11:32-40 APR - 1
Eve : Luke 24:25-44 Mon : Mathew 27:62-28:20 HQ : Mathew 28:11-20	Joshua 1:5-9 2 Kings 23:21-25 Isaiah 44:23-28	Acts 26:19-25 Philippians 2:1-11 APR - 2
Eve : John 20:19-31 Mon : John 20:19-31 HQ : John 20:19-29	Genesis 41:41-46 1 Kings 18:36-40 Isaiah 40:9-15	1 Peter 2:19-25 Romans 6:12-23 APR - 3
Eve : John 21:1-14 Mon : John 21:15-25 HQ : John 21:1-14	Exodus 14:26-31 Joshua 6:9-16 Isaiah 63:8-14	Acts 13:26-39 Ephesians 6:10-24 APR - 10
Eve : John 6:16-29 Mon : Mathew 14:22-33 HQ : Mark 2:13-22	Exodus 40:1-16 Joshua 2:1-6 Isaiah 65:1-7	Acts 4:8-21 Hebrews 3:1-13 APR - 17
Eve : Luke 5:27-39 Mon : Mark 2:13-22 HQ : John 4:31-38	Exodus 34:4-12 1 Kings 20:28-30 Isaiah 37:8-17	1 John 4:19-5:15 Hebrews 11:3-6 APR - 24
Eve : John 14:1-14 Mon : John 16:16-30 HQ : Luke 9:51-62	Deut 16:1-8 Joel 3:16-21 Isaiah 26:1-8	1 Peter 3:17-22 Hebrews 11:32-40 MAY - 1
Eve : Luke 24:36-53 Mon : Luke 24:36-53 HQ : Mark 16:14-20	Deut. 9:26-10:5 1 Samuel 9:15-10:1 Isaiah 48:20-49:4	Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-16 +1 Timothy 3:16 MAY - 5
Eve : John 16:31-17:12 Mon : John 17:13-26 HQ : John 13:31-36	Joshua 1:5-9 1 Kings 17:17-22 Isaiah 44:23-28	Acts 26:19-25 Philippians 2:1-11 MAY - 8

DAYS PERMITABLE FOR MARRIAGE
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MARCH: 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
APRIL: 1, 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25
MAY: 1, 2



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR ആരാധനാവസര കലണ്ടർ

2015 - 2016

SEASON OF PENTECOST പെന്തക്കോസ്തികാലം ܩܘܿܪܿܝܿܘܿܬܿܐ ܕܿܩܿܘܿܝܿܘܿܬܿܐ

	ܣܿܒܿܘܿܬܿܐ SUNDAY	ܐܿܘܿܡܿܐ ܘܿܘܿܚܿܐ MONDAY	ܐܿܘܿܡܿܐ ܘܿܘܿܚܿܐ TUESDAY	ܐܿܘܿܡܿܐ ܘܿܘܿܚܿܐ WEDNESDAY	ܣܿܒܿܘܿܬܿܐ THURSDAY	ܕܿܘܿܚܿܐ FRIDAY	ܩܿܘܿܝܿܘܿܬܿܐ SATURDAY
MAY	15 Pentecost (Fiftieth day after Easter) Feast of St. Mary for the Crops Comme. of St. Isaac	16 26th Memorial of Yuhanon Mar Severios Metropolitan (Koratti Zion Seminary) Comme. of St. Aaron the Monk	17	18	19 191st Memorial of Punnathra Mar Dionysius Malankara Metropolitan (Kottayam Cheriya Palli)	20 Golden Friday (Friday after Pentecost) Comme. of the 4 Evangelists, All fathers of the 3 Ecumenical Synods	21 Comme. of St. Helen the Queen
	22 1st Sunday after Pentecost	23	24	25	26 2nd Memory of Mar Baselius Marthoma Didymos I Catholicos (Pathanapuram Dayara)	27	28
	29 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	30	31	1 JUNE	2	3	4
JUNE	5 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	6 91st Memorial of Yyakim Mar Ivanios Metropolitan (Parumala) 9th Memorial of Augen Mar Dionysius Metropolitan (Valikkattu Dayara)	7	8	9	10	11 Comme. of St. Bartholomew the Apostle 127th Memorial of Shemavon Mar Athanasius (Kottayam Puthen Pally) 89th Memorial of Geevarghese Mar Severios Metropolitan (Kottayam Valiyapalli)
	12 4th Sunday after Pentecost	13	14	15 First church established in the name of Virgin Mary	16 Apostles' fast begins	17	18
	19 5th Sunday after Pentecost	20	21	22	23	24 Birth of St. John the Baptist	25
	26 6th Sunday after Pentecost	27	28	29 Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul	30 Feast of the Twelve Apostles	1 JULY	2
	3 7th Sunday after Pentecost Dukrana / Dukrono Comme. of St. Thomas the Apostle	4	5 72 Evangelists 207th Memorial of Mar Thoma VII (Kolenchery Palli)	6	7 19th Memorial of Zachariah Mor Dionysius Metropolitan (Pathanapuram Tabor Dayara)	8	9
JULY	10 8th Sunday after Pentecost 243rd Memorial of Yuhanon Mor Gregorios Metropolitan (Mulanthuruthy Church)	11	12 107th Memorial of Saba Thejus Pulikkottal Joseph Mar Dionysius II Malankara Metropolitan (Founder of MD & Parumala Seminary)	13	14	15 Comme. of the Martyrs St. Kuriakose, Mother Marth Yulieti	16
	17 9th Sunday after Pentecost	18	19	20 Comme. of Elijah the Prophet	21	22 Comme. of Mary Magdalene	23 17th Memorial of Geevarghese Mar Diascoros Metropolitan (Ranni Holy Trinity Ashram)
	24 10th Sunday after Pentecost	25 Mar Epiphanius	26	27 Mar Shemavon Desthuno	28	29	30
	31 11th Sunday after Pentecost Mar Gregorios Bar Hebraus	1 AUGUST 15 Day Shunoyo Fast Begins Comme. of the Martyrs Marth Smooni & her 7 Children and Mar Eliazar, their teacher	2	3	4	5	6 "In the period of the Old Testament God wrote the Ten Commandments on the tablets of stone using His finger the Holy Spirit and He wrote the New Covenant on the fleshy tablets, the hearts of the Apostles on the day of Pentecost with the Holy Spirit, the finger of God." St. John Chrysostom
	6 Niram (Tune)	7 Maranaya (Feast's)	8 Feast of St. Mary	9 Fast Days	10 Feast Days		



This is an 13th century Armenian Icon of the feast of Pentecost. It symbolically depicts the descent of Holy Spirit on the Apostles while they were praying together with Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Even though the biblical images of fire is not highlighted, the core aspect, the descent of the Holy Spirit is well depicted.

PERIOD OF PENTECOST

It celebrates the mystery of the power of the Holy Spirit worked upon the Apostles at the Pentecost. During the period the church recalled the Apostles and their disciples whom were going around teaching all people and establishing the Church in the whole world. On the 50th day of his resurrection the Church acknowledges his promise of the Spirit, the Paraclete, who descended upon the apostles (Acts 2:1-4) and they preached the good news in diverse languages. St. John Chrysostom calls Pentecost the, 'Birthday and Baptism of the Church'.

During this liturgical season, the Church commemorates the Apostles, their zeal for evangelization and sufferings and martyrdom through the Apostle-fast. The thirteen days Apostle-fast is on behalf of the twelve Apostle, of our Lord excluding Judas Iscariot and including Mathias, and St. Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles. The Apostle-fast begins on 16th June every year and ends on the Feast of the commemoration of St. Peter and St. Paul on 29th of June. Though other Apostles were killed in different dates and having their commemorations as well on those dates, however, the Church celebrates the Feast of All the Apostle together on 30th June as well.

Lectionary		
GOSPELS	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
Eve : John 14:15-31 Mon : John 15:1-14 HQ : John 16:5-15	Exodus 19:1-11 Proverbs 4:18-5:2 Isaiah 42:6-16	Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor. 12:1-11
1st Service: John 14:13-24 2nd Service: John 4:13-23	Genesis 11:1-9 Judges 13:24-47 2 Kings 2:14-17 Joel 2:25-32	Acts 19:1-6 1 Cor. 14:20-25 Acts 19:8-12 1 Cor. 14:26-33
3rd Service: John 14:25-27 + 15:26-27 + 16:1-15	Numbers 11: 16-35 1 Samuel 10:9-15	Acts 2:1-21 1 Cor. 12:1-27
Eve : Mathew 19:23-30 Mon : Mathew 9:36-10:15 HQ : Luke 22:24-30	Genesis 12:1-9 1 Kings 8:1-6 Isaiah 43:1-14	Acts 3:1-10 1 Cor. 12:28-1:10
Eve : Luke 8:4-15 Mon : Mathew 11:20-30 HQ : Luke 7:27-35	Genesis 41:38-49 Joshua 5:9-12 Jeremiah 29:10-16	Acts 17:10-15 2 Cor. 5:14-6:9
Eve : Luke 6:12-23 Mon : Mark 3:7-19; 4:21-23 HQ : Mathew 10:34-11:1	Leviticus 19:1-8 2 Bara Sirach 46:1-6 Isaiah 61:10-11	Acts 4:24-28 Ephesians 2:11-18
Eve : 6:4-13 Mon : Luke 9:1-11 HQ : John 6:35-46	Genesis 42:18-25 Judges 1:8-11 Jeremiah 2:35-3:5	Acts 13:26-29 Galatians 6:10-16
Eve : Luke 10:1-16 Mon : Luke 10:17-24 HQ : Mathew 14:14-23	Deut. 33:23-29 Joshua 6:14-18 Isaiah 65:8-12	Acts 6:1-7 1 Cor. 10:14-18
Eve : Mark 9:30-41 Mon : Mathew 20:17-28 HQ : Mark 9:33-41	Exodus 23:14-19 Zachariah 6:1-8 Isaiah 40:27-31	Acts 9:10-15 2 Cor. 5:14-20
Eve : Luke 17:1-10 Mon : Mark 6:30-46 HQ : Luke 13:22-35	Exodus 30:34-38 2 Samuel 3:17-21 Isaiah 14:22-27	Acts 1:15-18 1 Cor. 8:1-8
Eve : Mathew 16:13-20 Mon : Mathew 19:27-30 HQ : Mathew 16:13-28	Genesis 12:1-9 1 Kings 8:1-6 Isaiah 43:1-14	Acts 1:12-26 1 Cor. 12:28-13:10
Eve : Mathew 9:36-10:5 Mon : John 21:15-25 HQ : Luke 6:12-23	Genesis 12:1-9; 1 Kings 8:1-6; Isaiah 43:1-14	Acts 2:37-47 Galatians 2:1-10
Eve : Mathew 12:30-37 Mon : Mathew 12:38-50 HQ : Mark 3:20-30	Leviticus 16:29-34 1 Samuel 4:18-22 Isaiah 57:15-19	Acts 4:24-31 Ephesians 2:11-18
Eve : Mark 4:1-23 Mon : Mathew 13:10-23 HQ : Mark 4:1-20	Exodus 3:9-15 Job 23:1-7 Isaiah 52:1-8	1 Peter 2:6-10 Hebrews 4:14-5:5
Eve : Mathew 13:24-35 Mon : Mathew 13:36-42 HQ : Luke 14:7-11	Deut 4:1-6 Proverbs 13:1-7 Isaiah 24:1-5	Acts 28:11-22 1 Cor. 6:1-11
Eve : Luke 9:12-17 Mon : Mathew 16:13-20 HQ : Mathew 18:1-14	Exodus 15:23-27 Job 42:9-17 Psalms 112:23-31	Acts 28:23-31 Romans 10:5-21
Eve : Mathew 18:15-22 Mon : Mark 9:33-50 HQ : Mark 6:7-13	Leviticus 19:13-18 Joshua 23:7-14 Malachi 4:1-6	James 2:14-26 1 Cor. 14:34-40

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MAY: 1, 2, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30
JUNE: 5, 6, 12, 13
JULY: 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25



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This Byzantine Icons are depicting the Dormation of Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ. The transfiguration is one of the scriptural events in which the active union between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant has been emphatically revealed.

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Transfiguration Period

A little while before His Passion and His death on the Cross, our Lord withdrew Himself for prayer on top of a hill, which is known by the name Tabor. With Him were present His three most beloved and trustworthy Disciples, Peter, James and John.

This event constitutes a triple divine revelation by revealing the identity of Jesus is manifested to the Apostles. That is not only the strange change in His appearance and the inundation of light which emanated from His face, but the witnessing of the voice of the Father and the presence of the two most holy people from the Old Testament, Moses and Elijah are confirming without a margin of doubt the divinity of Jesus Christ.

The Church recites: "You were transfigured on the mount, and Your Disciples, so far as they were able, beheld Your glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see You crucified, they should remember that Your suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that You are truly the effulgent splendour of the Father!"

More than the direct revelation of the divinity of Jesus Christ, the Transfiguration of our Saviour is a revelation of the Mystery of the Holy Trinity; The Son and Word of the Father is present bodily on Tabor, as the God-Man Jesus Christ. The Father is heard to be saying: "This is my beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased". The Holy Spirit appears in a paradoxical form of a bright mist.

The martyrs rejoice and exult in the great glory, which our saviour has prepared for them in the chamber of indestructible light. The Son crowned them who witnessed the true faith before the world and shed out the blood for the love of God. In this period the Church commemorates the crowning of the saints and Martyrs.



Lectionary

GOSPELS	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
Eve : Mathew 16:27-17:13 Mon : Mark 8:38-9:13 HQ : Luke 9:27-36	Exodus 19 :24-20 :6 Joshua 3 :1-17 Isaiah 60 :12-15	1 John 2 :23-3 :1 Romans 11 :25-36
Eve : Mark 4:21-34 Mon : Mathew 13:44-52 HQ : Mathew 21:28-32	Deut 25:13-16 1 Samuel 2:31-36 Ezekiel 7:1-4	James 4:7-5:6 Philippians 4:8-20
Eve : Luke 14:15-24 Mon : Mark 10:28-34 HQ : Mark 12:38-44	Exodus 23:20-27 Joshua 1:16-16 Hosea 11:1-5	1 Peter 5:1-9 1 Cor. 10:8-13
Eve : Mark 3:28-35 + Mathew 12:43-45 + Luke 11:27-32 Mon : Luke 2:42-51 + Mathew 12:46-50 HQ : Luke 11:27-36	Exodus 19:16-23 Joshua 4:4-10 Isaiah 45:14-19	Acts 7:44-53 Hebrews 9:3-12
Eve : Luke 14:25-35 Mon : Luke 15:1-10 HQ : Mark 10:35-45	Exodus 14:21-29 1 Samuel 8:4-10 Isaiah 43:1-5	1 John 2:22-29 Ephesians 6:10-17
Eve : Luke 17:22-34 Mon : Luke 18:9-17 HQ : Luke 11:9-20	Genesis 6:3-12 Ecclesiastes 7:1-3 Psalm 12:1-9	2 Peter 3:8-14 1 Thess 5:1-6
Eve : Mathew 19:1-12 Mon : Luke 19:11-27 HQ : Mathew 17:22-27	Exodus 24:12-17 1 Samuel 3:16-21 Ezekiel 18:21-24	James 5:1-6 2 Cor. 10:1-7
Eve : Mathew 18:1-11 Mon : Mathew 18:12-22 HQ : Mark 6:1-6	Exodus 3:1-2; 11-14 Job 1:1-5 Isaiah 1:16-20	1 Peter 2:1-5 1 Cor. 3:16-23



DAYS PERMITABLE FOR MARRIAGE
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AUGUST: 15, 21, 22, 28, 29

SEASON OF TRANSFIGURATION രൂപമാനന്തര കാലണ്ടർ

سَبْعَةَ SUNDAY	اَوَّلَ صَعْدًا MONDAY	اَلثَّانِي صَعْدًا TUESDAY	اَلثَّلَاثِي صَعْدًا WEDNESDAY	رَبِيعَةَ صَعْدًا THURSDAY	خَمْسَةَ صَعْدًا FRIDAY	سَبْعَةَ صَعْدًا SATURDAY
7 1st Sunday after the Feast of Transfiguration	8	9 Memorial of Arch Deacon Geevarghese the Great (Angamaly Cheria Pally)	10	11	12 Comm. of Mar Assayel	13 6 The Feast of Transfiguration 51th Memorial of Malankarayude Dharmya Yogi Alexious Mar Theodosios OIC (Betheny Asram Perunad)
14 2nd Sunday after the Feast of Transfiguration Comm. of Prophet Micha	15 Shunoyo Feast of the Departure of the Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God 101st Memorial of Patriarch Mar Ignatios Abded Meshiha (Kurkuma Dayara) at Devalokam	16 323rd Memorial of Mar Ivanios Hidayathulla (Mulanthuruthi)	17	18	19 Comme. of Apostle Mar Labby 25th Memorial of Joseph Mar Pachomios (Mulakulam, Karmelkunnun)	20 Memorial of Prophet Samuel
21 1st Sunday after Shunoyo	22	23	24 Comme. of St. Mathias the Apostle	25	26	27
28 2nd Sunday after Shunoyo	29 Comme. of St. John the Baptist	30 Mar Gabreal Episcopa (Kottayam Cheriya Pally)	31 36th Memorial of Parettu Mathews Mar Ivanios (Pampadi Dayara)	1 142nd Memorial of Yuyakim Mar Koorilose Metropolitan (Mar Thoman pally, Mulanthuruthi)	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Feast of the Birth of St. Mary - the Mother of God	9 Comme. of St. Mary's Parents - Yuyakim and Hanna	10
11 4th Sunday after Shunoyo	12	13 Feast of the Birth of St. Mary - the Mother of God The holy Church do not celebrate the physical birthdays of any of her Fathers and Martyrs; rather celebrates their date of Martyrdom while they receive the crown from heaven. But, because of their role in incarnation of our Lord, the Church does celebrate exceptionally the birthdays of Mary, the Mother of God and John the Baptist, the forerunner of our Lord. However, there is no canonical fast before the Feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary.				



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The first part of this Byzantine Icon illustrates events related to the finding of the true cross initiated by Empress Helen, mother of Emperor Constantine who made Christians free from persecution in the Roman Empire in 314 AD. The second depiction is of the Eschaton, the second coming of our Lord and the judgement.

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Period of Cross

The period of the Cross denotes the symbol of the revelation of our Saviour. By the cross of our Lord the earthly race of Adam was saved and the thief was given life by it and inherited the eternal life. The cross becomes a strong wall for the faithful holy Church in the four parts of the world. It will drive out schisms, evil divisions and scandals from her. It counsels peace and tranquility in her forever. May all the children of the church be protected under the wings of the Holy Cross.

The Emperor Constantine saw the cross, in dream, with great glory in heaven and learned by the writing of the stars about the greatness of its power. And he believed in its lordship and conquered the army of the barbarians. And he sent his mother Queen Helen to seek about it in the city of Jerusalem. Queen Helen sent to the Jews and put on the zeal of justice and said to the crucifiers: "Summon and gather to me those who crucified the Scribes and interpreters and those who are versed in all Scripture; I will speak with them and justify their words about the sign which they denied, proves their words". And with great wonder, it was found on the 14th of September AD 320. And for all the faithful it was an unshaken shelter. The church exalted its feast on 14th September in every year. The Cross of our Lord was veiled from the faithless people but it was shown through Helen and its rays caused to shine upon the earth. All the creation which was darkened by idols was lighted by it. The Church worships and honours it, because it saved her from impiety and through it she inherits the kingdom of height. The cross of light has shone forth in the world for the salvation of all. And by the splendour of its rays the world was illumined.

SEASON OF CROSS

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عُصْبَا وَوَيْبَا

	سَبْعَا SUNDAY	اَوَمِ صَعَا MONDAY	اِحْلَا صَعَا TUESDAY	اَوَمِ صَعَا WEDNESDAY	سَبْعَا صَعَا THURSDAY	اِحْلَا صَعَا FRIDAY	اَوَمِ صَعَا SATURDAY
S E P T E M B E R	14 Feast of Sleeba: Constantine looked in the sky and saw a token of wonder, the sign of the cross; and, when he inquired into the vision, it was said to him: by this sign of life you shall gain the victory. He cast down the images and destroyed the idols and gave honour to the cross alone; blessed is he who has made the cross a stronghold for his souls. From age to age... The king Constantine saw the cross and bowed his head and worshipped it and then said: I acknowledge you, my Lord and my God, who have given me the cross, that by it I may fight against the evil one and overcome his devices; by your cross the Church was redeemed, by your cross her children obtained life, may your cross be our protection by night and by day. 14th Anniversary of the Establishment of Catholicate in Malankara	15	16	17	18 First Sunday after the Feast of Holy Cross	19	20
	21 19th Memorial of Philipose Mar Theophilos (Alwaye Thrikkunnathu Seminary)	22	23 93rd Memorial of Alvaris Mar Yulios (Panchim St. Mary's, Goa)	24 Comme. of St. Dimeth the Persian	25 2nd Sunday after the Feast of Holy Cross 122nd Memorial of H.H. Ignatios Peter III Patriarch	26	27
	28	29	30	OCTOBER 1 Comme. of evangelist St. Adai, St. Abhai the Martyr, Mar Malke	2 3rd Sunday after the Feast of Holy Cross 128th Memorial of Karottuveettil Shemavon Mar Dionysius (Kadungamangalam)	3 331st Comme. of St. Yeldo Mar Baselius (Kothamangalam Cheriyaipally)	4
O C T O B E R	5	6	7 Comme. of Martyrs St. Sargis and St. Bakos	8	9 4th Sunday after the Feast of Holy Cross	10	11
	12 161th Memorial of Cheppad Philipose Mar Dionysius Malankara Metropolitan (St. George, Cheppad) 36th Memorial of Yuhannoon Mar Athanasios OIC (Perunadu Bethany)	13	14 Comme. of St. Athanasios of Alexandria	15 Comme. of St. Osyo the Ascetic	16 5th Sunday after the Feast of Holy Cross	17	18 Comme. of St. Luke the Evangelist
	19	20	21	22 252nd Memorial of Mar Baselius Shakralla Catholicos (Kandanadu Church)	23 6th Sunday after the Feast of Holy Cross Comme. of St. James the Apostle, Son of Alphaeus	24	25
	26	27	28	29	6 Niram (Tune)	7 Maranaya (Feast's)	8 Feast of St. Mary

Lectiary

GOSPELS	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
Eve : Mathew 24:1-35 Mon : Mark 13:1-33 HQ : Luke 21:5-28	Genesis 48:13-20 Joshua 10:12-15 Isaiah 65:1-7	Acts 13:26-39 Galatians 2:17-3:14
Eve : Luke 17:20-37 Mon : Mathew 24:36-51 HQ : Mark 13:30-37	Genesis 42:1-8 Hosea 5:1-5 Isaiah 57:14-20	Acts 3:22-25 1 Cor. 2:10-13
Eve : Mathew 14:34-15:11 Mon : Mathew 15:12-20; 16:1-4 HQ : Mathew 16:5-12	Genesis 42:9-17 1 Kings 3:5-9 Isaiah 48:12-16	Acts 5:34-36 1 Cor. 2:14-33
Eve : Mathew 18:23-35 Mon : Luke 16:1-12 HQ : Luke 16:1-13	Genesis 42:18-21 Proverbs 1:2-9 Isaiah 54:1-4	Acts 7:2-5 Romans 8: 9-11
Eve : Mark 10:1-16 Mon : Luke 9:37-45 HQ : Luke 12:13-21	Numbers 29:35-30:1 1 Kings 8:27-30 Isaiah 54:5-8	Acts 18:24-28 Colossians 1:21-26
Eve : Luke 20:27-40 Mon : Mathew 22:34-46; Luke 20:45-57 HQ : Mathew 23:1-12	Leviticus 2:1-3 Job 6:1-10 Isaiah 40:27-31	Acts 22:22-29 1 Timothy 6:13-21
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