



September 8
Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
 വി: ദൈവമാതാവിന്റെ
 ജനനതിരുനാൾ



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From The Pastor's Desk **Eight Days of Fasting (ETTU NOMBU) എട്ടു നോമ്പ്**



Ettu Noyambu or the Eight Day Lent of Mary, mother of Jesus is a solemn remembrance of Mother Mary for Saint Thomas Christians in Kerala,

The custom is observed in the Oriental Orthodox (Jacobite and Indian Orthodox) and Eastern Catholic (Syro-Malabar and Malankara Catholic) churches in Kerala. Believers participate in fasting and praying for the eight days. During this time

churches celebrate the feast in remembrance of the birth of St. Mary (Nativity of Mary) and the eight days of lent is rigorously observed from the 1st day to 8th day of September with charitable activities, evangelical conventions and special prayers to honor St. Mary. Praying the rosary in groups is an important custom during these days.

Origin stories (The narration)

In the seventh century, there was a town called Heera near Basra, which was predominantly a Christian township. The Caliph of Baghdad captured this town and appointed a fanatic Muslim governor, who implemented the caliph's every dictum with fervor. The caliph was known to be cruel and had a weakness for beautiful women. He was enamored by the beauty and charm of the women of Heera and decided to reach there in three days. The chastity and modesty of the women of Heera were at stake. They sought refuge in the church of St. Mary. The priest declared an uncompromising lent for three days invoking the intercession of mother Mary. On the 3rd day, in the middle of the Holy Qurbana, a golden beam of light flashed down from above, then spread to illuminate the whole church. It is said that the priest had a vision of Mother Mary and also heard her saying, "Do not be afraid; peace be to you – Rejoice. The Caliph is no more. Tribulations are over". The whole congregation praised the Lord and thanked Mary for her intercessory prayers.

The women then decided to observe a lent for eight days from the 1st to the 8th of September in commemoration of this event. They believed that Mother Mary helped safeguard their chastity, modesty and dignity.

Establishment at Kerala

It appears that this practice originated in connection with the Islamic invasion and the subsequent fall of Kodungallur, a Christian centre in Kerala. There are different versions about the origin of the lent

A historical legend of the feast

Tipu Sultan, famous Muslim king of Mysore, invaded Kerala and reached

Alwaye in 1789. He was against Christianity, since he was deadly against the English colonization in India. To show his hatred, the infamous Tipu let loose atrocities on Christian women. The dismayed hapless women sought to fasting and prayer on the other bank of the river near Alwaye for 8 days, seeking the intercession of St. Mary. They were relieved when Tipu was forced to retreat and go back at the attack on Tipu's capital by Governor General Lord Mornington. It is said that on this retreat Tipu lost everything and died prematurely. The women of Kerala celebrate this as a grateful commemoration

Observation of "eight days Lent" honors the birthday of St. Mary, mother of Jesus. September 8 is considered as birthday of St. Mary. which has been a belief traditionally.

St. Mary is venerated as the greatest saint by Christians since she brought Christ to this world. Although the birthday of Mary is an old feast in the Church with its origin in Palestine, it came to be celebrated in the Churches on September 8 only since the seventh century. Most of the Christians in Kerala fast and pray during these days from September 1 to 8.

In Kerala the eight days Lent is rigorously observed from first to eighth day of September with charitable activities and special prayers to honor St. Mary. Praying Rosary in groups is an important custom these days.

We are celebrating the birthday of our mother mary on 8th september 2019, at 11.30 am mass . All are welcome.

May God Bless you all
 Fr. Suni Padinjarekkara

HOLY MASS, NIGHT VIGIL & NOVENA TIMINGS

Holy Mass:
 Monday – Friday - 7 PM. | **Saturday**- 9:30 AM.
Sunday | 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM

Night Vigil:
 First Off Weekend Friday of the Month| 8 PM. to Midnight

Adoration
 Every Friday | 9 AM -7 PM.
 Monday – Friday | 6-7 PM. Saturday| 8:30 - 9:30 AM.

Novenas : St. Antony Tuesday | After 7 PM. Mass
St. Jude Thursday | After 7 PM. Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday | After 9:30 AM. Mass



Sunday Readings & Altar Decoration: September 2019

Holy Mass Timings

September 1

HOLY FAMILY KOODARAYOGAM

September 8

7:30 AM	First Reading:	Isaia 29:19-24		7:30 AM	First Reading:	Isaiah 31:4-9
9:00 AM	Second Reading:	1Thes 2:1-12		9:00 AM	Second Reading:	2 Thes 1:3-10
11:30AM	Holy Gospel:	St. Lk 17:11-19		11:30AM	Holy Gospel:	St. Lk 18:35-43



BIBLE QUIZ # 25

1. ജറുസലേമിൽ അജ കവാടത്തിനടുത്തുള്ള കുളത്തിന്റെ പേര് ?
2. അനന്യാസ് എന്നയാളെ പത്രോസ് കണ്ടുമുട്ടിയത് എവിടെ വച്ച് ?
- 3 പ്രകാശം എവിടെയെല്ലാമാണ് പ്രത്യക്ഷപ്പെടുന്നത് ?
4. സ്വർഗ്ഗത്തിൽ നിന്ന് ഇറങ്ങി വന്ന് കല്ലുരുട്ടിമാറി അതിന്മേൽ ഇരുന്നു. ആര് ?
5. _____ ആയിരിക്കും നിന്റെ നിത്യപ്രകാശം. _____ ആയിരിക്കും നിന്റെ മഹത്വം

Name of the contestant
Family Name
Phone #

Quiz # 24

Selected winner: Lucy Sabu Karukaparambil.

Other Winners

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Elsamma Puzhakarottu | Tessy Siby Mecheril |
| Elsy Athimattathil | Divya & Sherly Stany Cheruthanniyil |
| Aleena Cheruvil | Flora Kudakasseril |
| Simon Thomas Karickal | Alphons & Ancin Jose Thannichuvattil |

6. കർത്താവിന്റെ കൃപയ്ക്ക് നി പാത്രമാകും എപ്പോൾ ?

7. എന്താണ് ജ്ഞാനത്തിന്റെ പൂർണ്ണത ?

8. അധർമ്മത്തിനു പരിഹാരം എന്തെല്ലാം ?

9. അത് ആത്മാവിനു പുതു ജീവൻ നൽകുന്നു. എന്ത്

10. യേശുക്രിസ്തുവിൽ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നവർക്ക് പരിച് ചേരുന്നമോ കാര്യമല്ല എന്താണ് സുപ്രധാനം ?

Bible Quiz # 24

Correct Answers.

1. പാപ പരിഹാരത്തിനായി ബലികളും കാഴ്ചകളും അർപ്പിക്കാനാണ്
2. സത്യാത്മാവ് വരുമ്പോൾ
3. സമരിയയിലെ സിക്കാർ
4. 12
5. സ്തൈഷാനോസിനെ
6. വിശുദ്ധീകരണവും അതിന്റെ അവസാനം നിത്യ ജീവനും
7. ദാരിയൂസിന്റെയും പേർഷ്യാക്കാരനായ സായിറൂസിന്റെയും ഭരണകാലത്ത്
8. കർത്താവിന്റെ മഹത്വത്തെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള അറിവുകൊണ്ട്
9. കൃത്യജ്ഞതാസ്മതോത്രമാണ്
10. നമ്മുടെ നൽകപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിലൂടെ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സന്തോഷം നമ്മുടെ ഹൃദയങ്ങളിലേക്ക് ചൊരിയപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു.

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September 1 : CCD PTA Meeting After 9 AM Mass

September 8 : Ettu Nombu Thirunal Celebration

September 15 : Class on Sacraments of initiation after 9am mass.

September 28 : Audition for the applicants for Church Choir after the mass.

October 25, 26 & 27 : CHURCH MAIN FEAST *വരിയ പൊതുത്സവം*



KazhchaVeypu On August 18th



St. Joseph Koodaryogam On August 18th

Past Events

Koodarayogam

St. Theresa Koodarayogam

@ 7 pm in the residence of Philip Kariserickal on August, 31st 2019.

Holy Family Koodarayogam @ 5 pm in the residence of Joseph Kannasseril on September. 15, 2019.

Ave Maria Koodarayogam

@ 7pm in the residence of Johnson Vattamattam on Sept. 15, 2019.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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