



St. Mary's

SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 29 2018

Season of Resurrection

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St. Thomas, our Father in Faith
Pray for us

Readings: April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Resurrection

First Reading : Acts 9:1-9

Second Reading : Hebrews 10:19-25

Gospel : John 21:1-14

Pastor/Vicar

Fr. John Melepuram

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Liturgical Celebrations

Sunday: 8:30 A.M- Malayalam

11:30 A.M—English

Monday-Thursday : 7:30 P.M

Novena to St. Alphonsa

Friday: 9:00 A.M., 8:00 P.M

Adoration : 10:00 A.M - 8:00 P.M

Saturday: 9:00 A.M.,

Novena to St. Mary

CCD: Sunday: 10:15 A.M.

Reconciliation: Before Mass on the
day of Liturgical Service at the church

Events Calendar

April 29 : Parish Council

April Volunteers:	St. Anthony Ward.
May Volunteers:	St. Augustine Ward
June Volunteers	St. Chavara Ward
July Volunteers	St. George Ward
August Volunteers	St. Joseph Ward
September Volunteers	St. Jude Ward
October Volunteers	St. Teresa Ward
November Volunteers	St. Alphonsa Ward
December Volunteers	St. Anthony Ward

Message from John Achan!

St. Joseph – Our Model and Patron of Workers

St. Joseph is depicted and venerated in the Church in different levels, like the foster father of Jesus, faithful husband of Mary, protector of the families, supporter of the virgins and the consecrated, patron of workers, protector of the Church etc. More than any other times, St. Joseph is given greater importance to the faithful in different levels.

He is the model of all the Parents, Workers, Priests, and Religious Peoples, in the way of his Faith, Fortitude, and Forgiveness as well. He protected Jesus and Mary; He was responsible for his duties towards Jesus, Mary and Holy Family.

He taught Jesus the childhood actions to be involved in helping his foster father in the carrier of carpentry and helping his mother at home as well.

Month of May is dedicated for a special veneration to Mother Mary as well. Reading the “Vanakkamaasam” daily, “May Crowning” and praying with Mother Mary at home, are the great tradition and heritage of fathers and forefathers in Kerala. We used to encourage the children to decorate Mother Mary’s statue or pictures at home as well.

Let’s all keep praying for our two new Priests, who will be ordained this year, Kevin Mundackal on May 5th at St. Thomas Forane church in Somerset, and Rajeeve Philip on June 2nd in Tampa. This is the first ordination in our diocese ever since the diocese was erected in 2001. I encourage everyone to participate, if possible, any of the ordinations, either in Somerset or in Tampa.

I got back from my two week’s vacation, on last Wednesday. Thanks to Fr. Ciya for filling in, during my absence and also for your prayers as well.

Please keep our First Communicants and Confirmation students in our prayers.

Graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 3rd at 8:30 Mass. Please give your names to our Trustees before May 15th

Thanks
John Achan



KAIKARANS

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 Mr. Manuel Mathew-St. Augustine. 516 724 5115
 Mr. Johnson George-St. Theresa-631 206 4425



PRAYER MEETINGS:

St. Augustine ward: April 29 6:00 PM
 Jacob Mathew Ottalam
 20 Ronald Avenue, Hicksville, NY

St. Theresa ward : May 13 6:00 PM
St. Augustine ward : May 19 6:00 PM



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK.

Lucy Thomas mother of Paul Thomas,
 121 S. 8th Street, New Hyde Park, NY 11040

ALTAR SERVERS

Contact: Mr. Jeriks Tom. 516 499 4337.

4/29/2018

Shan Shaji
 Joseph Mathew
 George Joseph
 Ashley Antony
 Annie Lawrence
 Carol Mathew

5/06/2018

Aaron Kurien
 Noel Manalil
 Joseph Kurian
 Greshma John
 Christina Joseph
 Liz Maria Mannooparambil

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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4/29/2018

Alex Mancherry
 James Thomas
 Aleyamma Mathew
 George Nampiaparampil
 Viju Mathew

5/06/2018

Veronica Thanicatt
 Mary Nedumkallel
 Jose Thottukadavil
 Tomy Madathikunnel
 Shiji Mathew

MASS INTENTIONS

05/04/18 Elsy Thomas Nedunilam
 5/5/18 George Nambiaparambil
 5/10/18 Sithu Mathew
 5/11/18 Laisy Macheril
 5/12/18 Baby Thomas
 5/17/18 Joseph oorath
 5/19/18 Valsa Chacko
 5/20/18 Don jose
 5/21/18Johney Simon
 5/28/18 Nicemon Joseph

Season of Resurrection

The Season of Resurrection consists of seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost. It is a time of joy recalling the new life obtained through the resurrection of the Saviour. In fact, the prayers and hymns of this period reflect this joy. Some of the important themes of this liturgical season are the resurrection of Christ, his victory over sin, death and Satan, the cross which was a sign of folly becoming the sign of redemption and glory, the resurrection of Christ as a pledge of our resurrection, His resurrection as a basis Christian faith etc.

The early Church was administering the sacrament of baptism in connection with Easter. As St. Paul reminds us, 'We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.' (Rom 6: 4-5) The week after Easter was set apart for the newly baptized. It is worth imitating this ancient tradition of administering baptism in connection with Easter.

OUR MISSION

We the faith-filled descendants of St. Thomas the Apostle, and the members of the Syro-Malabar hierarchy nourished by the rich traits of one of the ancient cultures, thrive to impart our faith and culture to the whole world and especially to our descendants. Through worship, motivation, support and education we foster spiritual growth, Syro-Malabar traditions and values. With open hearts and helping hands we respond to the needs of our community and the world.

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CCD Schedule for May 2018

May	
6	Regular class. Bible Quiz
13	Regular class. Review for final exam
20	Regular class. Final exam
27	Regular class. Last day of CCD
May 19 th Saturday	Retreat for Holy Communion/ Confirmation Students and parents. 10AM - 4PM
May 30 th Wednesday	Holy Communion rehearsal. 5PM -7PM
June 2 nd Saturday	Holy communion/Confirmation. 3Pm
June 3rd	Graduation 12 th grade and up 10AM. Presentation of CCD merit awards

THE YOUTH CORNER

Adoration

Who: All Youth

When: Every 1st Friday of the month, 6:30-7:30PM.

July : Dynasty Basketball Tournament (7/7)

Youth Holy Land Pilgrimage (7/16 - 7/24)

Bible Study

Who: High Schoolers and Up

When: every other Sunday after
11:30 Holy Qurbana

Bring your Bibles!

Capital Campaign Updates. 3/31/18.

Active membership: 468 Families Pledged: 356. Targeted Pledge: 5,000,000.
Amount Pledged: 2,714,312. Cash Received: 1,930,443. Pledge balance to Collect: 783,869

Capital Campaign	Ward	Phone number
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Mercy Joseph	St. George	516 763 5264
Biju Puthussery	St. Augustine	516 312 1169
Joe Varghese	St. Theresa	214 300 5127

OFFERINGS:

4/22/18

Sunday collections : \$1661
Building funds : \$1950

Thank you.**OFFERINGS WILL BE APPRECIATED.****HOST AND WINE, CANDLES : \$100.00 for one month.**

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Thank You

ST. GEORGE was born in Cappadocia, at the close of the third century, of Christian parents. In early youth he chose a soldier's life, and soon obtained the favor of Diocletian, who advanced him to the grade of tribune. When, however, the emperor began to persecute the Christians, George rebuked him at once sternly and openly for his cruelty, and threw up his commission. He was in consequence subjected to a lengthened series of torments, and finally beheaded. There was something so inspiring in the defiant cheerfulness of the young soldier, that every Christian felt a personal share in this triumph of Christian fortitude; and as years rolled on St. George became a type of successful combat against evil, the slayer of the dragon, the darling theme of camp song and story, until "so thick a shade his very glory round him made" that his real lineaments became hard to trace. Even beyond the circle of Christendom he was held in honor, and invading Saracens taught themselves to except from desecration the image of him they hailed as the "White-horsed Knight." The devotion to St. George is one of the most ancient and widely spread in the Church. In the East, a church of St.

George is ascribed to Constantine, and his name is invoked in the most ancient liturgies; whilst in the West, Malta, Barcelona, Valencia, Arragon, Genoa, and England have chosen him as their patron.

Reflection.—"What shall I say of fortitude, without which neither wisdom nor justice is of any worth? Fortitude is not of the body, but is a constancy of soul; wherewith we are conquerors in righteousness, patiently bear all adversities, and in prosperity are not puffed up. This fortitude he lacks who is overcome by pride, anger, greed, drunkenness, and the like. Neither have they fortitude who when in adversity make shift to escape at their souls' expense; wherefore the Lord saith, 'Fear not those who kill the body, but cannot kill the soul.' In like manner those who are puffed up in prosperity and abandon themselves to excessive joviality cannot be called strong. For how can they be called strong who cannot hide and repress the heart's emotion? Fortitude is never conquered, or if conquered, is not fortitude."—St. Bruno.

Lives of the Saints, by Alban Butler, Benziger Bros. ed. [1894]

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/april-23-saint-george-martyr/>

SACRAMENTS

Please contact our Pastor & Vicar Rev. Fr. John Melepuram for the Sacraments of Marriage and Baptism. Cell : 215-808-4052

Obituary

Please pray for the departed souls.

George Pallivathukal, father of Jijimon George and father-in-law of Teena (St. Antony's ward) passed away in Thalayolaparambu, Kerala.

**READINGS**

May 6, 2018

Acts 10:9-16

Ephesians 2:11-22

John 17: 20-26

May 5, 2018

Hebrews 7: 11-17

John 15: 26-16

Pope Francis: The Christian life is a battle against evil

On Wednesday Pope Francis spoke about the temptations encountered in the Christian life, encouraging the faithful not to be discouraged by the struggle, but to be reassured and strengthened by the prayers of the Church.

“It is difficult to fight against evil, to escape from its deceptions, to regain strength after a tiring struggle, but we must know that all of Christian life is a battle,” the pope said April 25.

“But we must also know that we are not alone, that the Mother Church prays so that her children, regenerated in Baptism, do not succumb to the snares of

the evil one. Strengthened by the Risen Lord, who defeated the prince of this world, we too can repeat with the faith of St. Paul: ‘I can do all things in him who strengthens me,’” he said.

At his Wednesday general audience, Pope Francis continued his reflections on the sacrament of Baptism – including its power over the evil of sin and the hope that Christians gain through the prayers of others and through membership in the Catholic Church.

We know from personal experience how easily, even in the Christian life, we are tempted to separate ourselves from God, “from his will, from communion with him, to fall back into the bonds of worldly seductions,” Francis said.

Baptism is not a “magic formula, but a gift of the Holy Spirit,” he continued, emphasizing that it “prepares us, gives us strength for this daily struggle, even the struggle against the devil who – as St. Peter says – like a lion tries to devour us, to destroy us.”

Quoting from the Rite of the Baptism of Children, he said the sacrament enables “those who receive it to fight against the spirit of evil, believing that God has sent his Son into the world to destroy the power of Satan and transfer man from darkness into his kingdom of infinite light.”

Another important aspect of the sacrament, the pope noted, is that one never goes to the baptismal font to receive Baptism alone, but is always accompanied by the prayers of the entire Church, as can be heard in the litany of the saints.

The prayers of the Church are always active, he said, encouraging those present to enter into this prayer, praying for the people of God and for those in need.

In the Baptism of adults, following the litany of the saints, the prayer of exorcism and the pre-baptismal anointing with the oil of the catechumens takes place.

These are gestures, Francis said, which since ancient times have assured those preparing to be baptized that the prayer of the Church assists them “in the fight against evil, accompanies them on the path of good, helps them to escape the power of sin to pass into the kingdom of divine grace.”

This is one reason that, for adult catechumens, the path includes repeated prayers of exorcism pronounced by the priest, he said. These prayers call for the liberation of the person from everything which separates him or her from Christ, preventing intimate union with him.



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