

St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church,  
Greater Washington



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*St. Thomas  
Mirror*

Parumala Thirumeni



## Vicar's Message

Dearly beloved ones in Christ,

We celebrate the perunal of St Gregorios Geevarghese popularly known as Parumala Kochu Thirumeni every single year. As a faithful member of the church, how does Thirumeni's life influence or inspire you and me? Or what's the significance of his life and teachings in today's day to day life?

Parumala thirumeni led a disciplined, humble and simple life. Disciplined in the sense that he had devoted his life in prayer, fasting and in serving others. He practiced what he preached. He was a true follower of his Master Lord Jesus Christ. He received the call to be a deacon, priest and as a bishop at a very early age, and he took it to his heart and He surrendered himself absolutely to the Lord, renounced everything and followed Lord Jesus. Likewise, we too have to identify our calling. In whatever profession you are, remember that we all are called into that service, do it with all your heart. Like thirumeni, we should try to lead a Prayerful life and surrender to God's plan.

Jesus Christ taught us that "If we want to be great in the Kingdom of God, be a servant." Parumala thirumeni served others unconditionally. He loved and cared for others without expecting anything in return and he did not expect any recognition, likewise, as we celebrate his blessed memory, remember we are also sent by God to make a difference in this world by our life. Thirumeni was a true friend of every poor person. He reached out and touched the lives of many who were in need. We all know the story of thirumeni visiting all smallpox affected houses in Thumpamon and surrounding areas to pray for the sick and to provide comfort to the families regardless of their cast or creed, this is the true meaning of 'serving others'. Let us use our health, wealth and resources to help others who are in need. God wants us to give something back in favor of all the blessings given to you and me.

Just like Parumala Thirumeni, let's try to put our complete trust in God, wait for His calling and follow our Master Lord Jesus Christ. May Thirumeni's teachings and spiritual life be an example for us to follow in this world and may his intercession be a blessing for us and for our parish.

May God bless us all.

Yours in Christ,

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### Dates to remember

11/01/2015 - Koodhosh Eetho (Sanctification) Sunday  
11/02/2015 - St. Gregorios of Parumala  
11/08/2015 - Hoodhosh Eetho (Dedication) Sunday  
11/15/2015 - Annunciation to Zechariah (Parents' day)  
11/22/2015 - Annunciation to St. Mary, Mother of God.  
11/29/2015 - St. Mary's visit to Elizabeth (Ladies' day)

### Men's Forum Announcements

11/01/2015 - Bible Class  
11/08/2015 - No Class  
11/15/2015 - Bible Class  
11/22/2015 - Bible Class  
11/29/2015 - Bible Class

### MMVS Announcements

11/01/2015 - Bible Discussion  
11/08/2015 - No Class  
11/15/2015 - Bible Discussion  
11/22/2015 - Bible Discussion  
11/29/2015 - Bible Discussion

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Members celebrating Birthday

Ammi Chacko	-11/1
Ansa Lukose	-11/3
Arion Koshy	-11/4
Shiji Varghese	-11/5
oshin Johnson	-11/11
Aby Oommen	-11/14
Shalet James	-11/15
Teena Varghese	-11/18
Aleyamma Paul	-11/25
Shinu Eapen	-11/27
Rino Rajan	-11/27
Justus Koshy	-11/28

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## Members celebrating Wedding Anniversary

Thomas Varghese & Nita Thomas	-11/1
Davis Varghese & Shiji Varghese	-11/22
Tiju Mathew & Tintu Abraham	-11/24
Ajay Mathew & Subha Mathew	-11/25

\*\*\*\* If any of your family member's birthday or anniversary falls on this month and doesn't see under birthday/anniversary column; please login to our church website and update \*\*\*\*

# Worship Schedules

## SERVICE

### 11/01/2015 – Sunday - Malayalam

Morning Prayer 8:30 am - 9:30 am.  
Old Testament Bible Reading Family :  
Shibu Varghese Family  
[ Exodus 33:7-11, Exodus 40:17-38, Isaiah 6:1-8 ]  
Epistle Reading  
[ I Peter 2:1-12, I Corinthians 6:15-20, St.Matthew 16:13-23 ]

### 11/08/2015 – Sunday - English

Morning Prayer 8:30 am - 9:30 am.  
Old Testament Bible Reading :  
Sneha Abraham, Sunu Koshy, Teena Varughese  
[ Exodus 33:7-11, I Kings 8:22-40, Isaiah 55:1-13 ]  
Epistle Reading  
[ Acts 7:44-53, Hebrews 9:1-14, St.John 10:22-38 ]

### 11/15/2015 – Sunday - Malayalam

Morning Prayer 8:30 am - 9:30 am.  
O.T. Bible Reading Family:  
Thomas Varughese Family  
[ Genesis 17:15-22, Numbers 8:13-20, Isaiah 41:8-15 ]  
Epistle Reading  
[ II Peter 1:1-15, Ephesians 5:21-6:4, St.Luke 1:5-25 ]

### 11/22/2015 – Sunday - English

Morning Prayer 8:30 am - 9:30 am.  
Old Testament Bible Reading:  
Amy Abraham, Angeline Johny, Benjamin Thomas  
[ Genesis 28:10-22, Judges 13:2-14, Isaiah 63:15-64:5 ]  
Epistle Reading  
[ I John 3:2-17, Galatians 4:1-7, St.Luke 1:26-38 ]

### 11/29/2015 – Sunday - Malayalam

Morning Prayer 8:30 am - 9:30 am.  
Old Testament Bible Reading:  
[ Judges 4:4-16, II Kings 5:1-5, Ester 4:1-17 ]  
Epistle Reading  
[ I Peter 3:1-7, I Timothy 2:9-15, St.Luke 1:39-56 ]

## Sunday School Announcements

11/01/2015 - Bible Trivia

11/15/2015 - Bible Trivia

11/22/2015 - Bala Balika Samajam

## October Events...

Group song group from our church who won the 3rd place in the area Talent competition



Group song sung at our church



1st Bible Trivia winning team "Mathew"

