





Believers Eastern Church

CALENDAR 2023



January

SEASON OF THEOPHANY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord 1	2	3	4	5	FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD (Denho) 6 	St. John the Baptist's Day 7
St. Stephan's Day 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	Feast of St. Athanasius the Great, the Patriarch of Alexandria 18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Clergy Sunday <i>—Special offering</i> 29	Nineveh Lent 30	Nineveh Lent 31				

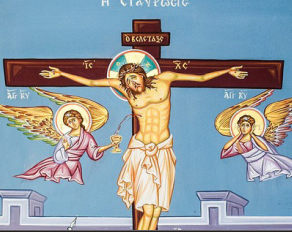



During the Great Lent season, we meditate on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, and especially His Crucifixion. In the icon of the crucifixion, we see His Mother Mary and His beloved disciple St. John looking at the Lord in sorrow. Behind them, is the Centurion who had pierced Christ with the spear, looking at Him as He says “Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit!” (Luke 23:46).

“...For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 18:14).

February

SEASON OF GREAT LENT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Nineveh Lent	FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (<i>Mayalibo</i>) 		
1 All Departed Priests (<i>Kobne Sunday</i>)						
2 All the Departed Faithful (<i>Aneedé Sunday</i>)						
3 First Sunday of the Great Lent (Pethurtha of the Great Lent) (<i>Kothine Sunday</i>)	4 FIRST MONDAY OF THE GREAT LENT (<i>Shubkono</i>)					
5 Second Sunday of the Great Lent						
6 7 8 9 10 11						
12 13 14 15 16 17 18						
19 20 21 22 23 24 25						
26 27 28						

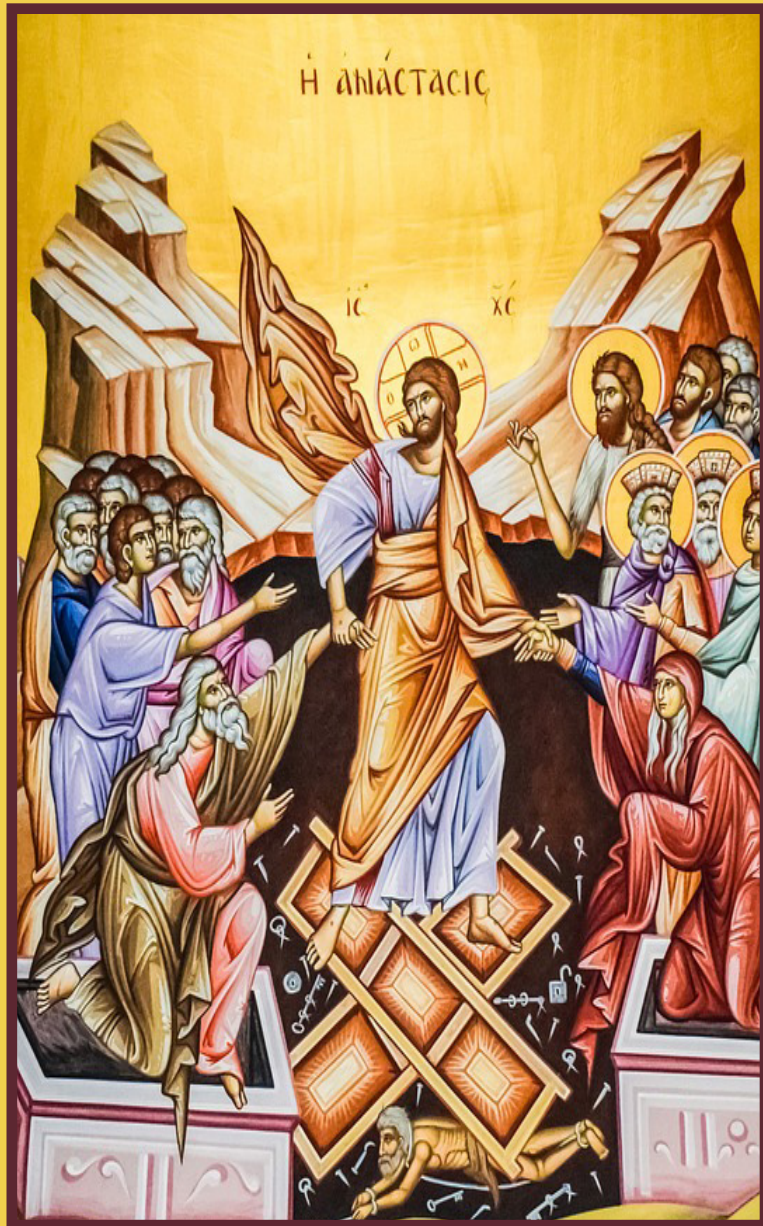


The icon depicts the parable of the Pharisee and tax-collector who went to the temple to pray. The Pharisee prayed a self-righteous prayer, while the tax-collector humbly prayed “God have mercy on me, a sinner.” The Lord Jesus ended the parable by saying that the tax-collector went home justified by God. This parable teaches us how our attitude should be when we come to meet God in prayer.

March

SEASON OF GREAT LENT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
Third Sunday of the Great Lent (<i>M'haryo Sunday</i>) 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Fourth Sunday of the Great Lent (<i>kna'naito Sunday</i>) 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Fifth Sunday of the Great Lent (<i>kpiptbo Sunday</i>) 19	20	21	22	23	24	FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE THEOTOKOS (<i>Suboro</i>) 25 
Sixth Sunday of the Great Lent (<i>Samyo Sunday</i>) 26	27	28	29	30	31	



The icon of the 'Anastasis' depicts the events of Holy Saturday, when the Lord Jesus Christ descended into Hades, the realm of the dead, and preached the good news of His resurrection to them, thus liberating the righteous souls and taking them with Him to paradise.

April

SEASON OF RESURRECTION



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
FEAST OF THE PALM SUNDAY 2	Holy Week		Holy Week		Holy Week	
	3	4	5	Holy Thursday 6	Good Friday 7	Holy Saturday 8
THE FEAST OF FEASTS: EASTER 9 	10	11	12	13	14	15
New Sunday Youth Sunday —Special offering 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						



The season of Pentecost starts with the Feast of Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter (Pascha). During this season we remember how the Church started when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples (Acts 2:1-4) as tongues of fire and how the Church grew through the work of the Apostles and the Fathers of the Church. This season ends with the Feast of the Transfiguration.

May

SEASON OF PENTECOST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

FEAST OF THE
ASCENSION OF OUR
LORD



FEAST OF THE
PENTECOST





St. Peter and St. Paul, who were martyred in Rome, are depicted here as holding together the Church entrusted to them by our Lord Jesus Christ. The keys that St. Peter holds in his hands are a reference to the words Jesus said to him: “And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven...”. St. Paul is shown carrying a large Gospel book, an affirmation of the number of epistles he contributed to what became the New (Second) Testament.


June

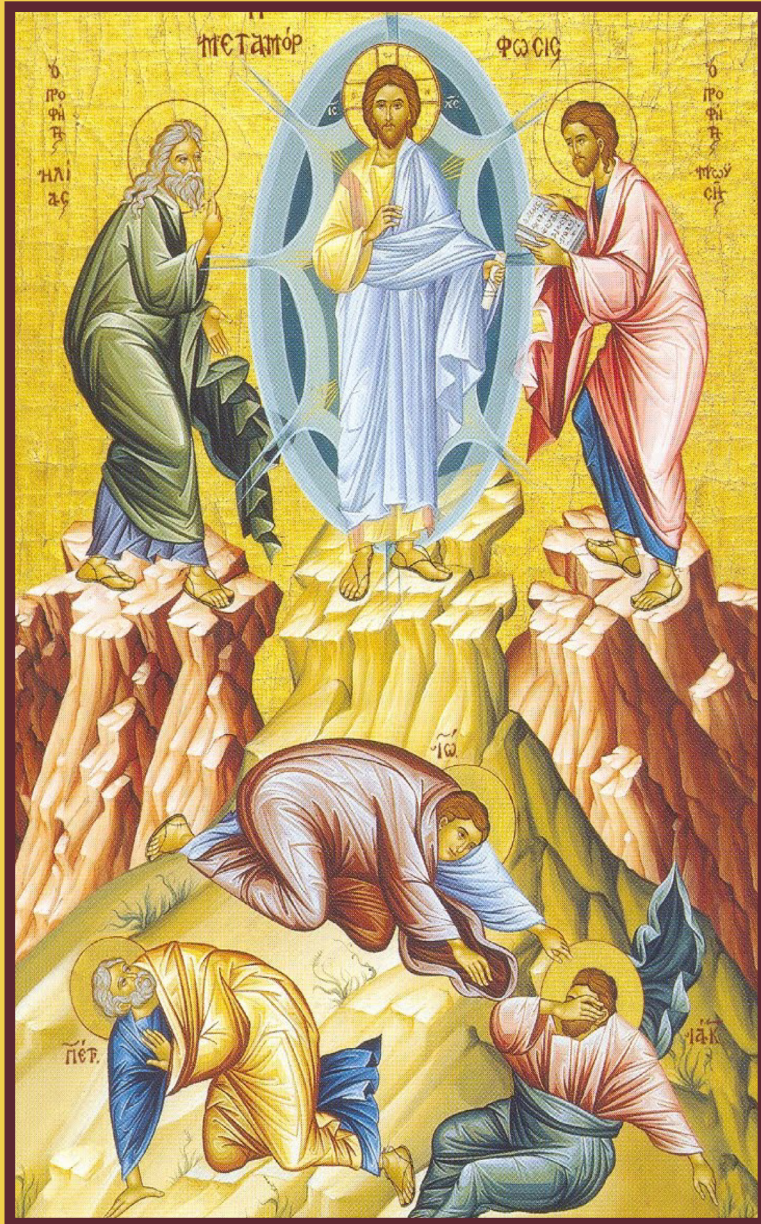
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
First Sunday after Pentecost Feast of All Saints						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
					Apostles Lent	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Apostles Lent		Apostles Lent		Apostles Lent		
Missions Sunday —Special offering						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Apostles Lent		Apostles Lent		Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul		
25	26	27	28	29	30	



St. Thomas, also called “Doubting Thomas”, despite his initial unbelief in the Resurrection, came to confess Jesus Christ as “Lord and God”. According to tradition, he preached the Gospel to the Parthians and South Indians and even today, the Syrian Christians in Kerala identify themselves as “St. Thomas Christians” in memory of this great Apostle. Martyred and buried at Mylapore near Madras (Chennai), he is depicted with a spear, the instrument of his martyrdom.

July




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	ST. THOMAS DAY <i>(Dukbrano)</i>	4	Feast of the seventy-two evangelists 5	6	7	8
<i>Seminary Sunday</i> <i>—Special offering</i>						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



This icon depicts the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus. On the mountain top, the Son of God was transfigured, His clothes becoming “white as light” in front of His disciples, and the glory of God overshadowed them. Here the Prophets Elijah (on the right) and Moses (left) are seen talking to Him. Thus, this event symbolizes Christ’s sovereignty – being Divine – over both the Prophets (Elijah) and the Law (Moses) of the Old Testament.

August

SEASON OF TRANSFIGURATION

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Dormition Fast				
		1	2	3	4	5
FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 6 	Dormition Fast		Dormition Fast		Dormition Fast	
	7	8	9	10	11	12
Dormition Fast		FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS (Shoonyo) 15 	16	17	18	19
13	14					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



As the icon depicts, the Feast of the Holy Cross commemorates the finding of the True Cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in Jerusalem in the 4th century by St. Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine.

September

SEASON OF HOLY CROSS


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
3	4	5	6	7	8 FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS 	9
10	11	12	13	14 FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS 	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



The Dormition of the Theotokos is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated on August 15. The word Dormition means “falling asleep.” According to the Church tradition, when St. Mary died, all those who had gathered at her bedside, including the Apostles who gathered from the four corners of the world, saw a vision of the Lord Jesus Christ, accompanied by angels, coming to receive the soul of Mother Mary into heaven. The Dormition Feast is a reminder to us that we do not need to fear death any longer for once we die, we will be with the Lord.



October



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SOC Sunday —Special offering						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	Feast of St. James the Apostle	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



The icon of the Annunciation to St. Mary depicts the glorious moment when the Archangel Gabriel announced the news of Incarnation of Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Surprised, St. Mary arises and greets the Angel's incredible news with a humble bow and gesture of acceptance as she uttered "Be it unto me according to Your word". This icon marks the incredible beginning of our salvation and the revelation of the Mystery before all ages.

November

SEASON OF ANNUNCIATION

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Feast of All Saints			
			1	2	3	4
Koodosh Eetho <i>(Santification)</i>						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Hoodosh Eetho <i>(Dedication)</i>						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Annunciation to Zachariah Parent's Sunday						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
ANNUNCIATION TO THE THEOTOKOS <i>(Suboreb dabthalto)</i>						
26 	27	28	29	30		



The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ celebrates His Incarnation as a Man for our redemption. During this Feast, we remember that God so loved the world that He gave Himself to us - His only begotten Son - the greatest gift of all!



December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Fast of the Nativity	
					1	2
Fast of the Nativity						
Women Sunday <i>—Special offering</i> 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Children Sunday <i>—Special offering</i> 10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Fast of the Nativity						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	YELDHO, INCARNATION OF OUR LORD <i>(Christmas)</i> 25	26	27	28	29	30
31						



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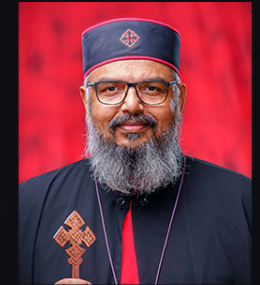
PRAY FOR OUR METROPOLITAN AND EPISCOPAS



H.G. Samuel Mor
Theophilus Episcopa



H.G. Justin Mor
Thomas Episcopa



H.G. John Mor
Irenaeus Episcopa



H.G. Antonius Mor
Eusebius Episcopa



H.G. Nochhum Mor
Abraham Episcopa



H.G. Geevarghese Mor
Makariose Episcopa



H.G. Titus Mor
Osthathiose Episcopa



H.G. Daniel Mor
Timotheos Episcopa



H.G. Anil Mor
Philemon Episcopa



H.H. Moran Mor Athanasius Yohan I, Metropolitan



H.G. Joshua Mor
Barnabas Episcopa



H.G. Jeremiah Mor
Theodosius Episcopa



H.G. Mathews Mor
Silvanus Episcopa



H.G. Thomas Mor
Kurilos Episcopa



H.G. Benjamin Mor
Gregoriose Episcopa



H.G. Joseph Mor
Demetrius Episcopa



H.G. Paulose Mor
Onesimos Episcopa



H.G. Isac Mor
Stephanose Episcopa



H.G. Lawm Bik Mor
Simeon Episcopa



H.G. Mang Hre Mor
Jerome Episcopa



H.G. Tin Hmung Mor
Andrew Episcopa



H.G. Martin Mor
Aprem Episcopa



H.G. Emanuel Mor
Julian Episcopa



H.G. Yacob Mor
Theophanous Episcopa



H.G. Tial Hmung Mor
Simon Episcopa



H.G. Ca Kung Mor
Seraphim Episcopa



H.G. Thang Ceu Mor
Elias Episcopa



H.G. Theodore Mor
Origen Episcopa

