

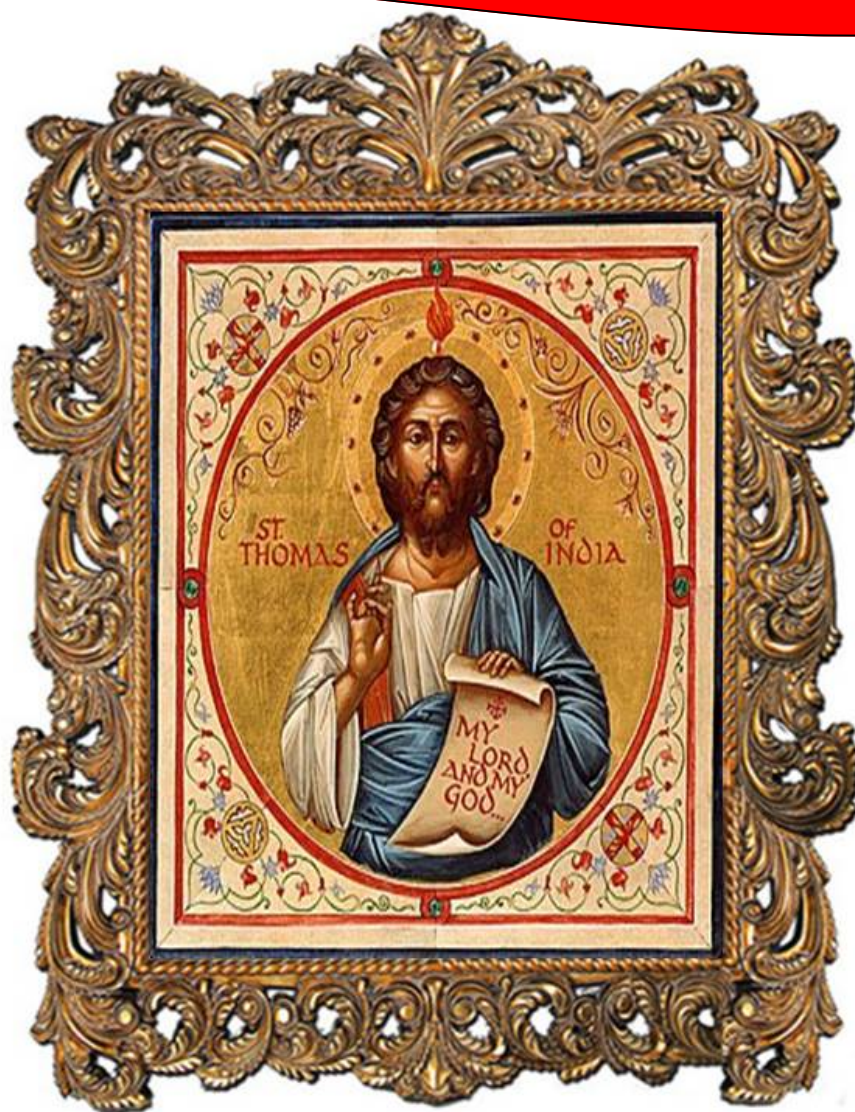
St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church,  
Greater Washington



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## Vicar's Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ Jesus,

Holy Church will celebrate every September 14<sup>th</sup> as the festival of the Holy Cross (Sleebea in Syriac). Also as we know, from this day of feast of the Holy Cross, Church follows the order of Holy Cross (Sleebea Namaskaram) for our worship all the way till Easter.

Why we must revere cross so much? The cross is the prestige and privilege of the holy church which unites mankind with our God Almighty through Jesus. The four ends of the cross symbolize abundant grace of God upon four (every) corner of this universe. The horizontal axis reminds us of our relation with our Father in heaven, whereas the vertical axis represents our relation with our fellow human beings.

Sign of cross is the personal mark of our Lord Jesus Christ and we mark it on our foreheads as sign that we belong to him, not to the satanic force. Through this cross, let us experience the true love of our God as well as love for our fellow humans. The Holy Cross is the fort of protection for us, to our church and to our monasteries. Let us adore and worship our Lord God by honoring and revering the Holy Cross.

Let us celebrate these weeks following the Feast of exaltation of the Holy Cross by remembering our Lord's passion and redemption of us and the hope for eternal life. May God Almighty protect us all

Yours in Christ,

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### Dates to remember

10/04/2015 - Third Sunday after the Festival of Holy Cross  
10/11/2015 - Fourth Sunday after the Festival of Holy Cross  
10/18/2015 - Fifth Sunday after the Festival of Holy Cross  
10/25/2015 - Sixth Sunday after the Festival of Holy Cross

### Men's Forum Announcements

10/04/2015 - Bible Class  
10/11/2015 - Bible Class  
10/18/2015 - Class - Suresh Eapen  
10/25/2015 - Class - Shibu Varghese

### MMVS Announcements

10/04/2015 - Bible Discussion  
10/11/2015 - Bible Discussion  
10/18/2015 - Bible Discussion  
10/25/2015 - Bible Discussion

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Members celebrating Birthday

George Varghese	: 10/3
Anila Mathew	: 10/4
Nidhi Mathew	: 10/7
Riyo Rajan	: 10/8
Jessy Johnson	: 10/9
Kevin Shibu	: 10/13
Juan Johnson	: 10/14
Gracy Thomas	: 10/14
Steve Sam	: 10/18
T.P Abraham	: 10/19
Minnu Suresh	: 10/19
Mary Rajan	: 10/20
Kevin Bixa Kanneth	: 10/22
Shibu Varghese	: 10/22
Susamma Johnson	: 10/24
Aswin John	: 10/25
Matthew Saji	: 10/26
Mable Abraham	: 10/28
Roshan Varghese	: 10/29

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## Members celebrating Wedding Anniversary

Biju Mathew and Anila Mathew	: 10/19
Mathai Chacko and Ammini Chacko	: 10/21
John C. Thomas and Mary Thomas	: 10/26
T.P Varghese and Leelamma Varghese	: 10/31

# Worship Schedules

## SERVICE

### 10/04/2015 – Sunday - Malayalam

Morning Prayer 8:30 am - 9:30 am.  
Old Testament Bible Reading Family :  
Rajan Varghese Family  
[ Genesis 42:18-35, Proverbs 1:2-9, Isaiah 48:12-16]  
Epistle Reading  
[ Acts 7:2-5, Romans 8:1-11, St. Mark 2:23-28 ]

### 10/11/2015 – Sunday - English

Morning Prayer 8:30 am - 9:30 am.  
Old Testament Bible Reading :  
Jonathan Varghese, Neethu George, Nidhi Mathew  
[ Numbers 29:35-40, I Kings 8:22-30, Psalms 42]  
Epistle Reading  
[Acts 21:17-26, I Corinthians 1:21-29, St. Luke 16:9-18]

### 10/18/2015 – Sunday - Malayalam

Morning Prayer 8:30 am - 9:30 am.  
O.T. Bible Reading Family:  
Rajan Yohannan Family  
[ Leviticus 2:1-3, Psalms 46, Isaiah 40:27-31 ]  
Epistle Reading  
[Acts 22:22-29, I Timothy 6:13-21, St. Matthew 23:1-12]

### 10/25/2015 – Sunday - English

Morning Prayer 8:30 am - 9:30 am.  
Old Testament Bible Reading:  
Roshni Thomas, Shalet James, Sharena Daniel  
[ Genesis 42:29-36, Psalms 84, Isaiah 43:16-25]  
Epistle Reading  
[Acts 21:27-40, I Corinthians 5:6-13, St. Luke 18:18-27]

\*\*\*\* *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 \*\*\*\**

## Sunday School Announcements

10/10/2015  
Sunday School area talent competition at St.Thomas Baltimore  
Time : 8:30 AM. Registration Fee: \$10.00 per Registrant

10/25/2015  
Bala Balika Samajam