

St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church,
Greater Washington

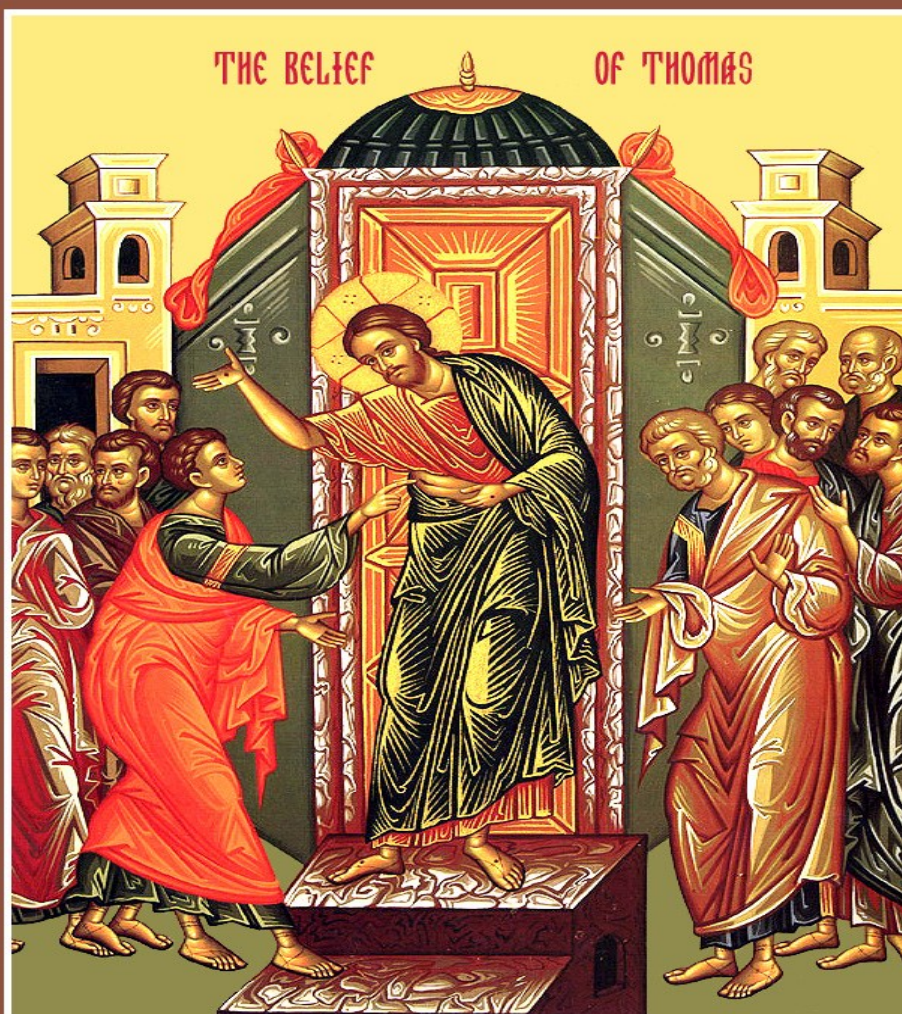


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EDITION : 26

APRIL 2016

St. Thomas Sunday



Vicar's Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

We recently celebrated Easter, a glorious victorious day when Our Lord Jesus Christ defeated the world. One who was humbled himself to be born as a man on Christmas day, has taken on the whole world, taken on the flesh and taken on the devil and death Himself. He became the savior of the New Creation. Resurrection of Christ is requiring us human to conquest this world, the flesh and devil ourselves. Easter is the day we start our war against this world, flesh and devil. Our war begins with forgiveness. Forgiveness is not a choice or opinion; rather it's a fact that resulted from the resurrection of Christ. It's time to reflect on ourselves and seek forgiveness from Christ for our sins and it's time to forgive others. During the last 50 days of Great Lent, we battled with our flesh and the devil through fasting and spiritual disciplines. The self control we achieved through fasting must remain with us after Easter to achieve self control to detach from worldly pleasures and temptations. It's time to celebrate the victory over this world by showing generosity and contentment in any situations. Let us continue to do good works towards glorifying God's Kingdom. Let us give generously to the poor and enjoy the blessings God bestows to those who are generous. Let us also continue the prayer life to combat the devil. Let's not stop the confession and intercession we started with Great Lent.

The Lord is indeed risen and has breathed on us the breath of new, resurrection life. Our sins are forgiven and we now must live as new people in God's new creation. May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

May God bless us all!

Yours in Christ,

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Church Perunnal on April 3, 2016

Perunnal Qurbana, Procession & Benediction by

Rev. Fr. Dr. Johns Abraham Konat

Priest Trustee,

Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church

Program:

April 2, 2016 6:00 PM - Evening Prayer and Convention

April 3, 2016 Holy Qurbana and Church Perunnal



Rev. Fr. Dr. Johns Abraham
Konat



Members celebrating birthday

- Biju Mathew On 4/1
- Davis Varghese On 4/3
- Nikitha Thomas On 4/2
- George Daniel On 4/9
- Benjamin Thomas On 4/14
- Leelamma Yohannan On 4/15
- Arvin Jacob On 4/18
- Kochumol Suresh On 4/20
- Steve Jomon On 4/20
- Mary Thomas On 4/21
- Armaan Koshy On 4/24
- Meryl Abraham On 4/26
- Alen Jomon On 4/27
- Mercy Thomas On 4/29
- Joji Thomas On 4/30



Members celebrating wedding anniversary

- T.P Abraham and Chinnakutty Abraham 4/20
- Thomas Palathra and Reena Palathra 4/22
- Shibu Varghese and Sinobiya Cheriyan 4/26

Sunday School Announcements

Centralized exam dates are as follows :
 12th Grade : 06/05/16
 5th,8th and 10th grade : 06/25/16

Dates to Remember

- April-3: New Sunday (Sunday after Easter - The Sunday of the Youth) - Church Perunnal
- April-10: First Sunday after New Sunday
- April-17: Second Sunday after New Sunday
- April-24: Third Sunday after New Sunday

Food Roaster - April – Dionysius

- Remany Varughese (Leader)
- Susan Varghese
- Sheba Saji
- Annamma Jays
- Devi Alphonsa George

Spiritual Organizations

- 04/03/2016
- 04/10/2016
- 04/17/2016
- 04/24/2016

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

Worship Schedules

SERVICE

04/03/2016 – Malayalam

Morning Prayer 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM.

O.T. Bible Reading :

[Genesis41:41-46, Ecclesiastes12:1-8, Jeremiah1:4-12, Isaiah40:9-15]

Epistle Reading

[IPeter2:19-25 IITimothy2:1-13 St.John20:19-31]

04/10/2016 – English

Morning Prayer 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM.

O.T. Bible Reading : Jonathan Varghese, Jacob Varghese, Kevin Bixa

[Exodus14:26-31, Joshua6:9-21, GreatWisdom1:1-8]

Epistle Reading

[Acts13:26-39, Ephesians6:10-20, St.John21:1-14]

04/17/2016 – Malayalam

Morning Prayer 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM.

O.T. Bible Reading

[Exodus40:1-16, Joshua2:1-6, Isaiah49:13-21]

Epistle Reading

[Acts4:8-21, Hebrews3:1-13, St.John21:15-19]

04/24/2016 – English

Morning Prayer 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM.

O.T. Bible Reading : Sara Shibu, Teena Varghese, Sneha Abraham

[Exodus34:4-12, Micah4:1-7, Zachariah8:4-9, Isaiah37:8-17]

Epistle Reading

[IJohn5:13-21, Hebrews11:3-6, St.Luke24:13-35]

Acolytes During Passion Week



Good Friday 2016



Easter Song by our Sunday School Children



**Bible Trivia 5 Winners March 2016
Team John**

