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MY LORD,
MY GOD!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ELIJAH, CROSS & MOSES
AUGUST 17, 2008

EXALTED
BY GOD!

Our Choice

Today's Gospel (Lk. 19:1-10)

He came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor; and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

✠ An old white-haired mother came to the Governor and said, "Respected Governor, I have come to speak to you in behalf of my poor boy who is soon to die in the electric chair. Governor, I have not come to ask for justice but for mercy, not for his sake, but mine. He is my only son and support. Governor, if you can do anything, do it for my sake."

The governor was courteous and promised to look into the matter and see if anything could be done. Soon he went down to the prison where the poor boy was awaiting the day of execution. When the young man saw the governor, thinking he was a minister who had come to speak with him, he became very angry and insulting. He said to the governor, "I have no time for you and I will be pleased if you will let me alone."

"But," said the governor, "I have come to see you about an important matter and you might be interested." The young man almost cursed him and demanded that he leave him alone.

"Very well," replied the governor, "good-bye."

When the governor was gone the warden said to the young man, "How did the Governor and you get along?" When he learned that it was not a minister but the governor, he fell upon the concrete floor and cried, like a soul lost and damned, "My God, have I insulted the only man who could save my life?"

Yes, that is just what he had done. And that is just what all are doing who are rejecting Jesus Christ, the only Saviour, when he comes in search of us.

✠ High on a hilltop overlooking the beautiful city of Venice, Italy, there lived an old blind man who was a genius. Legend had it he could answer any question anyone might ask of him. Two of the local boys figured they could fool the old man, so they caught a small bird and headed for his residence. One of the boys held the little bird in his hands and asked the old man if the bird was dead or alive. Without hesitation the old man said, "Son, if I say to you that the bird is alive, you will close your hands and crush it to death. If I say the bird is dead, you will open your hands and the bird will fly away. You see, son, in your hands you hold the power of life and death."

Likewise in our hands we hold the deciding power of whether we will choose good or bad. The decision is ours. God has given us the right to decide for ourselves.

✠ A missionary in the South Pacific Islands was explaining to a group of children the custom and significance of giving gifts at Christmas. "Giving gifts," she said, "expresses love and reminds us of the perfect gift of love we received from God: Jesus."

Later that week, a young native boy came to the missionary's side and said, "I love you and want you to have this."

He pulled from a straw basket the most beautiful shell the missionary had ever seen. As she admired its beauty, she recognized it as a special shell only found on the far side of the island, a half day's walk from the village. When confronted by this, the boy smiled and said, "Long walk part of gift!"

We may be walking / driving a little longer. Zacchaeus ran ahead to see Jesus. That changed his life. If you want to change, run ahead. Jesus will come into your life. The decision is yours. It will be the gift of love we give to Jesus.

Today...

11.30 am : Holy Qurbana; Picnic Committee Meeting

Marching forward...

Sunday Celebration Assignments

Today : Marian Family Unit

August 24 : Sacred Heart Family Unit

Aug. 23 : Parish Picnic at Hopkinton State Park

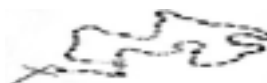
Aug. 24 : Apostle Bartholomew

Aug. 28 : Saint Augustin

Aug. 29 : Blessed Euphrasia



Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen!



Please pray the Rosary every day in your families.

Readings - Aug. 24, Sunday

Is. 30:15-26

1 Cor. 12:27-31

Lk 6:12-19

Saturday, Aug. 23

Holy Qurbana at 7 am followed by Novena



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Parish Council Members 2007-08

Mission Director: Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Vadana, Jimmy Valliyara (Kaikkaran/Trustee), Sino Sebastian Ottalankal (Kaikkaran/Trustee), James Kutticherry (Director of Religious Education), Paul Mecherry, Paul Varapadavil (Teelar), Mathew Thomas Peralakkattuchalil, Kunjumol Joseph Munthiringattukunnel, Varghese Yohannan, Joyce Mundackal, Liju George Sony, Joboy Manalel, Suni John Mundackal, Louis Mechery, Laly Thomas Paduthuruthy, Arpana George, Chackochan Mannancheril, Babu Scaria Kutticherry

PARISH PICNIC

Location : Hopkinton State Park

71 Cedar Rd, Hopkinton

When : Saturday, Aug. 23

Whole Day Event

HEARTY WELCOME

NEW COMERS!!!

Sunday Mass Schedule : 11.30 am

Saturdays : 11 am Mass followed by Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Memorial services will not be conducted on Sundays. They may be conducted on any of the week days.

First Fridays : Mass at 7 pm followed by Holy Hour and Benediction.

TO ALL

PLEASE recite the PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE AND OUR PARISH every day in your families.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

- 02nd - Tesmol Kongalayil
03rd- Mathew Kuzhikannil
03rd- John Kuzhikannil
04th - Josephine Thykkattil
07th- Jessy Fernandez
10th- Priya Kodenkandath
14th - Paul Paliakkara
14th - Bonus Thopurathu
14th- Tessy Jeerakathil
18th - Anette Sebastian Puthenpurackal
19th - Sharleen Varghese
21st - Sona Manimalakkari
21st- Jain Andrews Moolekkariyil
23rd - Kuriakose Vadana
24th - Steffi Manimalakkari
24th - Chandini Paul Muzhuthett
27th - Betsy Mukkuzhy
29th- Sunny Skaria Kongalayil
30th - Lilly Fernandez
31th - Seany Vimal Panachickal
31st- Tissa Abraham Kakkamthottil

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

- 07th- Johnson & Gracy Lukose
15th- Bonus & Reena Thopurathu
17th- Joe & Lilly Fernandez
17th- Shibu & Sheeba Palliparambil
19th - Jose & Sherly Kochupurackal
25th- Joyce & Mini Mundankal
26th- Abraham & Tania Kakkamthottil

May God bless them and keep them in His love and protection.

സെൻറ് തോമസ് സിറോമലബാർ രൂപതക്കും ഇടവകക്കും വേണ്ടിയുള്ള പ്രാർത്ഥന

പിതാവു, പുത്രനും, പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവുമായ ത്രിത്വൈക ദൈവമേ/ അങ്ങയെ അങ്ങൾ അർത്ഥപ്പെടുകയും, / സ്തുതിക്കുകയും പുഷ്പാന്തരൂകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു./ അവിടുന്ന് അങ്ങൾക്ക് നമിക്കുന്നു/ നിരന്തരപരിപാലനത്തിനായി/ അങ്ങൾ നന്ദി പറയുന്നു./ അങ്ങയുടെ സന്നിധിയിൽ/ അങ്ങൾ ചെയ്തുപോയ തെറ്റുകൾ/ അങ്ങളോട് ക്ഷമിക്കണമേ./ അങ്ങയുടെ കൃപാവരങ്ങൾ നിറച്ചിട്ട്/ അങ്ങയുടെ പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിനാൽ/ അങ്ങളെ നമിക്കണമേ.

നല്ല ഇടയനായ ഈശോമേ/നിത്യപുരാഹിതനായ അവിടുന്ന്/ അങ്ങൾക്ക് നമിക്കിയ/ അമ്മരിയയിലെ സെൻറ് തോമസ് സിറോമലബാർ രൂപതയേയും/ രൂപതാഭ്യക്ഷണയുമാർത്ഥം/ അങ്ങൾക്ക് അങ്ങൾ സ്തുതിച്ചു ചെയ്യുന്നു./ കാര്യബുദ്ധനായ കർത്താവേ./ അങ്ങയുടെ അഭിവന്ദ്യപിതാവിനെയും/ ഹൃദയം കൈമാറിയും/ സന്യസ്ഥിയേയും/ അമ്മരിയയേയും/ അങ്ങയുടെ വരദാനങ്ങളാൽ നിറച്ചിട്ട്/ അമ്മരിയ വിവിധ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളെ/ അങ്ങൾക്കിഷ്ടമകുന്ന തീരയിൽ നടത്തണമേ./ ഈ രൂപതയിലെ ഹൃദയം കട്ടുവെങ്ങളെയും/ അങ്ങയുടെ ഹൃദയം ഉപകരിക്കളയും/ മറ്റു വിശ്വാസത്തിലും/ ദൃഢമായ പ്രത്യാശയിലും/ തീവ്രമായ സ്നേഹത്തിലും/ ക്രിസ്തീയമായ കൃപയ്ക്കുമായിലും/ നിയന്ദ്രിതരൂകയും വളർത്തുകയും ചെയ്യണമേ./ അങ്ങയുടെ സഭയിലെ ശുശ്രൂഷക്കായി/ അങ്ങയുടെ കട്ടുവെങ്ങളിൽനിന്നു തന്നെ/ യുവതീയുവാക്കളെ വിളിക്കണമേ.

“എന്റെ കർത്താവേ എന്റെ ദൈവമേ” എന്നു പറഞ്ഞ്/ വിശ്വാസപ്രഖ്യാപനം നടത്തിയ/ അങ്ങയുടെ പിതാവായ മാർത്തോമ്മാസ്റ്റീഹായുടെ നാമത്തിലുള്ള ദൈവങ്ങളുടെ ദൈവലയത്തിന്റെ ക്രമീകരണത്തിനുള്ള പരിശ്രമങ്ങളെ / അവിടുന്ന് അനുഗ്രഹിച്ചാശീർവ്വദിക്കണമേ./ ഇതിനു നേതൃത്വം നൽകുന്നവരെയും/ ഇതിന്റെ വിജയത്തിനായി/ പ്രാർത്ഥനയും പണവും പരിശ്രമവും വഴി/ സഹായിക്കുന്ന എല്ലാവരെയും/ സമൃദ്ധമായി അനുഗ്രഹിക്കണമേ./ അങ്ങൾക്കെന്നെയും/ ജീവിക്കുന്ന ദൈവലയങ്ങളായി തീരൻ ഇടയാക്കട്ടെ./

നല്ലവനായ ദൈവമേ/ അങ്ങയുടെ തിരുഹിതം നിറവേറ്റുവാൻ/ പരിശുദ്ധ അമ്മയുടെയും / മാർത്തോമ്മാസ്റ്റീഹായുടെയും / വാക്യങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റിയും/ ചാപര കൃഷ്ണാക്ഷരസച്ചിഹ്നയും / അൽഫോൻസാമ്മയുടെയും/ മറിയം ഭദ്രസുന്ദരയുടെയും/ കുഞ്ഞുച്ചിഹ്നയും/ ഹൃദയപ്രസാദയുടെയും/ മാതൃകയും മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥിയേയും/ സഹായകരമാക്കട്ടെ./ അമ്മരിയ അങ്ങയുടെ മഹത്വത്തിൽ പങ്കുകൊരുകുമാർ/ അങ്ങളെ യോഗ്യരാക്കുകയും ചെയ്യണമേ./ സകലത്തിൻറെയും നാഥാ, ഹൃദയം, അമ്മരിയ.