

# 2012 CHURCH CALENDAR

"Therefore you shall be perfect, just as  
your Father in heaven is perfect."

St. Mathew 5: 48



"Theosis is becoming by grace what God is by nature. For the son of  
God became man so that we might become god." (St. Athanasius)

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# Saint Stephen

St. Stephen is remembered as the Chief of the Deacons as he was the eldest of the seven deacons, appointed by the Apostles themselves. The Holy Spirit worked powerfully through his faith, enabling him to perform many miracles and always defeat the Jews who would dispute with him.

He was the first Christian martyr. In the words of Asterias, he was "the starting point of the martyrs, the instructor of suffering for Christ, the foundation of righteous confession, since Stephen was the first to shed his blood for the Gospel."

Filled with the Holy Spirit, St Stephen preached Christianity and defeated Jewish teachers of the law in debates. The Jews maligned St Stephen, accusing him of uttering blasphemy against God and against Moses. St Stephen came before the Sanhedrin and the High Priest to answer these charges. He gave a fiery speech, in which he recounted the history of the Jewish nation, and denounced the Jews for persecuting the prophets and for executing the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ (Acts ch. 7).

During his speech, St Stephen suddenly saw Heavens being opened and Jesus Christ standing at the right hand of God. The Jews shouted and covered their ears and rushed at him. They dragged him out of the city and stoned him, but the holy martyr prayed for his murderers. Far off on the heights stood the Mother of God with the holy Apostle John the Theologian praying fervently for the martyr. Before his death St Stephen said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. O Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." Then he joyfully gave up his pure soul to Christ.



# JANUARY 2012

Fasting Days
  Feast Day


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <i>St. John 15: 5-19</i> <b>Circumcision Of Our Lord</b> <b>Sts. Basil and Gregory</b> New Years HQ Installation of New MC MC Meeting	<b>2</b> HQ & Baptism	<b>3</b> <b>H.H Baselius</b> <b>Marthoma</b> <b>Geevarghese II</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Feast of Epiphany</b> <b>(Baptism of Christ)</b> <i>St. Luke 3: 7-22</i>	<b>7</b> <b>St. John the Baptist</b> <i>1 Peter: 3: 12-17</i>
<b>8</b> <i>St. Matthew 4: 12-22</i> <b>St. Stephen</b> DB - POCE	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> MGOCSM 2Day Conference	<b>14</b> MGOCSM 2Day Conference
<b>15</b> <i>St. John 1: 43-51</i> Sunday School Mid-Terms MMVS Meeting MC Meeting	<b>16</b> <b>Martin Luther</b> <b>King's Birthday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Sts. Simon,</b> <b>Samuel, and</b> <b>Anthony</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <i>St. John 3: 1-12</i> MGSF DB - DOCE	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>H.H. Baselius</b> <b>Marthoma</b> <b>Mathews II</b>	<b>27</b> Bible Study (Skokie)	<b>28</b> MMVS Areas Meeting 10AM-1PM Ward 9 Prayer
<b>29</b> <i>St. Mark 6: 1-6</i> General Body Meeting	<b>30</b> <b>Nineveh (Jonah)</b> <b>Fast Begins</b> <i>St. Matthew 7: 1-12</i>	<b>31</b> <b>Nineveh (Jonah)</b> <b>Fast</b> <i>St. Matthew 24: 36-46</i>	Sunday School begins at 845 AM Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM Sunday Prayer Meetings begins at 6 PM Saturday Prayer Meetings begins at 630 PM		HQ - Holy Qurbana POCE - 1 <sup>st</sup> Level DB - Divya Bodhanam MGSF - Mar Gregorios Seniors Fellowship OCYM - Yuvajana Prasthanam MMVS - Morth Mariam Vanitha Samajam	SS - Sunday School DOCE - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Level MC - Managing Committee

# Saint Barsoumo

St. Barsaumo (“Son of Fasting”) is considered the “chief among mourners”. He was born as the son of Hanoch and Sakiya in a beautiful village called Outon which is in Shmisath, by the Euphrates River. Sudden death of his father and the second marriage of his mother made him abandoned, though he stayed with them. At an early age, he became a disciple of St. Ephrem. During a summer night as he went for a walk, he had a vision from God, after which he took a standing posture as a humbling submission before God for the rest of his life. St. Barsaumo prayed continuously by standing day and night. He wore garments made of iron with clothes of hair over that. He welcomed life’s sufferings and was a great leader of sacrifice. St. Barsaumo was a strict observer of lent and hence became known as “the son of fasting”. He was a renowned prophet whose prophecies mostly came true and a man of wisdom who had received the grace of the Holy Ghost, as the Apostles did. He travelled far and wide and led many to true faith, steering away from Nestorian teachings. He performed miracles and was imprisoned many a times. St Barsaumo entered into eternal rest on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 457 A.D. He is remembered in the fifth diptych as ‘chief of the anchorites.’



# FEBRUARY 2012

 Fasting Days

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>HQ</b> - Holy Qurbana <b>POCE</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> Level <b>DB</b> - Divya Bodhanam <b>MGSF</b> - Mar Gregorios Seniors Fellowship <b>OCYM</b> - Yuvajana Prasthanam <b>MMVS</b> - Morth Mariam Vanitha Samajam <b>SS</b> - Sunday School <b>DOCE</b> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Level <b>MC</b> - Managing Committee			<b>1</b> <b>Nineveh (Jonah)</b> <b>Fast Ends</b>  <b>St. Matthew 12:</b> <b>38-50</b>	<b>2</b> <b>ENTRY OF</b> <b>OUR LORD INTO</b> <b>THE TEMPLE</b> <b>St. Luke 12: 38-50</b>  HQ @ 7 PM	<b>3</b> <b>All Departed</b> <b>Holy Fathers &amp;</b> <b>St. Bar Saumo</b> <b>St. Luke 6: 20-31</b>  Evening Prayer	<b>4</b> <b>FOCUS</b> <b>(430PM-6PM)</b>
<b>5</b> <i>St. Matthew 24: 42-51</i> <b>Departed Clergy</b> MC Meeting Teacher's Meeting PHAT Super Bowl Flshp	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>St. Severus of</b> <b>Antioch</b>	<b>9</b> <b>DSW-Diocese</b> <b>Assembly-Dallas</b>	<b>10</b> <b>DSW-Diocese</b> <b>Assembly-</b> <b>Dallas</b>	<b>11</b> <b>DSW-Diocese</b> <b>Assembly-Dallas</b> KFC Youth Kick-Off
<b>12</b> <i>St. Luke 12: 32-48</i>  <b>Departed Faithful</b> Parents Teachers Conference DB - POCE	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  Tele-conference Prayer 7.30PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> MGOCSM Friday Night Sing	<b>18</b> SS Day Competition (9AM)  Ward 5 Prayer DB-DOCE
<b>19</b> <i>St. John 2: 1-11</i> <b>Kothinay Sunday</b> <b>Shubkono</b> <b>Miracle at Cana</b> DB - DOCE MMVS Meeting <i>Private Event (Evening)</i>	<b>20</b> <b>Great Lent Begins</b>  <i>St. Matthew 4: 1-11</i>	<b>21</b>  <i>St. Matthew 6: 1-6</i>	<b>22</b>  <i>St. Matthew 6: 25-34</i>	<b>23</b> <b>St. Geevarghese Mar</b> <b>Dionysius</b> <b>(Vattaseril) &amp; HG</b> <b>Thomas Mar</b> <b>Makarinos</b> <i>St. Matthew 7: 13-27</i>	<b>24</b>  <b>St. Matthew</b> Bible Study (Skokie) <i>St. Matthew 5: 27-37</i>	<b>25</b> <b>Sts. Ephrem &amp;</b> <b>Theodore</b> Ward 9 Prayer PHAT/WOW Ministry <i>St. Mark 8: 34-38; 13: 9-13</i>
<b>26</b> <i>St. Luke 5: 12-16; 4: 40-41</i>  <b>Healing the Leper</b> MMVS Fundraiser MGSF Ward 4 Prayer	<b>27</b> <b>St. Luke 6: 27-36</b>	<b>28</b> <b>St. Mark 4: 21-34</b> <b>Tele-conference</b> <b>Prayer 7.30PM</b>	<b>29</b> <b>St. Luke 11: 1-13</b>		Sunday School begins at 845 AM Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM Sunday Prayer Meetings begins at 6 PM Saturday Prayer Meetings begins at 630 PM	

# Saint Ephrem

Saint Ephrem the Syrian, “the eloquent mouth and pillar of the Church”, was born sometime around the year 306 in Nibisis, a Syrian town located in modern day Turkey. The Church was suffering under the persecution of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. It was long believed that Ephrem's father was a pagan priest. But evidence from his own writings suggests that both of his parents may have been Christians; so his father may have converted to Christianity later in life.

Ephrem was baptized around the age of 18 and he may have been ordained a deacon at the same time. Since one of the chief activities of a deacon is the preaching of the Gospel, Ephrem began to write deeply theological hymns and biblical commentaries. In his lifetime, he may have written as many as three million lines, and about 400 of his hymns still survive. His hymnography earned him the title "Harp of the Spirit."

Fleeing westward from the Persians who were ravaging Turkey, Ephrem settled in Edessa in southern Turkey, in 363. There he continued to write hymns, especially defending the teaching of the Council of Nicea against the Arian heretics who were influential in Edessa. He died tending to victims of plague in 373.



# MARCH 2012

■ Fasting Days

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sunday School begins at 845 AM            Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM            Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM            Sunday Prayer Meetings begins at 6 PM            Saturday Prayer Meetings begins at 630 PM</p>		<p>HQ - Holy Qurbana            POCE - 1<sup>st</sup> Level            DB - Divya Bodhanam            MGSF - Mar Gregorios Seniors Fellowship            OCYM - Yuvajana Prasthanam            MMVS - Morth Mariam Vanitha Samajam</p>	<p>SS - Sunday School            DOCE - 2<sup>nd</sup> Level            MC - Managing Committee</p>	<p><b>1</b>  <b>St. Matthew 18:</b>  <b>18-22</b></p>	<p><b>2</b>  <b>Evening Prayer at</b>  <b>Church</b>  <b>St. Matthew 5:</b>  <b>38-48</b></p>	<p><b>3</b>  <b>St. Mark 1: 21-31</b>             Youth Basketball Camp</p>
<p><b>4</b>     <b>Healing of the</b>                      <b>Paralytic</b>  <b>St. Mark 2: 1-12</b>             MC Meeting</p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>St. Mark 2: 13-22</b></p>	<p><b>6</b>  <b>St. Mark 4: 1-20</b></p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>St. Luke 12: 32-40</b></p>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>St. Mark 9: 30-42</b></p>	<p><b>9</b>  <b>Forty Martyrs of</b>  <b>Sebaste</b>   <b>St. Luke 1: 26-38</b></p>	<p><b>10</b>     <b>King Abgar</b>  <b>St. Mark 8: 1-10</b>             KFC            Ward 1 Prayer</p>
<p><b>11</b>  <b>Canaanite Women</b>  <b>St. Matthew 15: 21-31</b>            DB-POCE            Teacher's Meeting            Ward 4 Prayer</p>	<p><b>12</b>  <b>St. Mark 12: 35-44</b></p>	<p><b>13</b>  <b>St. Matthew 11:</b>  <b>25-12: 8</b>            Tele-conference            Prayer 7.30PM</p>	<p><b>14</b>  <b>Middle of</b>  <b>Great Lent</b>  <b>St. John 3: 13-21</b></p>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>St. Matthew 19:</b>  <b>16-26</b></p>	<p><b>16</b>  <b>St. Luke 17: 1-10</b></p>	<p><b>17</b>  <b>St. Luke 9: 10-17</b>            DB-DOCE            OCYM Meeting 6PM</p>
<p><b>18</b>     <b>Healing the</b>                      <b>Crippled Woman</b>  <b>St. Luke 13: 10-17</b>            DB-DOCE            MMVS Meeting            Ward 9 Prayer</p>	<p><b>19</b>  <b>St. Luke 4: 31-41</b></p>	<p><b>20</b>  <b>St. Mark 5: 1-20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>St. Matthew 14:</b>  <b>14-23</b></p>	<p><b>22</b>  <b>St. Mark 6: 47-56</b></p>	<p><b>23</b>  <b>St. Matthew 9:</b>  <b>18-31</b>             Bible Study            (Skokie)</p>	<p><b>24</b>  <b>St. Luke 6: 1-11</b>             Common Prayer/Ward 5            Family/Youth Retreat</p>
<p><b>25 ANNUNCIATION</b>  <b>TO ST. MARY/ Heal-</b>  <b>ing the Blind Man</b>  <b>St. Luke 1: 26-38</b>            Catholicate Day            MMVS Fundraiser            General Body Meeting            Ward 3 Prayer</p>	<p><b>26</b>  <b>St. Luke 18: 31-34;</b>  <b>19: 1-10</b></p>	<p><b>27</b>  <b>St. Mark 10: 32-45</b>             Tele-conference            Prayer 7.30PM</p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>St. Mark 4: 35-41</b></p>	<p><b>29</b>  <b>St. Matthew 20:</b>  <b>17-19</b>   <b>St. Mark 8: 22-26</b></p>	<p><b>30</b>  <b>Fortieth Day of</b>  <b>Great Lent</b>   <b>St. Matthew 4: 1-11</b>  <b>HQ @ 7 PM</b></p>	<p><b>31</b>  <b>Lazarus Saturday</b>  <b>St. John 11: 28-46</b>            MC Meeting 3PM            Evening Prayer &amp;            Confession 6PM</p>

# St. John Chrysostom

St. John Chrysostom (347-407AD) was a notable Christian bishop and preacher from the fourth and fifth centuries in Syria and Constantinople. He was famous for eloquence in preaching and public speaking. After his death, he was given the name Chrysostom, which means, "golden-mouthed". The Orthodox Church honors and counts him among the Three Holy Hierarchs, together with St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory the Theologian.

Notable are his insightful expositions of Bible passages and moral teaching. The most valuable of his works are his Homilies on various books of the Bible. He particularly emphasized almsgiving. He was most concerned with the spiritual and temporal needs of the poor and spoke out against the abuse of wealth and personal property. His straightforward understanding of the Scriptures meant that the themes of his talks were eminently social, explaining the Christian conduct in life.

St. John harmonized the liturgical life of the Church by revising the prayers and rubrics of the Divine Liturgy or the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. To this day, the Orthodox Church typically celebrates the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom and many read his Paschal Homily at Easter, the greatest feast of the Church.

St. John came to be venerated as a saint soon after his death. His disciple Saint Proclus, the Patriarch of Constantinople (434-447), preached a homily praising his teacher amidst services in the Church of Hagia Sophia. He said, "O John, your life was filled with sorrow, but your death was glorious. Your grave is blessed and reward is great, by the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. O graced one, having conquered the bounds of time and place! Love has conquered space, unforgetting memory has annihilated the limits, and place does not hinder the miracles of the saint."





# APRIL 2012

□ Fasting Days    □ Feast Day

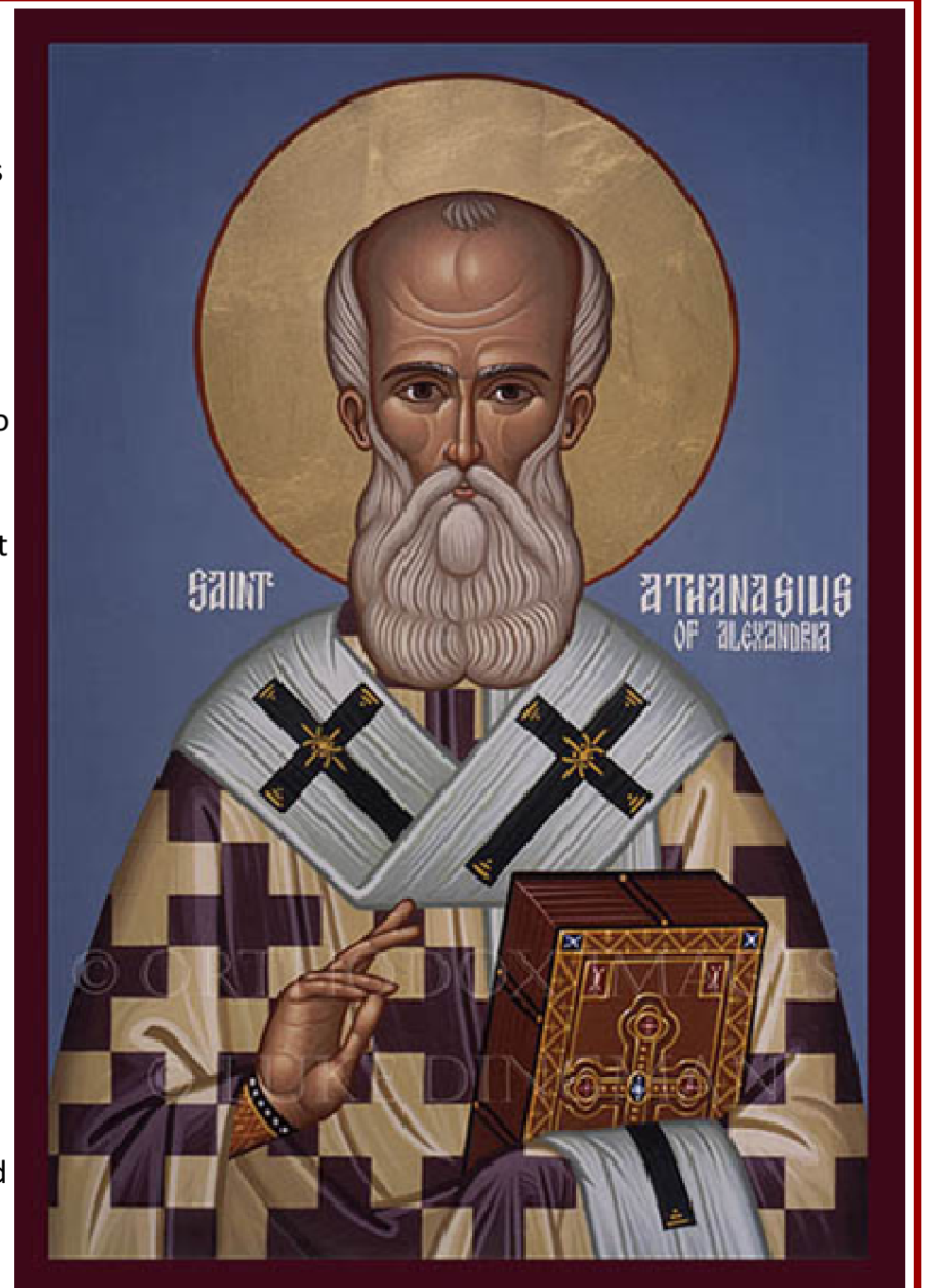
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 PALM SUNDAY</b> St. John 12: 12-19 Hosanna HQ (8:30 AM) Confession (3 - 7PM) Evening Prayer & Devotional (7-8:30 PM) St. Mary of Egypt	<b>2</b> St. Matthew 21: 23-32, 17: 10-13  Confession (3 - 7PM) Evening Prayer & Devotional (7-8:30 PM)	<b>3</b> St. John 8: 28-59  Confession (3 - 7PM) Evening Prayer & Devotional (7-8:30 PM)	<b>4</b> St. John 6: 63-7:13  Feast of Passover HQ (7 PM)	<b>5 MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> St. Luke 22: 14-30  Evening Prayer & Devotional (7-8:30 PM)	<b>6 GOOD FRIDAY</b>  St. Matthew 27: 59-60 Good Friday Service (9AM) Evening Prayer (7 PM)	<b>7 HOLY SATURDAY</b> St. Matthew 27: 62-66 HQ (10AM) Confession (3 - 7PM) Evening Prayer 7PM
<b>8 EASTER</b> St. Matthew 28: 1-20 HQ (830 AM)	<b>9 Hevoro (Days of Light)</b> St. John 2: 18-25 H.G. Kuriakose Mar Gregorios	<b>10 Hevoro</b> St. Mark 8: 11-21	<b>11 Hevoro</b> St. Mark 8: 27-33	<b>12 Hevoro</b> St. Matthew 16: 20-27	<b>13 Hevoro</b> St. Mark 9: 9-13 Feast of the Confessors	<b>14 Hevoro</b> St. Matthew 22: 23-33 KFC Fellowship DB-DOCE Ward 9 Prayer
<b>15 New Sunday</b> St. Matthew 28: 1-20  DB-DOCE Teachers Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Bible Study (Willowbrook)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Bible Study (Skokie)	<b>21</b> SS Sports (930AM - 5PM) Ward 7 Prayer
<b>22</b> St. John 21: 1-14  MMVS Meeting Ward 4 Prayer	<b>23</b> Feast of St. George the Martyr	<b>24</b>  Tele-conference Prayer 7.30PM	<b>25</b> Feast of St. Mark	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Ward 1 Prayer PHAT/WOW Ministry
<b>29</b> St. John 21: 15-19 DB-POCE MGSF MMVS Unit Competition	<b>30</b>	HQ - Holy Qurbana POCE - 1 <sup>st</sup> Level DB - Divya Bodhanam MC - Managing Committee MGSF - Mar Gregorios Seniors Fellowship OCYM - Yuvajana Prasthanam	SS - Sunday School DOCE - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Level	Sunday School begins at 845 AM Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM Sunday Prayer Meetings begins at 6 PM Saturday Prayer Meetings begins at 630 PM		

# Saint Athanasius

St. Athanasius was born in Alexandria in the year 296 A.D. From his early childhood, he had an inclination to the spiritual life. His long episcopate lasted 45 years (c. 8 June 328 - 2 May 373), of which over 17 years were spent in five exiles ordered by four different Roman emperors. He is considered to be a renowned Christian theologian, a Church Father, and the chief defender of Orthodoxy. He was a deacon to Archbishop Alexander and accompanied him to the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea 325 A.D. It was at this Council that Athanasius became renowned for his learning, devotion to and zeal for Christ. All Christian denominations accept the 27 Books of the New Testament today, often without realizing that the New Testament canon in the order it is found was first listed by St. Athanasius in 367 A.D. in an Easter (Paschal) letter written to his churches.

Few were so mercilessly slandered and so criminally persecuted as St. Athanasius. Yet his great soul patiently endured all for the love of Christ, and in the end emerged victorious from this entire terrible and long-lasting struggle. For counsel, for comfort and for moral support, Athanasius often visited St. Anthony, whom he respected as his spiritual father. For a man who formulated the greatest truth, Athanasius had much to suffer for it until the year 373, when the Lord gave him repose in His kingdom as His faithful servant.

Within a few years of his departure, St. Gregory of Nazianzus called him the "Pillar of the Church". His writings were well regarded by all Church fathers who followed. He is venerated by the Oriental and Eastern Orthodox churches, the Roman Catholics, the Lutherans and the Anglican Communion.



# MAY 2012

 Feast Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>HQ</b> - Holy Qurbana <b>POCE</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> Level <b>DB</b> - Divya Bodhanam <b>MGSF</b> - Mar Gregorios Seniors Fellowship <b>OCYM</b> - Yuvajana Prasthanam <b>MMVS</b> - Morth Mariam Vanitha Samajam	<b>SS</b> - Sunday School <b>DOCE</b> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Level <b>MC</b> - Managing Committee	<b>1</b> <b>St. James the Great</b>	<b>2</b> Bible Study (Willowbrook)	<b>3</b> <b>H.H. Baselius</b> <b>Marthoma</b> <b>Paulos I</b>	<b>4</b> Evening Prayer	<b>5</b> <b>St. Irene</b> Free Date for Private Event Morning OCYM 6PM
<b>6</b> <b>St. Luke 24: 13-35</b>  <b>MC Meeting</b> Ward 9 Prayer	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>St. John the Apostle</b>  Teleconference Prayer 730PM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>St. Simon the Zealot</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> KFC MMVS Retreat + Seminar Ward 1 Prayer
<b>13</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> <b>St. Luke 9: 51-62</b>  DB-POCE	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Bible Study (Willowbrook)	<b>17</b> <b>ASCENSION OF</b> <b>OUR LORD</b>	<b>18</b> Bible Study (Skokie)	<b>19</b> DB - DOCE Ward 7 Prayer MMVS-Area Competition Fr. V.M Shibu Run N Gun Basketball Tournament
<b>20</b> The Evangelists <b>St. John 17: 13-26</b> DB-DOCE MMVS Ward 4 Prayer	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Teleconference Prayer 730PM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> HQ & Baptism PHAT/WOW Ministry Ward 9 Prayer
<b>27 PENTECOST</b> <b>St. John 15: 1-14</b>  No SS Class MGSF	<b>28</b> <b>St. Aaron</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Sunday School begins at 845 AM Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM Sunday Prayer Meetings begins at 6 PM Saturday Prayer Meetings begins at 630 PM	

# Saint Cyril

St. Cyril, the exalted and a veritable tower of knowledge, was the Pope of Alexandria at a time when Alexandria was at its height in influence and power within ancient Christianity. St. Cyril wrote extensively and was a leader during the Christological controversies of the 4th and 5th centuries. He was a central figure in the Council of Ephesus in 431 which led to the deposition of Nestorius as Archbishop of Constantinople. He is one among the patristic fathers, and his reputation within the Orthodox Christian world has led to his acquiring the title "Seal of all the Fathers."

St Cyril writes, "Therefore let us acknowledge that the body which was born at Bethlehem, even if it is not the same - I mean in natural quality - with the Word which is from the Father, yet it became his, and not of some other son beside him. But one Son and Christ and Lord is understood even when the Word became incarnate."

This statement of Faith upheld by the Holy Councils of Nicaea, Constantinople and Ephesus is accepted as Truth by all Orthodox Churches and is at the heart of Oriental Orthodox Christology, which led to the misunderstanding at the Council of Chalcedon. St. Cyril, venerated by all Orthodox Churches, gives hope of reconciliation and healing within the Church, the Body of Christ.

Just as St. Cyril did, we steadfastly confess that in the Incarnation, and for our salvation, the Word of God has deigned to unite, in a manner past understanding, humanity with his divinity such that even as there is no confusion or mixture, equally there is no division or separation, but we see 'One Christ' and 'One Lord'.



# JUNE 2012

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<b>Notes :</b> Sunday School begins at 845 AM Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM Sunday Prayer Meetings begins at 6 PM Saturday Prayer Meetings begins at 630 PM		HQ - Holy Qurbana POCE - 1 <sup>st</sup> Level DB - Divya Bodhanam MGSF - Mar Gregorios Seniors Fellowship OCYM - Yuvajana Prasthanam MMVS - Morth Mariam Vanitha Samajam	SS - Sunday School DOCE - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Level MC - Managing Committee		<b>1</b> <b>Golden Friday</b> Evening Prayer	<b>2</b> *Free Date for Private Event Morning Youth Volleyball Fellowship Ward 9 Prayer
<b>3</b> St. John 6: 26-35  MC Meeting SS Final Exam Charity Collection Day Ward 1 Prayer	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  Bible Study (Willowbrook)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Wedding In Dallas
<b>10</b> St. John 21: 15-19  DB-POCE Ward 8th Prayer	<b>11</b> St. Bartholomew	<b>12</b> Teleconference Prayer 730PM	<b>13</b>  Nuhro Meeting 7PM	<b>14</b>  Nuhro Camp	<b>15</b>  Nuhro Camp	<b>16</b> Apostles' Fast Begins Nuhro Camp
<b>17 FATHER'S DAY</b> St. John 6: 35-46 DB-DOCE MMVS Meeting Nuhro Camp Ward 3 Prayer Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> St. James, the First Bishop of Jerusalem	<b>20</b>  Bible Study (Willowbrook)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Youth Getaway Trip	<b>23</b> Common Prayer  Youth Getaway Trip Ward 7 Prayer
<b>24</b> Nativity of St. John the Baptist St. Luke 10: 1-16  SS Centralized Exams MGSF	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Teleconference Prayer 730PM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Sts. Peter & Paul  Bible Study (Skokie)	<b>30</b> The Twelve Apostles Ward 4 Prayer  PHAT/WOW Ministry

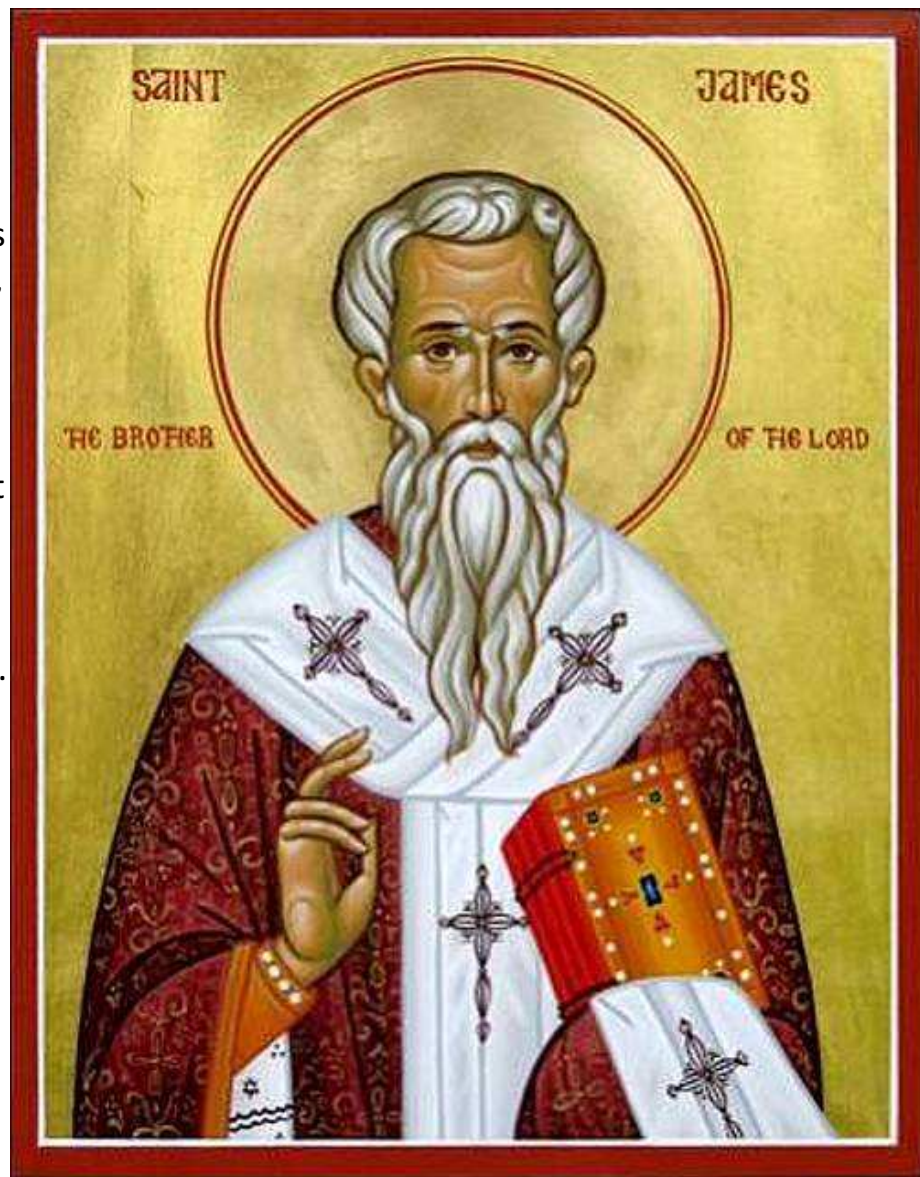
# Saint James

St. James, the first Bishop of Jerusalem, was martyred in 62 AD and was an important figure in Early Christianity. He is distinguished from the other Apostle St. James by various epithets. He is called "James, the brother of the Lord" by St. Paul (Galatians 1:19), "James, the Just" by Hegesippus and others, "James, the Righteous", "James of Jerusalem", "James Adelphotheos", and so on.

St. James became the leader of the Christian movement in Jerusalem in the decades after Jesus' death, but information about his life is scarce and ambiguous. Apart from a handful of references in the Gospels, the main sources about his life are the Acts of the Apostles, the Pauline epistles, the historian Josephus, and St. Jerome, who also quotes the early Christian author Hegesippus. The Epistle of St. James in the New Testament is traditionally attributed to him, and he is a principal author of the Apostolic Decree of Acts 15.

The Liturgy of Saint James is the oldest complete form of the Eastern varieties of the Divine Liturgy and still in use among certain Christian churches. It is based on the traditions of the ancient rites of the Early Christian Church of Jerusalem. It forms the historical basis of the Liturgy of Antioch, which is still the principal liturgy of the Syrian Orthodox Church.

Saint James was martyred at the hands of a mob incensed by his preaching about Jesus and his "transgression of the Law", a factitious accusation made by the Jewish High Priest of the time, Hanan ben Hanan.



# JULY 2012

 Feast Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>St. Luke 9: 10-18</b>  MC Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>St. Thomas</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b>	<b>5</b> <b>The Seventy-Two Evangelists</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Evening Prayer (7PM)</b>	<b>7</b> <b>PICNIC DAY</b> Ward 9 Prayer
<b>8</b> <b>Mission Sunday</b> <b>St. Matthew 15: 32-39</b>  DB-POCE	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  Teleconference Prayer 730PM	<b>11</b> <b>Diocesan Family Conference</b> <b>Miami, FL</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Diocesan Family Conference</b> <b>Miami, FL</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Diocesan Family Conference</b> <b>Miami, FL</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Diocesan Family Conference</b> <b>Miami, FL</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Sts. Kuriakose, Yulitti, Abhai</b> <b>St. Mark 3: 20-30</b>  MMVS Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Bible Study (Willowbrook)	<b>19</b>  OVBS	<b>20</b> <b>St. Elijah the Prophet</b>  OVBS	<b>21</b> Ward 5 Prayer  OVBS
<b>22</b> <b>St. Mary Magdalene</b> <b>St. John 6: 47-59</b>  Ward 4 Prayer	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Teleconference Prayer 730PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Leadership Conference	<b>27</b> <b>St. Simeon the Stylite</b>  Leadership Conference Bible Study (Skokie)	<b>28</b> Leadership Conference PHAT/WOW Ministry OCYM (6PM) Youth Fundraiser
<b>29</b> <b>St. Luke 14: 7-11</b>  MMVS Fundraiser MGSF	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>HQ - Holy Qurbana</b> <b>SS - Sunday School</b> <b>POCE - 1<sup>st</sup> Level</b> <b>DOCE - 2<sup>nd</sup> Level</b> <b>DB - Divya Bodhanam</b> <b>MC - Managing Committee</b> <b>MGSF - Mar Gregorios Seniors Fellowship</b> <b>OCYM - Yuvajana Prasthanam</b>		<b>unday School begins at 845 AM</b> <b>Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM</b> <b>Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM</b> <b>Sunday Prayer Meetings begins at 6 PM</b> <b>Saturday Prayer Meetings begins at 630 PM</b>	

# Saint Mary, the Theotokos

The title *Theotokos* (Greek for “God-bearer”) was confirmed by the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D. for St. Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. Above her head are the letters “MP OV”, the Greek abbreviation of Mother of God. This title tells us more about the nature of her Son than about St. Mary herself. As such, the icon is not of St. Mary but rather of Christ.

St. Mary is shown wearing a veil that speaks to us of her humility and piety. The veil is red, the color of divinity (Luke 1:35). Upon her veil are three stars which represent her eternal virginity (i.e., before, during and for ever after). Mother Mary’s hand directs us to the Infant Jesus Christ (IC XC), which is written with adult-like features to reflect that even as a baby, He embodies all the wisdom of the One True God. St. Mary – who literally had Christ within her - is our role model and we venerate her humility, her piety, her tenderness and the sorrow she endured.





# AUGUST 2012

■ Fasting Days    ■ Feast Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sunday School begins at 845 AM            Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM            Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM            Sunday Prayer Meetings begins at 6 PM            Saturday Prayer Meetings begins at 630 PM</p>			<p><b>1</b>     <b>Dormition Fast Begins</b>             Sts. Shmuni, her 7            sons, and Eleazer</p>	<p><b>2</b>     MGOCSM Summer Conference</p>	<p><b>3</b>     MGOCSM Summer Conference</p>	<p><b>4</b>     MGOCSM Summer Conference             Wedding</p>
<p><b>5</b>  <b>St. Matthew 18: 1-11</b>             MGOCSM Summer            Conference            DB - POCE</p>	<p><b>6</b>     <b>TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD</b>   <b>St. Luke 9: 27-36</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b>  <b>St. Matthias</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b>            MMVS 1Day Retreat            Ward 4 Prayer</p>
<p><b>12</b>  <b>St. Azazael</b>  <b>St. Matthew 21: 28-32</b>            MC Meeting</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b>            HQ-7PM</p>	<p><b>15</b>     <b>Dormition Of St. Mary</b>  <b>St. John 19: 25-27</b>  <b>St. Matthew 12: 46-50</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b>            SS Kickoff Meeting            DB-DOCE            Ward 9 Prayer</p>
<p><b>19</b>  <b>St. Labbaeus</b>  <b>St. Luke 21: 28-32</b>            DB-DOCE            MMVS Meeting</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b>  <b>St. Mathew</b>            Bible Study            (Skokie)</p>	<p><b>25</b>            KFC            Ward 7 Prayer            PHAT/WOW Ministry</p>
<p><b>26</b>  <b>St. Luke 11: 9-20</b>             MMVS Fundraiser            MGSF</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b>             Teleconference            Prayer 730PM</p>	<p><b>29</b>  <b>Beheading of St. John the Baptist</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p>HQ - Holy Qurbana            POCE - 1<sup>st</sup> Level            DOCE - 2<sup>nd</sup> Level            DB - Divya Bodhanam            MC - Managing Committee            MGSF - Mar Gregorios            Seniors Fellowship</p>

# Saint Severus

St. Severus of Antioch is a great Father of the Oriental Orthodox Church. Even before he was born, his grandfather whose name was also Severus, saw a vision in which someone told him, "The child who is for your son will strengthen Orthodoxy, and his name will be after your name." When his son had this saint, he called him Severus. He was taught the Greek wisdom and church subjects.

In the decades after the Council of Chalcedon (451 AD) there was confusion and political overtures throughout the Church often exacerbated by persecution by rulers who favored those who agreed with the Chalcedonians. St. Severus, more than any other, clearly and persistently defended the understanding of Jesus Christ and wrote copiously, although much was lost through the ages. Little survives of those who rejected the decisions of that council. He was a very copious writer but we possess little more than fragments. A very large number exist only in Syriac.

St. Severus was successful in his great goal of uniting the Non-Chalcedonians into one compact body with a definitely formulated creed consistent with the Faith of the Apostles. As such, he became the target of many supporters of the Council of Chalcedon. Even when tempted with great honors and titles in attempts to persuade him to change his stand, the Saint refused and incurred the wrath of the Emperor and eventually was forced to flee to Egypt, where he traveled and visited monasteries. This further strengthened the faith of all the believers of, what today is known as, the Oriental Orthodox Church. Yet despite his opposition to Chalcedon, he always remained as tolerant as possible, even willing to accept the phrase 'in two natures' as long as the union of Divinity and humanity in Christ was confessed.

The church continues to be guided by his teachings. Although the Christological teachings of the Eastern Orthodox are more widely known and published, there is a growing understanding of the position of those who opposed the Council of Chalcedon mainly due to the persistence, courage and dedication of St. Severus, who tirelessly articulated that there is no difference in the understanding of Jesus Christ within the One Holy Catholic Church.



# SEPTEMBER 2012

 Feast Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>HQ</b> - Holy Qurbana <b>POCE</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> Level <b>DB</b> - Divya Bodhanam <b>MC</b> - Managing Committee <b>MGSF</b> - Mar Gregorios Seniors Fellowship	<b>SS</b> - Sunday School <b>DOCE</b> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Level					<b>1</b> Onam Celebration Ward 2 Prayer
<b>2</b> <b>St. Matthew 17: 22-27</b>	<b>3 Labor Day</b>	<b>4</b> Evening Prayer 7PM	<b>5</b> Evening Prayer 7PM	<b>6</b> Evening Prayer 7PM	<b>7</b> Evening Prayer 7PM	<b>8 Nativity of St. Mary</b> Ward 7 Prayer
<b>9 Sts. Joachim &amp; Anna</b> <b>St. Matthew 5: 38-48</b> <b>Grandparents' Day</b> MC Meeting SS Reopens	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Teleconference Prayer 7PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>	<b>15 Catholicate Centenary</b> KFC DB-DOCE OCYM 6PM
<b>16</b> <b>St. Mark 13: 28-37</b> DB-DOCE MMVS Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Willow Brook Bible Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Bible Study (Skokie)	<b>22 Common Prayer</b> PHAT/WOW Ministry Ward 4 Prayer
<b>23</b> <b>St. Matthew 16: 5-12</b> Parent Teacher Conference Ward 1 Prayer	<b>24 St. Demetrius</b>	<b>25</b> Teleconference Prayer 7PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Ward 9 Prayer
<b>30</b> <b>St. Mark 2: 23-28</b> DB - POCE MMVS Fundraiser MGSF			<b>MMVS</b> - Morth Mariam Vanitha Samajam <b>OCYM</b> - Yuvajana Prasthanam		<b>Sunday School begins at 845 AM</b> <b>Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM</b> <b>Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM</b> <b>Sunday Prayer Meetings begins at 6 PM</b> <b>Saturday Prayer Meetings begins at 630 PM</b>	

# St. Yeldo Mar Baselios, Kothamangalam

H.H. Eldho Mar Baselios was born in Iraq. He became a monk at a very young age. In A.D. 1678, he was consecrated Catholikos. In AD 1685, at the age of 92, he travelled to India to assist Mar Thomas II of our Church reorganize the Syrian Christians and train them in their faith. He reached Kothamangalam, Kerala on Sep 14, 1685. But soon he fell ill due to the long and difficult journey and old age. He consecrated Mar Ivanios as Episcopa and entered into eternal rest on Sep 29, 1685. The huge granite Cross on the west side of the church miraculously lit up at the time of the Saint's demise. He is entombed at the Mar Thoma Cheriapally Church in Kothamangalam. The two weeks of sojourn of Bava at Kothamangalam electrified the Malankara Church and his faithful associate, Metropolitan Mar Ivanios, fulfilled the mission undertaken by the saint to a large extent. Our Church canonized Eldho Mar Baselios as a Saint along with Parumala Thirumeni in 1947. Many miracles are attributed to his intercession. It is a common practice among the parents to name their long awaited sons as 'Yeldho' and 'Basil'. May his prayers be a blessing for us all!



# OCTOBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Sts. Adai, Abhai, and Malke	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> St. Baselius Eldo (Kothamangalam) Bible Study (Willowbrook)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Evening Prayer 7PM	<b>6</b> Youth Co-ED Football Tournament
<b>7</b> Sts. Sergius & Bacchus  St. Luke 16: 9-18 MC Meeting	<b>8</b> Columbus Day	<b>9</b>  Teleconference Prayer 730PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> MMVS Annual Diocese Conference California	<b>13</b> MMVS Annual Diocese Conference California Ward 9 Prayer
<b>14</b> St. Matthew 23: 1-12  DB-POCE	<b>15</b> St. Osio the Faster	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Bible Study (Willowbrook)	<b>18</b> St. Luke	<b>19</b> Bible Study (Skokie)	<b>20</b> KFC DB-DOCE SS Written Events (2 to 6 PM) Ward 7 Prayer
<b>21</b> St. Luke 18: 18-27  DB-DOCE MMVS Meeting	<b>22</b> Baselius Shakralla (Kandanad)	<b>23</b> St. James the Less Teleconference Prayer 730PM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> MC Meeting @ 3PM PHAT/WOW Ministry Ward 4 Prayer
<b>28</b> St. Matthew 5: 21-26  MMVS Fundraiser MGSF	<b>29</b> Area Convention	<b>30</b> Area Convention	<b>31</b> Area Convention	HQ - Holy Qurbana MC - Managing Committee DB - Divya Bodhanam MMvS - Morth Mariam Samajam OCYM - Yuvajana Prasthanam	Sunday School begins at 845 AM Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM Sunday Prayer Meetings begins at 6 PM Saturday Prayer Meetings begins at 630 PM	

# Saint Gregorios of Parumala

This is a famous portrait of St. Gregorios Geevarghese Chathuruthil (Parumala Thirumeni) sketched by one of the most celebrated painters of India, Raja Ravi Varma of Travancore Royal family. This is seen very often in the parishes of the Malankara Orthodox Church and is very familiar to believers. The original painting is more than a century old and is kept inside the Attamangalam St. John's Jacobite Syrian Church, Kumarakom (Kottayam).

Parumala Kochu Thirumeni's life of prayer, humility, discipline and devotion to God is an example for all of us. Thirumeni engaged in a threefold activity of tireless service for the church: Diocesan administration, Ministerial formation of deacons, and Missionary witness of the church through inner spiritual and theological consolidation, along with evangelical reaching out. In addition to these, Thirumeni undertook the task of building a church and seminary at Parumala.

He believed that the church should engage in educational activity especially to facilitate primary education and English teaching without discriminating on the basis of gender or religion. He also organized evangelical awakening programs for non-Christians at various places under the leadership of the Seminary students. A major task of Thirumeni was to motivate the clergy for an effective ministry. With this goal, he formed the Malankara Syrian Clergy Association and took many progressive decisions and made many suggestions for the effective functioning of the priestly ministry.

Thirumeni witnessed to us that a life of prayer and devotion to God in humility, obedience and faith can lead us on the way to THEOSIS.



# NOVEMBER 2012

 Feast Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sunday School begins at 845 AM            Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM            Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM            Sunday Prayer Meetings begins at 6 PM            Saturday Prayer Meetings begins at 630 PM</p>		<p>HQ - Holy Qurbana            POCE - 1<sup>st</sup> Level            DB - Divya Bodhanam            MC - Managing Committee            MGSF - Mar Gregorios Seniors Fellowship            OCYM - Yuvajana Prasthanam            MMVS - Morth Mariam Vanitha Samajam</p>	<p>SS - Sunday School            DOCE - 2<sup>nd</sup> Level</p>	<p><b>1</b>  <b>All Saints and Martyrs</b>             HQ-Evening</p>	<p><b>2</b>  <b>St. Geevarghese Mar Gregorios (Parmula) Area Convention</b></p>	<p><b>3</b>            Evening Prayer &amp; Convention</p>
<p><b>4</b> Sanctification of the Church  <b>Church Perunnal</b>             St. Matthew 16: 13-23</p>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>H.H. Baselius Marthoma Mathews I</b></p>	<b>9</b>	<p><b>10</b>            PHAT/WOW Ministry             Ward 9 Prayer</p>
<p><b>11</b> Dedication of the Church             St. John 10: 22-38            DB - POCE            Teachers Meeting</p>	<p><b>12</b>            Veterans Day</p>	<p><b>13</b>  <b>St. John Chrysostom</b>             Teleconference            Prayer 730PM</p>	<p><b>14</b>  <b>St. Philip</b></p>	<b>15</b>	<p><b>16</b>            Bible Study (Skokie)</p>	<p><b>17</b>            Ecumenical Bball Tournament            KFC            DB-DOCE            MMVS EXAM</p>
<p><b>18</b> Annunciation to Zechariah            St. Luke 1: 5-25            DB-DOCE/MMVS            General Body            Ward 3 Prayer</p>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<p><b>21</b>            Entrance of St. Mary into the Temple</p>	<p><b>22</b>  <b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>             Thanksgiving Day            9AM Prayer</p>	<p><b>23</b>            Youth Thanksgiving Dinner</p>	<p><b>24</b>            MGOCSM Basketball Tournament            Ward 5 Prayer</p>
<p><b>25</b> Annunciation to St. Mary            St. Luke 1: 26-38            MMVS Fundraiser            MGSF            Church Caroling</p>	<b>26</b>	<p><b>27</b>             Teleconference            Prayer 730PM</p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>St. Jacob Baradaeus</b></p>	<p><b>29</b>  <b>St. Jacob of Sarug</b></p>	<p><b>30</b>  <b>St. Andrew</b></p>	

# Saint Ignatius

St. Ignatius, otherwise known as Theophorus (which in Greek means "God-Bearer"), led the Christian Church during a critical period of her history. Pious tradition has always maintained that he was the little child that Christ held on His lap when He uttered the immortal words, "Let the children come unto me." What is known for certain is that he grew up to be a disciple of the Apostles, especially St. John. St. Peter personally ordained him a Bishop and his name is mentioned in the book of Romans.

Not much is known about St. Ignatius' life until he began his famous last journey—on foot—to Rome, where he was thrown to the lions as portrayed in his icons. On his way to his death, many churches sent representatives to him, and fortunately for future Christians, he sent letters back to the churches. Thanks to St. Polycarp, seven of these letters survived. We find some of the earliest teachings about the organization, practices, and beliefs of the Church in them. He emphasized the importance of loyalty and obedience to the bishop, as well as the salvific power of the Eucharist, "the flesh of Christ," "the gift of God," "the medicine of immortality." On December 20, 107, during the reign of Emperor Trajan, St. Ignatius ended his life in a Roman arena, torn to bits by beasts. Rather than discouraging the fledgling faith of Christianity as the Romans had hoped, his noble death ignited and strengthened the faith of many.

In one of his most famous quotes, he wrote to the Romans:

"I am writing to all the Churches and I enjoin all, that I am dying willingly for God's sake, if only you do not prevent it. I beg you; do not do me an untimely kindness. Allow me to be eaten by the beasts, which are my way of reaching to God. I am God's wheat, and I am to be ground by the teeth of wild beasts, so that I may become the pure bread of Christ."

After his death, the saint's followers lovingly carried his relics back to Antioch, where they remained until 637, when they were transferred to the Church of St. Clement in Rome.





# DECEMBER 2012

□ Fasting Days

□ Feast Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> <b>Nativity Fast Begins</b>  Church Caroling
<b>2</b> St. Mary visits Elizabeth St. Luke 1: 39-56 SS Day Church Caroling	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Martyrdom of Martha Barbara and- Martha Yuliano	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> St. Nicholas	<b>7</b> Evening Prayer	<b>8</b> H.H. Baselius <b>Marthoma Augen I</b> MC Meeting @ 3PM Ecumenical Christmas program
<b>9</b> Nativity of St. John the Baptist St. Luke 1: 57-80 Church Caroling	<b>10</b> Sts. Behanam, Sarah, & Philexenos	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Bible Study (Skokie)	<b>15</b>  Church Caroling
<b>16</b> Annunciation to St. Joseph St. Matthew 1: 18-25 MMVS Election Church/Youth Caroling	<b>17</b> H.H. Baselius Marthoma Geevarghese I	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> St. Ignatius	<b>21</b> St. Thomas	<b>22</b>  Family Night 530PM
<b>23</b> St. Luke 3: 23-38 SS Charity Collection Day	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (CHRISTMAS)	<b>26</b> Praises of St. Mary	<b>27</b> Slaughter of the Holy Innocents	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> PHAT/WOW Ministry
<b>30</b> St. Matthew 2: 9-15, 19-23	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve	MMVS - Morth Mariam Vanitha Samajam OCYM - Yuvajana Prasthanam	HQ - Holy Qurbana POCE - 1 <sup>st</sup> Level DB - Divya Bodhanam MC - Managing Committee MGSF - Mar Gregorios Seniors Fellowship	SS - Sunday School DOCE - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Level	Sunday School begins at 845 AM Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM Sunday Prayer Meetings begins at 6 PM Saturday Prayer Meetings begins at 630 PM	

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