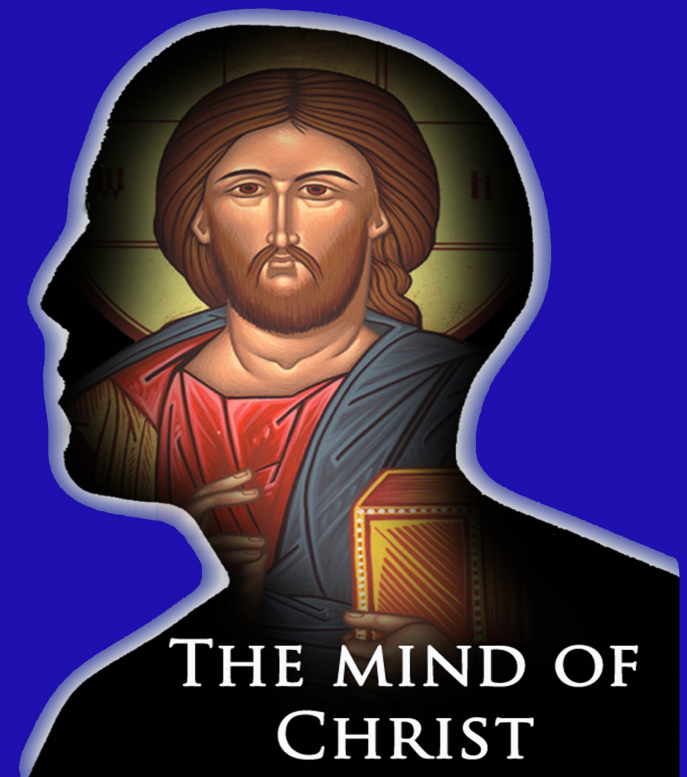


# Calendar 2011

“Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind ... Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 2: 1-2 & 5



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### Feast of Denaha - Baptism of our Lord (January 6)

St. John the Baptist, the last prophet of the Old Covenant, baptized in water for repentance. Jesus Christ received St. John's Baptism, thereby transforming the water and Baptism itself. In the New Covenant, Holy Baptism is the means by which we enter the Kingdom of God and are joined to Christ and granted the remission of our sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The feast day of Denaha is celebrated on January 6th and commemorates the day Jesus Christ is revealed to all as the Son of God and points to the ages to come. This feast is also known as *Theophany* (from the Greek word meaning appearance of God) because at the Baptism of Christ, the Holy Trinity was revealed clearly to mankind for the first time - the Father's voice is heard from heaven, the Son of God is incarnate and standing physically in the Jordan River, and the Holy Spirit descends on Him in the form of a dove. This feast is also referred to as *Epiphany* by Western Churches as this day also coincides with the Feast commemorating the visit of the Magi.

1 - CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD;  
ST. BASIL THE GREAT AND ST. GREGORY  
OF NAZIANZUS  
3 - H.H.BASELIOS MAR GEEVARGHESE II  
6 - FEAST OF EPIPHANY (DENAHA)  
7 - BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN, THE BAPTIST

8 - ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR  
15 - ST MARY OF THE SOWING  
18 - STS. SIMON, SAMUEL AND ANTHONY  
26 - H.H.BASELIOS MARTHOMA MATHEWS II

# January 2011

Feast Days  
 Fast Days

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <b>Circumcision of our Lord</b> <i>John 15:5-9</i> New Year's HQ Installation of the MC <i>Sts. Basil &amp; Gregory</i>
<b>2</b> <i>Luke 2:40-52</i> SS Midterm Exam MC Meeting	<b>3</b> <i>H.H. Baselius</i> <i>Marthoma</i> <i>Geevarghese II</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Bible Study (Willowbrook)	<b>6</b> <b>Denaha (Baptism of our Lord)</b> <i>Luke 3:7-22</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Matt. 14:1-12</i> PHAT <i>St. John the Baptist</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Matt. 23:34-39</i> HQ & Holy Baptism KFC Kick-Off (1-4PM) <i>St. Stephen</i>
<b>9</b> <i>Matthew 4:12-22</i> MC Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Feast of St. Mary (Vithukaludae Perunaal)</b> MGOCSM Winter Conf. WOW (5:30PM) Prayer Ward 2 (6:30PM)
<b>16</b> <i>John 1:43-51</i> MMVS Meeting	<b>17</b> Ecumenical Clergy Meeting	<b>18</b> <i>Sts. Simon, Samuel and Anthony</i>	<b>19</b> Bible Study (Willowbrook)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> MMVS Regional Meeting (10AM- 1PM) SS Teachers Meeting (3PM)
<b>23</b> <i>John 3:1-12</i> SS Parents/Teachers Meeting Senior Fellowship Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <i>H.H. Baselius</i> <i>Marthoma Mathews II</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <i>Mark 6:1-6</i> General Body Meeting	<b>31</b>	<b>Bible Studies</b> Willowbrook 730PM Leaders 7 PM Skokie 730PM Elgin (Fri) 7 PM	<b>Notes</b> Sunday School begins at 845 AM Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM Sunday Prayer Mtg. begins at 6 PM Saturday Prayer Mtg. begins at 630 PM		<b>ABBREVIATIONS</b> HQ - Holy Qurbana   SS - Sunday School MC - Managing Committee DB - Divya Bodhanam	

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**Entry of our Lord into the Temple (February 2)**



This Feast is also known as the Meeting of the Lord and is found in the Gospels in St. Luke 2:22-29. The Holy Icon shows that the meeting takes place inside the Temple and in front of the altar. The altar has a book or a scroll on it and is covered by a canopy. St. Mary, the Theotokos, stands to the left and is holding out her hands in a gesture of offering. The one hand of the Theotokos is covered by her cloak or as it is known, the maphorion. She has just handed her Son to Simeon.

Christ is shown as a child, but He is not in swaddling clothes. He is clothed in a small dress and his legs are bare. Jesus appears to be giving a blessing. Simeon holds Jesus with both hands which are covered. This shows the reverence Simeon had for the Messiah. Anna the Prophetess is also standing behind the Theotokos and is pointing to the Christ child. The words Simeon spoke when he saw the Christ Child are known as "St. Simeon's Prayer."

**2 - ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO THE TEMPLE;  
STS. SIMEON, THE ELDER & HANNAH**  
**3 - ST. BAR SOUMA**  
**8 - ST. SEVERUS OF ANTIOCH**  
**14 - 16 : NINEVEH FAST (3 DAY FAST-PROPHET  
JONAH)**

**20 - STS. EPHRAIM AND THEODORE**  
**24 - ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE AND  
EVANGELIST**  
**28 - ST. GEEVARGHESE MAR DIONYSIUS  
VATTASSERIL**



# February 2011

Feast Days  
 Fast Days

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	<b>2</b> Entry of our Lord into the Temple <i>Luke 2:22-40</i> HQ (7PM)	<b>3</b> Leaders Bible Study (7PM) <i>St. Bar Saumo &amp; All Departed Holy Fathers</i>	4	5  Prayer Ward 4
<b>6</b> <i>Mark 1:12-20</i>  MC Meeting (1PM)	7	8  DB (7:30PM) <i>St. Severus of Antioch</i>	9  Bible Study (Willowbrook)	10	11  Bible Study (Skokie) MGOCSM Friday Night	12  WOW (11AM) OCYM Meeting (6PM)
<b>13</b> <i>Mark 6:1-6</i>  DB	<b>14</b> <i>Nineveh (Jonah) Fast</i> <i>Matt. 7:1-12</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Nineveh (Jonah) Fast</i> <i>Matt. 24:36-46</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Nineveh (Jonah) Fast</i> <i>Matt. 12:38-50</i> HQ (7PM)	17  Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	18	19  Youth Kickoff (11AM-4PM) Prayer Ward 5
<b>20</b> <i>Matthew 24:42-51</i>  MMVS Meeting DB <i>Departed Clergy</i>	21  Ecumenical Clergy Meeting	22  DB (7:30PM)	23  <i>St. Geevarghese Mar Dionysius (Vattaseril)</i>	24  <i>St. Matthew</i>	25  SS Teachers Meeting (7PM)	26  FOCUS Coffee House (4:30PM- 8PM)
<b>27</b> <i>Luke 12:32-48</i>  Senior Fellowship (12:45pm) <i>Departed Faithful</i>	28					
		<b>Bible Studies</b> Willowbrook 730PM Leaders 7 PM Skokie 730PM Elgin (Fri) 7 PM	<b>Notes</b> Sunday School begins at 845 AM Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM Sunday Prayer Mtg. begins at 6 PM Saturday Prayer Mtg. begins at 630 PM		<b>ABBREVIATIONS</b> <b>HQ</b> - Holy Qurbana <b>SS</b> - Sunday School <b>MC</b> - Managing Committee <b>DB</b> - Divya Bodhanam	

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**Annunciation to St. Mary (March 25)**



St. Mary is the most blessed woman who has ever lived because of her complete willingness to receive God's grace, or in the words of her Son, to hear the word of God and keep it (Luke 11:27-28). In Luke 1:26-38, Gabriel's announcement is a confirmation that the Lord Jesus took His flesh and human nature from the virgin Mary. She was the person for whom all generations waited, and when we speak about Jesus, we cannot ignore the one who gave Him human flesh, and whenever we speak about the Holy Theotokos, we cannot ignore the Fruit of her womb, our Lord Jesus Christ. In Paradise, the Fall and its consequences came from a woman; in the Annunciation, our salvation and all good things come from a woman. For this reason, St. Mary is the new Eve, for while the first Eve was the mother of death and sin, St. Mary, the second Eve, is the mother of Life.

**7 - GREAT LENT (50 DAYS) STARTS  
10 - KING ABGAR  
13 - FORTY MARTYRS OF SEBASTE  
25 - ANNUNCIATION TO ST. MARY**

# March 2011

Feast Days  
 Fast Days

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Bible Study (Willowbrook)	3 Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	4	5 MMVS Area Meeting (10AM to 12:30PM) Youth B'ball Camp (10- 4) Prayer Ward 1
6 <b>Kothinay Sunday</b> <b>Shubkono</b> <i>Miracle at Cana</i> <i>John 2:1-11</i>  MC Meeting (1PM)	7 <b>Great Lent Begins</b>	8 DB (7:30PM)	9 <i>40 Martyrs of Sebaste</i>	10 <i>King Abgar</i>	11 Bible Study (Skokie)	12 HQ & Bible Study (Elgin) KFC (2-5PM) Prayer Ward 9 (6:30PM) <i>St. Ephrem &amp; St. Theodore</i>
13 <i>Healing the Leper</i> <i>Luke 5:12-16;4:40-41</i>  MMVS Bake Sale SS Speech Competition DB	14 Ecumenical Clergy Meeting	15	16 Bible Study (Willowbrook) Evening Prayer (7PM)	17 Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	18 Bible Study (Elgin)	19 Regional Lenten Retreat (9AM to 4PM) Prayer Ward 4 (6:30PM)
20 <i>Healing the Paralytic</i> <i>Mark 2:1-12</i>  MMVS Meeting DB	21	22 DB (7:30PM)	23	24	25 <b>Annunciation to St. Mary</b> <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>  HQ (7PM)	26 Youth & FOCUS Retreat (10AM to 4PM) Common Prayer Fellowship
27 <i>Canaanite Woman</i> <i>Matthew 15:21-31</i>  SS Bible Verse Competition Annual General Body	28	29 HQ (7PM)	30 <b>Middle of Lent</b> <i>John 3:13-21</i>	31		
		<b><u>Bible Studies</u></b> Willowbrook 730PM Leaders 7 PM Skokie 730PM Elgin (Fri) 7 PM	<b><u>Notes</u></b> Sunday School begins at 845 AM Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM Sunday Prayer Mtg. begins at 6 PM Saturday Prayer Mtg. begins at 630 PM		<b><u>ABBREVIATIONS</u></b>  HQ - Holy Qurbana SS - Sunday School MC - Managing Committee DB - Divya Bodhanam	

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**Easter (April 24)**



Resurrection is the foundation of Christian faith and theology. The resurrection of Jesus is not to be confused with the ascension of Jesus into heaven. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is considered as part of the plan of salvation and redemption.

Resurrection is the reunion of the soul and body which will revitalize and transform the physical body into a spiritual body. The risen Christ is the first fruit of perfect resurrection. He will never again be subject to death. Because He conquered death by His resurrection, we all will rise again; the righteous to life with Christ, the wicked to judgment. We have life in His resurrection as He trampled down death by His death.

**17 - 24 : HOLY WEEK**

**23 - ST. GEORGE, THE MARTYR**

**25 - ST. MARK, THE EVANGELIST**



# April 2011

Feast Days  
 Fast Days

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2  KFC (10AM to 1PM) SS Teachers Meeting (3PM) Prayer Ward 4
3 <i>Healing the Crippled Woman</i> <i>Luke 13:10-17</i>  MC Meeting (1PM) Prayer Ward 1	4	5	6  Bible Study (Willowbrook)	7  Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	8  Bible Study (Skokie)	9  HQ & Bible Study (Elgin) MGOCSM Service Project (10AM-2PM) Run & Gun Basketball (2PM) Prayer Ward 9
10 <i>Healing the Blind Man</i> <i>John 9:1-41</i> MMVS Bake Sale SS Speech Competition DB <i>Catholicate Day</i>	11	12  DB (7:30PM)	13	14	15 <i>40th Day Of Lent</i> <i>Matt. 4:1-11</i>  HQ (7PM)	16 <i>Lazarus Saturday</i> <i>John 11:28-46</i>  Confession (3-7PM) Evening Prayer & Devotional (7-8:30PM)
17 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>John 12:12-19</i> Hosanna HQ (8:30AM) Confession (3-7PM) Evening Prayer & Devotional (7-8:30PM)	18  Confession (3-7PM) Evening Prayer & Devotional (7-8:30PM)	19  Confession (3-7PM) Evening Prayer & Devotional (7-8:30PM)	20  Feast of Passover HQ (7PM)	21 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> <i>Luke 22:14-30</i> Evening Prayer & Devotional (7-8:30PM)	22 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>John 19:31-42</i> <i>Matthew 27:59-60</i> Good Friday Service Evening Prayer (7PM)	23 <i>Holy Saturday</i> <i>Matthew 27:62-66</i> HQ (10AM) Evening Prayer (7PM) <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
24 <i>Easter</i> <i>Matthew 28:1-20</i>  Easter Sunday HQ (8:30AM)	25 <i>Hevoro (Days of Light)</i> Ecumenical Clergy Meeting <i>St. Mark</i>	26 <i>Hevoro (Days of Light)</i>  DB (7:30PM)	27 <i>Hevoro (Days of Light)</i>	28 <i>Hevoro (Days of Light)</i>  Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	29 <i>Hevoro (Days of Light)</i>	30 <i>Hevoro (Days of Light)</i>  Reserved (11AM to 5PM) OCYM Meeting (6PM)
		<u><b>Bible Studies</b></u> Willowbrook 730PM Leaders 7 PM Skokie 730PM Elgin (Fri) 7 PM	<u><b>Notes</b></u> Sunday School begins at 845 AM Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM Sunday Prayer Mtg. begins at 6 PM Saturday Prayer Mtg. begins at 630 PM		<u><b>ABBREVIATIONS</b></u>  HQ - Holy Qurbana SS - Sunday School MC - Managing Committee DB - Divya Bodhanam	

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**St. George**

St. George lived in the third century, and was according to tradition a Roman soldier and a priest. He is most known as the dragon slayer. He was executed by Emperor Diocletian as he not only refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods but also professed his faith in Jesus Christ in public. Before the execution, St. George gave his wealth to the poor and prepared himself. Witnessing his suffering and torture, others became Christians as well. He attained martyrdom defending his Christian faith. People from all walks of life seek his intercession.



- 1 - ST. JAMES, THE APOSTLE & SON OF ZEBEDEE
- 3 - H.H.BASELIOS PAULOSE I
- 8 - ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
- 10 - ST. SIMON THE ZEALOT, THE APOSTLE

24 - ST. AARON, CHIEF OF THE FASTERS

# May 2011

 **Feast Days**  
 **Fast Days**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <i>New Sunday</i> <i>John 20:19-31</i> MC Meeting (1PM) <i>Feast of St. George</i> <i>St. James the Great</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
		<i>H.H. Baselius</i> <i>Marthoma Paulos I</i>	Bible Study (Willowbrook)	Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	Bible Study (Skokie)	9th Grade Conf. (9AM-3PM) Teachers Meeting (3PM) Prayer Ward 9
<b>8</b> <i>John 21:1-14</i> DB Prayer Ward 1 <i>St. John</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
		DB (730PM) <i>St. Simon the Zealot</i>				HQ & Bible Study (Elgin) KFC (2-5PM) Prayer Ward 7
<b>15</b> <i>John 21:15-19</i> MMVS Meeting DB Prayer Ward 8	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
	Ecumenical clergy Mtg.		Bible Study (Willowbrook)	Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	MGOC SM Summer Conference Kick-off (7PM)	MMVS Retreat (10AM-1PM) Prayer Ward 4
<b>22</b> <i>Luke 24:13-35</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
		DB (730PM) <i>St. Aaron, Chief of the</i> <i>Fasters</i>			Annual Clergy Conference	Diocesan Assembly Conference
<b>29</b> <i>Luke 9:51-62</i> SS Final Exam Senior Fellowship (12:45PM)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				
	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>					
		<b><u>Bible Studies</u></b> Willowbrook 730PM Leaders 7 PM Skokie 730PM Elgin (Fri) 7 PM	<b><u>Notes</u></b> Sunday School begins at 845 AM Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM Sunday Prayer Mtg. begins at 6 PM Saturday Prayer Mtg. begins at 630 PM		<b><u>ABBREVIATIONS</u></b> <b>HQ</b> - Holy Qurbana <b>SS</b> - Sunday School <b>MC</b> - Managing Committee <b>DB</b> - Divya Bodhanam	

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**The Twelve Apostles**



Apostle means “one who is sent”. Apostle is used as a title for the 12 disciples who formed the foundation of the New Testament Church, symbolically replacing the twelve tribes of Israel. In order to maintain this symbolism, Matthias was elected to replace Judas. The word is also used of the seventy sent by Christ, as well as of Paul, the repentant persecutor whom the risen Christ sent as the “Apostle to the Gentiles”. The twelve Apostles are Simon (known as Peter), Andrew (brother of Simon), James (the son of Zebedee), John the Theologian, Philip, Bartholomew (also known as Nathaniel), Mathew (Levi), Thomas, James (the son of Alphaeus), Simon called the Zealot, Judas (Labbaeus Thaddeus) the son of James and Matthias.

**11 - ST. BARTHOLOMEW, THE APOSTLE  
16 - 29 : APOSTLES' FAST  
19 - ST. JAMES, THE APOSTLE AND FIRST  
BISHOP OF JERUSALEM  
29 - ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL**

**30 - THE TWELVE APOSTLES**



# June 2011

Feast Days  
 Fast Days

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  HQ (7 PM)	2 <b>Ascension of our Lord</b> <i>Luke 24:36-52</i>	3  Bible Study (Skokie)	4  HQ & Bible Study (Elgin) FOCUS Picnic (2PM-6PM) Prayer Ward 9
5 <i>John 17:13-26</i>  SS Final Exam & Charity Collection MC Meeting (1PM)	6	7	8	9  SS Nuhro Camp	10  SS Nuhro Camp	11  SS Nuhro Camp Wedding <i>St. Bartholomew</i>
12 <b>Pentecost</b> <i>John 15:1-14</i>  NUHRO DB	13  Ecumenical Clergy Meeting	14	15  Bible Study (Willowbrook)	16 <b>Apostle's Fast Begins</b>  Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	17  Youth Trip (evening)	18  Youth Trip (whole day) Common Prayer Fellowship
19 <i>John 6:26-35</i>  MMVS Meeting <i>St. James</i>	20	21	22	23	24  <i>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i>	25  MMVS Area Meeting (10AM-12:30PM) Prayer Ward 4
26 <i>Matthew 10:5-16</i>  SS Centralized Exams Senior Fellowship (12:45PM)	27	28	29  HQ (7PM) <i>Sts. Peter and Paul</i>	30  Leaders Bible Study (7PM) <i>The 12 Apostles</i>		
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**The Prophet Elijah**

Elijah means “Yahweh is my God”. He was a brave and courageous prophet in the Kingdom of Israel during the reign of Ahab (9th Century B.C.) who called Israel to repentance. Elijah obeyed the Word and Son of God, made a poor widow rich, defended the worship of God against Baal, raised the dead, brought fire down from heaven, and ascended into heaven in a whirlwind accompanied by a chariot and horses of fire. Elijah appeared with Moses on the Mount at Transfiguration.



**5 - THE SEVENTY TWO EVANGELISTS  
15 - ST. KURIAKOSE, THE MARTYR AND HIS  
MOTHER ST. YULITTI; ST. ABHAI OF NICEA  
20 - ST. ELIJAH, THE PROPHET  
22 - ST. MARY MAGDALENE**

**27 - ST. SIMEON, THE STYLITE**

# July 2011

Feast Days  
 Fast Days

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2  HQ & Bible Study (Elgin) Prayer Ward 9
3  <i>John 6:35-46</i>  DB Convocation MC Meeting <i>St. Thomas</i>	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY	5  <i>The Seventy-Two Evangelists</i>	6  Bible Study (Willowbrook)	7  Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	8	9  Church Picnic (10AM-4PM) Prayer Ward 2
10  <i>Luke 10:1-16</i>  DB	11  Ecumenical Clergy Meeting	12	13	14  OVBS	15  OVBS <i>St Kuriakose and St Yulitti, St. Abhai</i>	16  OVBS
17  <i>Luke 9:10-17</i>  MMVS Meeting	18	19	20  Bible Study (willowbrook) <i>St. Elijah the Prophet</i>	21  Midwest Regional Family Conference	22  Midwest Regional Family Conference <i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>	23  Midwest Regional Family Conference
24  <i>Matthew 15:32-39</i>  Senior Fellowship (12:45) Wedding (at New York)	25	26	27  <i>St. Simeon the Stylite</i>	28  MGOCSM Leadership Camp (Baltimore)	29  Bible Study (Skokie) MGOCSM Leadership Camp (Baltimore)	30  MMVS Area Meeting (10AM) FOCUS Career Fair (1-5PM) MGOCSM LC (Baltimore) Prayer Ward 4
31  <i>Mark 3:20-30</i>  General Body Meeting MGOCSM Leadership Camp (Baltimore)		<u><b>Bible Studies</b></u> Willowbrook 730PM Leaders 7 PM Skokie 730PM Elgin (Fri) 7 PM	<u><b>Notes</b></u> Sunday School begins at 845 AM Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM Sunday Prayer Mtg. begins at 6 PM Saturday Prayer Mtg. begins at 630 PM		<u><b>ABBREVIATIONS</b></u>  HQ - Holy Qurbana SS - Sunday School MC - Managing Committee DB - Divya Bodhanam	

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**Transfiguration of the Lord**



The Transfiguration is a Theophany—a manifestation of God, especially on the divinity of Christ, through a display of His uncreated, Divine energy. The presence of Moses and Elijah manifests the communion of the Saints. Transfiguration shows that Christ is Messiah and God. The Holy Trinity is manifest here, for Christ is transfigured, the father speaks from heaven testifying to Jesus' Divine sonship and the Spirit is present in the form of a dazzling light surrounding Christ's person, overshadowing the whole mountain.

**1 - 15 : ASSUMPTION FAST (15 DAYS)**  
**1 - ST. SHMUNI, HER SEVEN SONS; ST. ELEAZER**  
**6 - TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**  
**12 - ST. AZAZAEL, THE MARTYR**  
**19 - ST THADDAEUS THE APOSTLE**

**24 - ST MATTHEW, THE APOSTLE**



# August 2011

Feast Days  
 Fast Days

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>Dormition</b> <b>Fast Begins</b>  <i>Sts. Shmuni, her 7 sons and Eleazer</i>	2	3	4	5	<b>6</b> <b>Transfiguration of our Lord</b> <i>Luke 9:27-36</i>  MGOCSM Conference
<b>7</b> <i>Matthew 21:28-32</i>  MGOCSM Conference MC Meeting (1PM)	8	9  <i>St. Matthias</i>	10  Bible Study (Willowbrook)	11  MGOCSM Conference  Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	12  MGOCSM Conference  <i>St. Azazael</i>	13  HQ & Bible Study (Elgin) FOCUS Bible Study (2-5PM) Prayer Ward 6
<b>14</b> <i>Luke 12:13-21; 35-44</i>  DB	<b>15</b> <b>Dormition of St. Mary</b> <i>John 19:25-27</i> <i>Matt. 12:46-50</i> <i>Luke 11:22-28</i> Ecum. Clergy Mtg.	16  DB (730PM)	17  Bible Study (Willowbrook)	18	<b>19</b> SS Teachers Meeting (7PM) <i>St. Labbaeus (Thaddaeus)</i>	20  KFC (10AM-1PM) Prayer Ward 1
<b>21</b> <i>Luke 6:39-45</i>  MMVS Meeting DB	22	23	24  <i>St. Matthew</i>	25  Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	26  Bible Study (Skokie)	27  SS Cookout (11AM-2PM) Charity Fest
<b>28</b> <i>Luke 11:9-20</i>  MMVS Bake Sale Senior Fellowship (12:45PM)	29	30  DB (730PM)	31			
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**Feast of the Cross (September 14)**

The Elevation of the Holy Cross is one of the great feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated on September 14. This feast is also referred to as the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast commemorates the finding of the Cross by Empress Helen, mother of Constantine the Great on Golgotha in 326 A.D., the place where Christ was crucified. The cross gives life to each person who believes in the redemptive sacrifice on the cross and His glorious resurrection. On this day, we renew our dedication to the crucified and resurrected Lord.



- 8 - NATIVITY OF ST. MARY**
- 9 - ST. JOACHIM AND ST. ANNA, PARENTS OF ST. MARY**
- 14 - FEAST OF THE CROSS**
- 24 - ST. DEMETRIUS**

# September 2011

 **Feast Days**  
 **Fast Days**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					Baitho	Baitho
4 <i>Matthew 17:22-27</i> Baitho	5 <b>LABOR DAY</b>	6	7 HQ (7PM)	8 <b>Nativity of St. Mary</b> Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	9 Bible Study (Skokie) <i>Sts. Joachim &amp; Anna</i>	10 Onam Celebration (Elgin) Common Prayer Fellowship
11 <i>Matthew 5:38-48</i> SS Re-opens MC Meeting Prayer Ward 1	12 Ecumenical Clergy Meeting	13 HQ	14 <b>Feast of the Holy Cross</b> <i>Luke 21:5-28</i>	15	16	17 HQ & Bible Study (Elgin) KFC (2-5PM) OCYM Meeting (6PM)
18 <i>Mark 13:28-37</i> MMVS Meeting DB	19	20	21 Bible Study (Willowbrook)	22 Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	23	24 Youth Ministry (10AM) SS Teachers Mtng (2PM) FOCUS Faith Seminar (4PM) Prayer Ward 4 <i>St. Demetrius</i>
25 <i>Matthew 16:5-12</i> SS Parents/Teachers Meeting Senior Fellowship (12:45PM)	26	27 DB (730PM)	28	29	30	
		<b><u>Bible Studies</u></b> Willowbrook 730PM Leaders 7 PM Skokie 730PM Elgin (Fri) 7 PM	<b><u>Notes</u></b> Sunday School begins at 845 AM Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM Sunday Prayer Mtg. begins at 6 PM Saturday Prayer Mtg. begins at 630 PM		<b><u>ABBREVIATIONS</u></b>  <b>HQ</b> - Holy Qurbana <b>SS</b> - Sunday School <b>MC</b> - Managing Committee <b>DB</b> - Divya Bodhanam	



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### **Sanctification of the Church (Qoothos Etho)**

The liturgical year of the Church starts with the Sanctification of the Church, the Faithful. Sanctification means being set apart for God. This is the process of growth in Christ whereby the believer is made holy as God is holy, through the Holy Spirit. None can behold God without sanctification (Hebrews 12:14). The Church being the Body of Christ is intrinsically holy. Holiness of the Church is imparted to and shared by the members of the Church, through the Sacraments (or Holy Mysteries).

- 1 - ST. ADAI, THE EVANGELIST;  
ST. ABHAI AND ST MALKE, THE MARTYRS**
- 3 - ST. BASELIOS ELDHO (KOTHAMNGALAM)**
- 7 - STS. SERGIUS AND BACCHUS, THE  
MARTYRS**
- 15 - ST. OSIO, THE FASTER**

- 18 - ST. LUKE, THE EVANGELIST**
- 22 - BASELIOS SHAKRALLA (KANDANAD)**
- 23 - ST. JAMES, THE APOSTLE AND THE SON OF  
ALPHEUS**
- 30 - KOODOSH ETHO (SANCTIFICATION OF  
THE CHURCH)**



# October 2011

 **Feast Days**  
 **Fast Days**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>  Youth Co-Ed Football (11AM-8PM) <i>Sts. Adai, Abhai &amp; Malke</i>
<b>2</b>  <i>Mark 2:23-28</i>  MC Meeting (1PM)	<b>3</b>  <i>St. Baselius Eldo (Kothamangalam)</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  Bible Study (Willowbrook)	<b>6</b>  Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	<b>7</b>  MMVS Diocese Conference (7PM) <i>Sts Sergius &amp; Bacchus</i>	<b>8</b>  MMVS Diocese Conference (9AM to 5PM)
<b>9</b>  <i>Luke 16:9-18</i>  DB	<b>10</b>  COLUMBUS DAY	<b>11</b>  DB (7:30PM)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  HQ & Bible Study (Elgin) KFC (2-5PM) Prayer Ward 5 <i>St. Osio the Faster</i>
<b>16</b>  <i>Matthew 23:1-12</i>  MMVS Meeting DB	<b>17</b>  Ecumenical Clergy Meeting	<b>18</b>  <i>St. Luke</i>	<b>19</b>  Bible Study (Willowbrook)	<b>20</b>  Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	<b>21</b>  SS Teachers Meeting (7PM)	<b>22</b>  FOCUS Volunteer Event (10AM) Prayer Ward 4
<b>23</b>  <i>Luke 18:18-27</i>  Senior Fellowship (12:45) Prayer Ward 1 <i>St. James the Less</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  DB (7:30 PM)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Prayer Ward 3
<b>30</b>  <b>Koodosh Etho (Sanctification of the Church)</b> <i>Matthew 16:13-23</i>  Perunaal Flag Hoisting	<b>31</b>  Area Convention	<b>Bible Studies</b> Willowbrook 730PM Leaders 7 PM Skokie 730PM Elgin (Fri) 7 PM	<b>Notes</b> Sunday School begins at 845 AM Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM Sunday Prayer Mtg. begins at 6 PM Saturday Prayer Mtg. begins at 630 PM		<b>ABBREVIATIONS</b>  <b>HQ</b> - Holy Qurbana <b>SS</b> - Sunday School <b>MC</b> - Managing Committee <b>DB</b> - Divya Bodhanam	



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### St. Gregorios of Parumala

St. Geevarghese Mor Gregorios was canonized and proclaimed as a Saint of the Orthodox Church in 1947 by the Holy Episcopal Synod. The 54 years of his life that he spent physically in this world was an acknowledgement of the call of God and his dependence on Him. Thirumeni spent time in constant communion with God, in prayer and in serving others. He studied and taught Scripture and Theology. He was a friend of the poor, healed the sick and was a strong defender of the Orthodox faith. He always trusted in God and glorified Him even in sickness. He is the patron saint of our Oak Park parish.

- 1 - ALL SAINTS AND MARTYRS
- 2 - ST. GEEVARGHESE MAR GREGORIOS (PARUMALA)
- 8 - BASELIOS MAR THOMA MATHEWS I
- 13 - ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
- 14 - ST. PHILIP, THE APOSTLE

- 21 - ENTRANCE OF ST. MARY TO THE TEMPLE
- 28 - ST. JACOB BARADAEUS
- 29 - ST. JACOB OF SARUG
- 30 - ST. ANDREW, THE APOSTLE

# November 2011

 **Feast Days**  
 **Fast Days**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Area Convention <i>All Saints &amp; Martyrs</i>	2 Area Convention <i>St. Geevarghese Mar Gregorios of Parumala</i>	3 Area Convention	4 Church Convention	5 Church Convention MC Meeting (3PM)
6 <b>Dedication of the Church</b> <i>John 10:22-38</i>  Church Perunaal	7	8 <i>Baselius Marthoma Mathews I</i>	9	10 Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	11 <b>VETERENS DAY</b>	12 HQ & Bible Study (Elgin) SS Teachers Meeting (3PM) OCYM Meeting (6PM)
13 <b>Annunciation to Zechariah</b> <i>Luke 1:5-25</i>  DB <i>St. John Chrysostom</i>	14 Ecumenical Clergy Mtg. <i>St. Philip</i>	15 DB (7:30PM)	16 Bible Study (Willowbrook)	17 Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	18 Bible Study (Skokie)	19 KFC (10AM to 1PM) Ecumenical Basketball Prayer Ward 4
20 <b>Annunciation to St. Mary</b> <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>  MMVS Meeting Election DB	21	22	23	24 <b>THANKSGIVING</b>	25 Youth Thanksgiving Dinner (6PM)	26 MGOCSM Basketball Tourn. Christmas Carol
27 <b>St. Mary visits St. Elizabeth</b> <i>Luke 1:39-56</i>  Senior Fellowship (12:45) Christmas Carol	28 <i>St. Jacob Baradaeus</i>	29 DB (7:30PM) <i>St. Jacob of Sarug</i>	30 <i>St. Andrew</i>			
		<b>Bible Studies</b> Willowbrook 730PM Leaders 7 PM Skokie 730PM Elgin (Fri) 7 PM	<b>Notes</b> Sunday School begins at 845 AM Sunday Morning Prayer begins at 9 AM Sunday Holy Qurbana begins at 10 AM Sunday Prayer Mtg. begins at 6 PM Saturday Prayer Mtg. begins at 630 PM		<b>ABBREVIATIONS</b>  HQ - Holy Qurbana SS - Sunday School MC - Managing Committee DB - Divya Bodhanam	



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### St. Thomas, the Apostle of India

St. Thomas is also known as Didymus (meaning "twin") proclaimed Jesus Christ as "My Lord and My God" - the clearest confession of Christ's Divinity. He came to India in 52 A.D. and landed at Kodungallur on the coast of Kerala. He preached the Gospel in India and established seven and a half Churches in Kodungallur(Maliankara), Kottakkavu, Palayur, Kollam, Kokkamangalam, Niranam, Chayal and Thiruvithancode (half Church).

1 - 25 : NATIVITY FAST (25 DAYS)  
4 - STS. BARBARA AND JULIANA, THE MARTYRS  
6 - ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA  
8 - BASELIOS MAR THOMA AUGEN I  
10 - STS. BEHANAM AND SARAH;  
ST. PHILEXENOS OF MABBUG

17 - BASELIOS MAR THOMA GEEVARGHESE I  
20 - ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH  
21 - ST. THOMAS, THE APOSTLE  
25 - FEAST OF NATIVITY  
26 - PRAISE OF ST. MARY  
27 - SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENT INFANTS

# December 2011

Feast Days  
 Fast Days

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <b>Nativity Fast Begins</b>  Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	<b>2</b>  Bible Study (Skokie)	<b>3</b>  Christmas Carol
<b>4</b> <b>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b> <i>Luke 1:57-80</i> General Body Meeting Sunday School Day Christmas Carol <i>Sts. Barbara and Juliana</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  <i>St. Nicholas of Myra</i>	<b>7</b>  Bible Study (Willowbrook)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Ecumenical Christmas Program MC Meeting (2PM) <i>St. Behanan, St. Sarah and St. Philexenos of Mabbug</i>
<b>11</b> <b>Annunciation to St. Joseph</b> <i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>  Christmas Carol	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  DB (7:30PM)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Christmas Carol <i>Baselius Marthoma Geevarghese I</i>
<b>18</b> <i>Luke 3:23-38</i> SS Charity Collection Day MMVS Meeting Christmas Carol <i>Spearing of St. Thomas</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  HQ (7PM) <i>St. Ignatius</i>	<b>21</b>  Bible Study (Willowbrook) <i>St. Thomas</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Family Night
<b>25</b> <b>Nativity of our Lord (Christmas)</b> <i>Luke 2:1-14</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  DB (730PM) <i>Slaughter of the Holy Innocents</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Leaders Bible Study (7PM)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
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He was ordained as a priest in 1973. He was professed Ramban in 1983 at Parumala Seminary. In 1985, he was consecrated as Episcopa with the name Paulose Mar Milithios. He became the first bishop of the newly formed Kunnamkulam diocese in 1985. His Grace was elevated as Metropolitan in 1991. The Holy Episcopal synod and the Managing Committee nominated His Grace as the successor to the Catholicos of the East and the Malankara Metropolitan in 2006. He was enthroned as the Catholicose and the Malankara Metropolitan on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010.

H.H. Baselius Mar Thoma Paulose II

*Catholicos of the East and Malankara Metropolitan*