

# Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church

Diocese of North America

## Lectionary for the Christian Year 2026

(with additional passages for the United States of America & Canada)

MONTH			
Date/Day	Theme(s), Holiday(s), Fast(s), Feast(s)		
	1st Lesson	Epistle	Evening Reading
	2nd Lesson	Gospel	Evening Reading

### JANUARY 2026

1	Thursday	<b><i>New Year Day, Circumcision of our Lord</i></b> <b>Freedom under the Yolk of Christ</b> 1 Kings 19: 15-21                      Romans 5: 1-11 Galatians 5:1-6                      St. Luke 2:16-21		
4	Sunday	<b><i>Mission outside Kerala</i></b> <b>Mission: unveiling God's love to all</b> Genesis 12: 1-7                      1 John 4: 7-21                      Jonah 4: 1-11 Romans 8: 31-39                      St. Luke 9: 1-6                      Psalm 136		
6	Monday	<b>Baptism of our Lord (<i>Danaha</i>) - Affirmation of Identity and Mission</b> Isaiah 53: 1-12                      Acts of the Apostles 8: 26-35 Galatians 4:1-7                      St. Matthew 3:11-17		
8	Wednesday	<b><i>St. Stephen's Day</i></b> 2 Chro. 24:20-25                      Acts of the Apostles 7:54 - 8:3 1 Peter 4:12-16                      St. Matthew 23:34-39		
11	Sunday	<b>Christian life meant to be fruitful</b> Isaiah 5: 1-7                      Galatians 5: 16-26                      Psalm 1 Colossians 1: 3-13                      St. John 15: 1-11                      Revelation 22: 1-7		
18 - 25		<b><i>Unity Octave (Week of Prayer for Christian unity)</i></b>		
18	Sunday	<b>Trusting in a Caring God</b> 2 Chronicles 32: 9-23                      Philippians 4: 4-8                      Psalm 121 1 Peter 5: 7-11                      St. Matthew 6: 19-34                      Acts of the Apostles 27: 9-26		
19	Monday	<b><i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day (USA)</i></b> Micah 6:1-8                      1 John 2:1-14                      Psalm 7 2 Tim. 4:1-8                      St. John 15:1-17                      Psalm 89		

- 25 Sunday ***Ecumenical Sunday***  
**Unity in faith and action**  
Joshua 4: 1-11 I Corinthians 3: 1-9 Daniel 2:17-23  
Acts 4: 32-37 St. Mark 6: 32-44 Psalm 67
- 26 Monday ***Republic Day (India)***  
**Unity and Integrity**  
Nehemiah 2: 11-18 I Corinthians 10: 23-33  
1 Peter 2: 11-17 St. Mathew 5: 13-16
- 26 Monday ***Beginning of three-day Lent (Fast of Nineveh): Repentance***  
Jonah 1:1-17 Romans 15:24-33  
Colossians 3: 5-11 St. Matthew 7: 1-12
- 27 Tuesday ***Three-day Lent: Transformation***  
Jonah 2 Galatians 5: 16-24  
Revel. 3: 14-22 St. Matthew 24: 36-46
- 28 Wednesday ***Three-day Lent: The redemption of all creation***  
Jonah 3 Ephesians 5:1-10  
James 3: 1-12 St. Matthew 12:38-50
- 29 Thursday ***Conclusion of three-day Lent: Celebration of redemption***  
Jonah 4 Hebrews 8:7-13  
Romans 10:1-10 St. Luke 13:1-5

## FEBRUARY 2026

- 1 Sunday ***Medical Mission Sunday***  
**Compassion: Loving and Suffering Together**  
Isaiah 42: 1-9 James: 5:13-18 2 Kings 5: 8-14  
Acts 3: 1-16 St. Matthew 9: 35-38 Psalm 103: 1-14
- 2 Monday ***Entry of our Lord to the Temple (Mayaltho)***  
1 Samuel 1: 19-28 Ephesians 5: 8-14  
Hebrews 10: 1-7 St. Luke 2: 22-39
- 8 Sunday ***Beginning of the 131<sup>st</sup> Session of the Maramon Convention***  
**Sabbath Leads to the Fulness of Creation**  
Genesis 1: 31 – 2:3 Colossians 2: 13-19 Exodus 31: 12-17  
Hebrews 4:1-11 St. Mark 3: 1-6 Psalm 24

- 15 Sunday **Conclusion of the 131<sup>st</sup> Session of the Maramon Convention**  
**Beginning of the Great Lent (Pethurtha)**  
**Jesus Christ who Transforms**  
Ezekiel 36: 24-36                      2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 Lamentations 5: 15-22  
Romans 11: 33 – 12:2                      St. John 2: 1-11                      Psalm 51
- 16 Monday **Shubkono: Ministry (Service) of Reconciliation**  
**Forgiven to Forgive**  
Genesis 45: 1-15                      Ephesians 2: 11-22  
Romans 5: 6-11                      St. Matthew 5: 21-26
- 16 Monday **Presidents Day (USA)**  
1 Sam. 12.1-7                      1 Thess. 3. 1-13  
Acts. 11. 1- 9                      St. Mark. 12. 1- 11
- 16 Monday **Family Day (Canada)**  
Gen 21:1-21                      St. Mark 3:31-35  
Gal. 6:6-10                      1 John 2:7-17
- 22 Sunday **Call to be Compassionate – Second Sunday of Great Lent**  
Ruth 2: 4-20                      1 John 3: 13-24                      Deuteronomy 4: 31-40  
Ephesians 4: 25-32                      St. Mark 1: 40-45                      Psalm 145

### MARCH 2026

- 1 Sunday **Call to Shoulder Each Other's Burdens – Third Sunday of Great Lent**  
2 Samuel 9: 1-13                      Romans 12: 9-21                      Psalm 41  
Galatians 6: 1-10                      St. Mark 2: 1-12                      Zechariah 7: 4-10
- 6 Friday **World Women's Day of Prayer**
- 8 Sunday **Call to be Inclusive**  
**Fourth Sunday of Great Lent**  
Isaiah 56: 1-8                      Galatians 3: 23-29                      Ruth 4: 1-10  
Revelation 7: 9-17                      St. Matthew 15: 21-28                      Psalm 86
- 11 Wednesday **Mid-Lent**  
**The Readiness to Face the Cross**  
Numbers 21:1-9                      Galatians 6:11-16  
1 Corin. 1:18-31                      St. Mark 10: 32-34
- 15 Sunday **Call to be Liberative**  
**Fifth Sunday of Great Lent**  
Isaiah 1: 12-17                      2 Corinthians 1: 3-11                      Leviticus 25: 8-13  
Ephesians 6: 5-9                      St. Luke 13: 10-17                      Psalm 9

22	Sunday	<b>Cross: Manifestation of Grace</b> <b>Thirty-Sixth Sunday</b> Micah 7: 15-20 Romans 5: 8-21	1 Peter 2: 17-24 St. Mark 10: 46-52	Psalm 31 Jeremiah 31: 31-34
25	Wednesday	<b>Annunciation to Virgin Mary</b> Isaiah 7: 10-14 1 John 3: 1-12	Galatians 4: 1-7 St. Luke 1: 26-38	
27	Friday	<b>40<sup>th</sup> Friday in Great Lent</b> <b>Hunger to be the Will of God</b> Numbers 11: 4-15 1 Thessalonians 3: 1-8	James 1: 12-18 St. Matthew 4: 1-11	
29	Sunday	<b>Hosanna - Vaideeka Seminary Day</b> <b>Entry of the King of Peace</b> Zechariah 9: 1-12 Ephesians 2: 11-22	Colossians 3: 12-17 St. Mark 11: 1-11	Romans 11: 16-24 Psalm 24
30	Monday	<b>Hasha: Passion Week</b> Isaiah 63	Hebrews 2	St. Matthew 22: 15-33
31	Tuesday	Numbers 21:1-16	Ephesians 2	St. Matthew 24:1-28

## APRIL 2026

1	Wednesday	Leviticus 16:1-28	1 Peter 4	St. Matthew 25:14-46
2	Thursday	<b>Passover (Maundy) Thursday</b> <b>Holy Qurbana: Life-Giving Love</b>  <u>Morning</u> Exodus 12:1-17 Hebrews 9:1-15  <u>Evening</u> Genesis 22:1-14 Hebrews 5	I Corinthians 11:23-34 St. Matthew 26:17-30  I Corinthians 11:23-34 St. Matthew 26:31-46	
3	Friday	<b>Good Friday</b> <b>Cross: The Celebration of Life</b>		
	<i>First Service</i>	Isaiah 53	1 Peter 1	St. Matthew 26: 47-75
	<i>Second service</i>	Zechariah 13	Galatians 3	St. Matthew 27: 1-44

*Third service*      Numbers 21: 1-9                      Hebrews 3: 1-19      St. Matthew 27: 45-56

4      Saturday      ***Holy Saturday – Hope in Despair***  
Isaiah 56:1-6                      2 Corinthians 1:3-7  
I Peter 4: 12-19                      St. Matthew 27: 62-66

5      Sunday      ***Kemta – Feast of Resurrection – Easter Sunday (End of Great Lent);  
Resurrection: Victory over Death***  
Ezekiel 37: 1-14                      Romans 6: 1-11      Psalm 49  
1 Corinthians 15: 20-28      St. Mark 16: 1-11      Daniel 12: 1-13

12      Sunday      ***New Sunday — My Lord and My God  
The first Sunday after the Feast of Resurrection***  
Isaiah 45: 21-25                      Colossians 1: 15-20      Exodus 3: 13-18  
Revelation 1: 9-20                      St. John 20: 24-29      Psalm 35: 18-28

19      Sunday      ***Come and Dine: Invitation by the Risen Lord  
The second Sunday after the Feast of Resurrection***  
1 Kings 19: 1-8                      Acts 27: 27-36      2 Kings 4:38-44  
Revelation 3: 14-22                      St. John 21: 1-14      Psalm 23

26      Sunday      ***Risen Lord: The Co-Traveller  
The third Sunday after the Feast of Resurrection***  
Exodus 33: 12-16                      2 Corinthians 4: 7-15      Exodus 13: 17-22  
Acts 18: 1-11                      St. Luke 24: 13-35      Psalm 121

## **MAY 2026**

1      Friday      ***May Day (Canada, India)***  
Exodus 36: 1-13                      James 5: 1-6  
Acts of the Apostles 9: 36-43      St. John 4: 34-38

3      Sunday      ***Metropolitan's Fund (Bhoo-bhavana dana prasthanam)  
Walk with Christ in Passionate Love  
The fourth Sunday after the Feast of Resurrection***  
Jeremiah 31: 1-6                      1 John 1: 1-10      Isaiah 54: 1-10  
Ephesians 3: 14-19                      St. John 21: 15-19      Psalm 63

8      Friday      ***St. John's Day***  
Exodus 33:18-23                      I John 1:1-4  
Revelation 1:1-20                      St. John 21:20-25

- 10 Sunday **Risen Christ: Assurance of Everlasting Presence**  
***The fifth Sunday after the Feast of Resurrection***  
 Isaiah 41: 8-13 Ephesians 2: 1-10 Genesis 16: 7-13  
 Hebrews 13: 1-8 St. Matthew 28: 16-20 Psalm 110
- 10 Sunday ***Mothers' Day (USA, Canada)***  
 2 Kings. 4. 8-19 1 Cor. 13:1-7 St. Luke 1:46-48  
 Eph. 6: 1-4 St. John 19:25-27
- 14 Thursday ***Suloko: Feast of Ascension of our Lord***  
**Ascended Christ: Unseen, Not Absent**  
***40th Day after the Feast of Resurrection***  
 2 Kings 2: 9-14 Ephesians 4: 1-10  
 Acts 1: 1-11 St. Luke 24: 44-53
- 17 Sunday **Holy Spirit: The Lord and Giver of Life**  
 Ezekiel 36: 25-29 Galatians 5: 16-26 Isaiah 44:1-5  
 Romans 8: 1-11 St. John 14: 15-21 Psalm 143
- 24 Sunday ***(Department of) Sacred Music Sunday***  
**Feast of Pentecost: Divine Voice in a Noisy World**  
***50th Day after the Feast of Resurrection***  
 2 Kings 19: 11-18 Acts 2: 1-13 Genesis 1: 1-5  
 Acts 13: 1-12 St. John 20: 19-23 Psalm 29
- 25 Monday ***Memorial Day (USA)***  
 Joshua. 4. 1-9 Colossians 1: 1 – 14  
 Rev. 20.1-15 St. Luke 15: 1-7
- 31 Sunday ***Trinity Sunday***  
**Trinity: The Divine Communion of Love**  
***First Sunday after Pentecost***  
 Isaiah 48: 12-17 Romans 1: 1-10 Numbers 6: 22-27  
 Ephesians 1: 3-14 St. John 3: 8-16 Psalm 33

## JUNE 2026

- 7 Sunday ***Beginning of the school year (India)***  
**Jesus: The Ultimate Influencer**  
***Second Sunday after Pentecost***  
 2 Chronicles 20: 13-19 Acts 2: 36-41 Esther 4: 12-17  
 Acts 18: 24-28 St. John 8: 12-20 Psalm 89: 19-37

- 14 Sunday **Creation Speaks of God**  
*(Offertory for the Medical Aid Fund of clergy)*  
**Environment Sunday**  
Joel 12: 7-12                      Acts 14: 11-18                      Exodus 19: 16-19  
Revelation 22: 1-6                      St. Luke 12: 24-27                      Psalm 19
- 16 Tuesday **Beginning of the Apostles' Lent (Fast of the Apostles)**  
Call and Commission to be Christ's Disciples  
Jeremiah 1:1-12                      Acts of the Apostles 9: 10-17  
2 Corinthians 4: 1-6                      St. Matthew 4: 17-22
- 19 Friday **Juneteenth National Independence Day (USA)**  
Micah 6: 1-8                      Romans 6: 19-23  
1 Peter 2:11-25                      St. John 8: 31-47
- 21 Sunday **Worship: In God's Presence, for God's Purpose**  
**Fourth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost**  
Isaiah 6: 1-8                      Philippians 2: 12-18                      1 Chronicles 16: 23-36  
Acts 2: 42-47                      St. Mark 12: 28-34                      Psalm 100
- 21 Sunday **Fathers' Day**  
Deuteronomy 6: 4-12                      Ephesians 6: 1-4  
2 Corinthians 4: 1 – 12                      St. Luke 15: 17 – 32
- 28 Sunday **Break the Chain: Finding Freedom from Addictions**  
**Fifth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost**  
**De-Addiction Day**  
Daniel 1: 8-21                      1 Peter 1: 13-25                      Proverbs 23:19-35  
Colossians 3: 1-11                      St. Mark 5: 1-20                      1 Thessa. 5:1-11
- 29 Monday **St. Paul's and St. Peter's Day / Conclusion of Apostles' Lent (Fast)**  
Joshua 1:1-9                      2 Timothy 1: 3-12                      Numbers 21:4-9  
Galatians 2:1-13                      St. Matthew 20:25-28                      I Corin. 1:18-31

## JULY 2026

- 1 Wednesday **Canada Day (Canada)**  
Exodus 23: 1-9                      Galatians 5: 1- 6  
Acts of the Apostles 15: 1-11                      St. Luke 6: 20 – 26
- 3 Friday **St. Thomas the Apostle's Day**  
Isaiah 52: 7-15                      1 Corinthians 3: 1-9  
2 Timothy 2: 1-13                      St. John 20: 24-29

- 4 Saturday ***Independence Day (USA)***  
Exodus 23: 1-9 Galatians 5: 1- 6  
Acts of the Apostles 15: 1-11 St. Luke 6: 20 – 26
- 5 Sunday ***Tithe Offering Sunday***  
**Sharing God's Gift with Joy**  
***Sixth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost***  
1 Chronicles 29: 10-18 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11 Malachi 3: 6-10  
1 Timothy 6: 17-22 St. Luke 16: 19-31 Acts 5: 1-11
- 12 Sunday ***Clergy Sunday***  
**Ordained ministry: Call to be Sacrifice**  
***Seventh Sunday after Pentecost***  
Jeremiah 1: 4-10 1 Peter 5: 1-4 Exodus 29: 1-9  
Ephesians 4: 7-16 St. Matthew 20: 20-28 Psalm 132
- 19 Sunday **Edification of the Church through Theological Education**  
***Eighth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost***  
Nehemiah 8: 1-12 1 Peter 2: 1-10 Psalm 1  
Acts of the Apostles 28: 23-30 St. Matthew 13: 16-23 Judges 6: 7-24
- 25 Saturday **St. James the Apostle's Day**  
Jere. 26: 1-15 Acts of the Apostles 8: 1-11  
Acts 11: 27 – 12:3 St. Mark 10:35-45
- 26 Sunday **Marriage: Celebration of Unity and Partnership**  
***Ninth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost***  
Genesis 1: 24-31 Ephesians 5: 21-32 Genesis 1: 26-31  
1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 St. Matthew 19: 4-6 Psalm 128

## AUGUST 2026

- 1 Saturday ***Beginning of the 15 days Lent***  
Daniel 1:1-21 Romans 12:19-21  
1 John 3:1-12 St. Matthew 5: 38-42
- 2 Sunday ***Mission Sunday***  
**Mission: Compassion in Action**  
***Tenth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost***  
Isaiah 58: 6-10 1 John 3: 16-24 Deuteronomy 10: 12-22  
Acts 19: 8-12 St. Mark 2: 13-17 Psalm 82

- 6 Thursday ***Feast of Transfiguration of our Lord (Mtalé)***  
**Glorification of Messiah through Death**  
Exodus 34: 29-35                      2 Corinthians 3: 5-11  
2 Peter 1: 12-21                      St. Luke 9: 28-36
- 9 Sunday **Identity in Christ marked by Baptism**  
***Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost***  
Exodus 14: 15-31                      1 Corinthians 12: 12-20 Genesis 11: 7-24  
1 Peter 3: 18-22                      St. John 3: 1-8                      Psalm 32
- 9 Sunday ***Youth Sunday (Youth Fellowship)***  
**Unshaken Faith Life in a Fleeting World**  
Isaiah 43: 1-7                      Romans 8: 18-25                      Psalm 37: 23-40  
1 Peter 1:3-9                      St. Luke 14: 25-33                      Proverbs 3: 5-18
- 15 Saturday **Independence Day (India)**  
***Conclusion of 15-day Lent***  
**Democracy: Rooted in Justice, Guided by Truth**  
Exodus 15: 1-8                      Acts of the Apostles 15: 1-11  
Galatians 5: 1-6                      St. John 8: 31-36
- 16 Sunday ***Reformation Sunday***  
**Reformation: A Call for Renewal**  
***Twelfth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost***  
2 Kings 23:1-6                      Romans 11: 1-6                      Joel 2: 12-17  
Titus 3: 3-8                      St. Luke 5: 36-39                      Psalm 119: 25-32
- 23 Sunday **Holy Qurbana: Table of Reconciliation**  
***Thirteenth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost***  
Exodus 24: 3-11                      1 Corinthians 10: 14-22 Isaiah 25: 6-9  
2 Corinthians 5: 11-21                      St. Matthew 5: 23-26 Psalm 85
- 30 Sunday **Embracing the Migrants and Refugees**  
***Fourteenth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost***  
Leviticus 19:9, 10 , 33-37                      Ephesians 2: 11-22  
Acts 10: 30-35                      St. Luke 10: 25-37                      Psalm 146

## SEPTEMBER 2026

- 6 Sunday ***Education Sunday***  
**Education for Transformation of Life**  
***Fifteenth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost***  
Proverbs 2: 1-12                      2 Peter 1: 3-11                      Proverbs 4:1-9  
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25                      St. Luke 5: 1-11                      Psalm 119: 9-16

- 7 Monday ***Labor Day (USA & Canada)***  
Exodus 36: 1-13 James 5: 1-6  
Acts of the Apostles 9: 36-43 St. John 4: 34-38
- 13 Sunday ***Sevika Sangham Day***  
**Women who Trust God: Fearless and Faithful**  
***Sixteenth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost***  
Judges 4:1-10 Acts 1: 12-14 Esther 7: 1-10  
Roman s 16: 1-15 St. John 12: 1-8 Psalm 18: 1-19
- 20 Sunday ***Senior Citizen Sunday***  
**Productive Living: The Best is Yet to Come**  
***Seventeenth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost***  
Joshua 14: 6-15 Ephesians 6: 10-17 Jeremiah 29: 10-14  
Philippians 3: 12-16 St. John 21: 18-23 Psalm 16
- 21 Monday ***St. Matthew's Day***  
Isaiah 4: 1-6 I Thessalonians 1:2-6  
Revelation 4: 4-11 St. Matthew 13: 44-52
- 27 Sunday **God's Unfailing Presence in Crises**  
***Eighteenth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost***  
Exodus 14: 10-25 1 Peter 5: 6-11 Psalm 34  
Acts 27: 9-25 St. Mark 4: 35-41 2 Corinthians 4: 7-12
- 27 Sunday ***Formation Day of the Church of South India (CSI)***  
**United in Service**  
Nehemiah 2: 17-20 Ephesians 4: 1-6  
1 Corinthians 3: 1-15 St. Luke 9: 10-17

## OCTOBER 2026

- 4 Sunday **Members of the Church: Ministers of the Kingdom of God**  
***Voluntary Evangelist's Association Day (MTVEA)***  
***Nineteenth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost***  
Numbers 11: 24-30 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6 Isaiah 61: 1-6  
Acts 6: 1-7 St. John 15: 12-19 Psalm 92
- 11 Sunday **Day of the Differently Abled: Sufficiency of God's Grace**  
***Twentieth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost***  
Isaiah 35: 1-10 2 Corinthians 4: 16-18 2 Samuel 9: 1-13  
2 Corinthians 12: 1-10 St. John 9: 1-7 Psalm 34

- 12 Monday **Thanksgiving Day (Canada)**  
 1 Chronicles 29:10-15 1 Corinthians 1:1-5  
 2 Corinthians 9:1-12 St. Luke 17:11-19
- 18 Sunday **Youth Sunday (Yuvajana Sakhyam)**  
**Unshaken Faith Life in a Fleeting World**  
**Twenty-first Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost**  
 Daniel 6:1-10 Romans 12: 1-8 Proverbs 3: 5-18  
 Hebrews 11: 17-31 St. Matthew 7: 21-27 Psalm 37: 23-40
- 25 Sunday **Family: Celebration of Relationships**  
**Christian Family Dedication Sunday**  
**Twenty-second Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost**  
 Zechariah 8: 1-8 Colossians 3: 12-20 Ruth 4: 9, 17  
 1 John 2: 7-14 St. Mark 3: 31-35 Psalm 128

## NOVEMBER 2026

- 1 Sunday **World Sunday School Day**  
**Be the Children of Light**  
**Sanctification of the church - Beginning of the Liturgical Year**  
**Kudosh Eetho**  
 Daniel 3: 14-30 Ephesians 5: 8-14 Isaiah 60: 1-3  
 1 Thessalonians 5: 5-11 St. Matthew 5: 13-16 Psalm 119: 9-16
- All Saints' Day (Alternate)**  
 Isaiah 26:1-16 Ephesians 1:15-23  
 Revelation 4:1-11 St. John 11:21-26
- 8 Sunday **United in Christ: Witnessing to the World**  
**Festival of the Unity of Communion of Churches in India (CCI) -**  
**CSI, CNI - Mar Thoma; Renewal of the Church, Hudosh Eetho**  
 Isaiah 2: 2-4 2 Corinthians 13: 5-11 Nehemiah 2: 17-20  
 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 St. Matthew 18: 18-20 Psalm 133
- 11 Wednesday **Veteran's Day (USA)**  
 Joshua 1:1-9 Rom. 13:1-7 Psalm 33  
 Eph 6:1-11 St. Matthew 20:20-28 Psalm 46
- 11 Wednesday **Remembrance Day (Canada)**  
 Joshua. 4. 1-9 Colossians 1. 1 - 14  
 Rev. 20.1-15 St. Luke. 15.1-7

15 Sunday **Annunciation to Zechariah**  
**God's Salvific Intervention**  
 Judges 13:2-14 Romans 10:9-15 Psalm 145  
 Hebrews 6:9-12 St. Luke 1:5-23 Revelation 8: 1-8

22 Sunday **Call to be the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World**  
**Annunciation to Virgin Mary**  
**Diaspora Sunday**  
 Zechariah 2:10-13 1 Corin. 1: 26-31 Genesis 18: 1-18  
 Romans 1:1-7 St. Luke 1:26-38 Acts 16: 11-15

26 Thursday **Thanksgiving Day (USA)**  
 1 Chron. 29:10-15 1 Corinthians 1:1-5  
 2 Cor. 9:1-12 Luke 17:11-19

29 Sunday **Meeting of Virgin Mary and Elizabeth**  
**Transcending Adversity with Hope**  
 Jeremiah 33: 10-16 2 Thessalonians 1: 3-5 Genesis 18: 1-5  
 Romans 15: 1-7 St. Luke 1: 39-45 Psalm 68: 11-20

29 Sunday **Formation of the Church of North India (CNI)**  
 Ezekiel 37: 15-22 1 Corinthians. 12:12-26  
 Ephesians 4: 1-6 St. John 17: 20-26

30 Monday **St. Andrew's Day**  
 Zechariah 8:20-23 I Corinthians 4:1-5  
 Romans 8:1-11 St. John 1:35-42

## DECEMBER 2026

1 Tuesday **Beginning of the 25-day Lent**  
 Isaiah 2: 10-22 Galatians 2: 12-20  
 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-12 St. John 1: 1-15

6 Sunday **Birth of St. John the Baptist**  
**Bible Sunday**  
**Word-oriented Wisdom and Discernment**  
 Joshua 24: 15-21 2 John 1-6 Proverbs 6: 20-23  
 Galatians 1: 11-17 St. Luke 1: 57-66 Psalm 119: 105-112

13 Sunday **Annunciation to Joseph**  
**Embracing God's Plan**  
 Judges 6: 11-24 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22 Jeremiah 29: 10-14  
 Acts of the Apostles 9: 10-19 St. Matthew 1: 18-25 Psalm 43

20	Sunday	<b>Incarnated Word</b> Isaiah 11: 1-9 Hebrews 1: 1-14	Ephesians 2: 13-22 St. John 1: 1-14	Zechariah 2: 10-13 Revelation 1: 12-20
21	Monday	<b>Mar Thoma Church Day (Sabha Dinam)</b> Joel 2: 11-18 1 Thessalonians 1: 2-10	2 Timothy 3: 10-17 St. John 11: 5-16	
25	Friday	<b>Christmas: Birth of Jesus (Feast of Nativity – Yaldo)</b> <b>Christmas: The Light for All People</b> <b>End of the 25-day Lent</b> Isaiah 60: 1-7 1 John 1: 5-10	Philippians 2:1-11 St. Luke 2:1-14	
26	Saturday	<b>Boxing Day (Canada)</b>		
27	Sunday	<b>The Glorious Appearance of our Lord</b> Malachi 3: 13 – 4:2 Acts of the Apostles 1: 6-11	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 St. Matthew 24: 42-51	Psalm 15
31	Thursday	<b>Praising God’s Faithfulness</b> <b>New Year’s Eve</b> Lamentations 3:21-31 1 Timothy 1: 12-17	1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 St. Luke 17: 11-19	

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### **READING PORTIONS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS**

**1. Thanksgiving Day for the New Academic Year**

1 King. 3:4-15  
Col. 1:3-14

Jam. 1:5-8  
St. Luke. 2:41-52

**2. CSI-CNI-Mar Thoma Unity Sunday**

Eze. 37:15-28  
1 Cor. 1:10-18

Eph. 4:1-7  
St. John. 17:18-26

**3. Parish Day**

Isa. 60  
Phil. 2:1-18

Acts. 4:32-35  
St. Luke. 13:1-9

**4. Diocesan Day**

Isa. 43:1-13  
Heb. 12:1-13

2 Cor. 5:11-19  
St. John. 15:1-12

**5. Year Ending - Watch Night**

Deut. 8:1-20  
2 Cor. 9:10-15

1 Thes 5:1-11  
St. Luke. 13:6-9

**6. Harvest Festival**

Deut. 26:1-11  
2 Cor. 9:1-9

Phil. 4:10-20  
Mat. 21:1-4

**7. Choir Day**

Exo. 15:1-18  
Acts. 16:19-34

Eph. 5:15-21  
St. Luke. 1:46-55

**8. Senior Citizens Day**

Gen. 48:1-22  
2 Cor. 4:7-18

2 Tim. 4:1-8  
St. Luke. 2:25-38

**9. Birthday**

Gen. 47:1-10  
Ps. 103:1-12

2 Cor. 2:14-17  
St. Luke. 1:67-80

**10. Wedding Anniversary**

Gen. 2:18-25  
Eph. 3:14-21

Eph. 5:21-32  
St. Mat. 19:3-12

**11. Journey**

Ps. 16  
Josh. 1:1-9

Ps. 91, 121

**12. Discouragement, Failures**

Psalm 23, 40, 73, 130

**13. Disease, Struggles in Life**

2 King. 20:1-11  
Ps. 42, 43

2 Cor. 12:1-10  
St. Mark. 10:46-52

**14. Serious Loss or Painful Situations**

Job. 1  
Ps. 3, 6

2 Cor. 11:23-33  
St. John. 11:16-35

**15. Joy, Victory**

Ps. 103, 106, 116

St. Luke. 15

**16. Assuming New Office**

Exo. 3:1-14  
Josh. 1

Ps. 27

**17. Bereavement**

Gen. 50:1-13  
Job. 14:1-22

1 Cor. 15  
1 Thes. 4:13-18

2 Cor. 5:1-10

Ecc. 2:11-26  
Ecc. 3:1-22  
Ps. 39, 42, 90  
St. John. 5:19-29

Rev. 7:9-17  
Rev. 21:1-7  
St. John. 11:20-27  
St. Mat. 25:1-13

**18. Sacrament of Ordination**

*Deacon:* 1 Tim. 3:8-13  
1 Pet. 4:1-19

1 Tim. 4:1-8  
St. John. 12:20-36

*Priest:* 1 Tim. 3:1-7  
Tit. 1:4-9  
1 Pet. 5:1-11

1 Tim. 4:12-16  
1 Pet. 2:1-10  
St. John. 20:19-23

**19. Laying Foundations Stone for a Church Building**

Gen. 28:10-22  
Eph. 2:11-22

1 Pet. 2:1-10  
St. Mat. 7:24-29

**20. Dedication of a Church Building**

1 King. 8:22-30  
Heb. 9:11-28

Heb. 8  
St. Mat. 16:13-19

<b>SPECIAL OFFERTORY 2026</b>	
1. Outside Kerala Mission	January 4
2. Medical Mission	February 1
3. Theological Seminary (Hosana)	March 29
4. Metropolitan Fund	May 3
5. Sacred Music Sunday	May 24
6. Clergy Medical Aid Fund	June 14
7. Tithe Offering	July 5
8. Mission Sunday	August 2
9. Education Sunday	September 6
10. M. T. Voluntary Evangelist's Association	October 4
11. Youth Sunday	October 18
12. Sunday School Samajam	November 1
13. Bible Society	December 6