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MY LORD,  
MY GOD!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ELIJAH, CROSS & MOSES  
AUGUST 24, 2008

EXALTED  
BY GOD!

## Apostle Bartholomew

### Today's Gospel (Lk. 6:12-19)

*In those days he departed to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God. When day came, he called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose Twelve, whom he also named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called a Zealot, and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. And he came down with them and stood on a stretch of level ground. A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and even those who were tormented by unclean spirits were cured. Everyone in the crowd sought to touch him because power came forth from him and healed them all.*

According to one tradition, the Apostle Bartholomew (Barthemew) came to India in AD 55 and preached the Gospel in the area near Kalyan (now covered by Bombay Archdiocese) and was martyred in AD 62.

No mention of St. Bartholomew occurs in ecclesiastical literature before Eusebius, who mentions that Pantaenus, the master of Origen, while evangelizing India, was told that the Apostle had preached there before him and had given to his converts the Gospel of St. Matthew written in Hebrew, which was still treasured by the Church. "India" was a name covering a very wide area, including even Arabia Felix. Other traditions represent St. Bartholomew as preaching in Mesopotamia, Persia, Egypt, Armenia, Lycaonia, Phrygia, and on the shores of the Black Sea and the manner of his death, said to have occurred at Albanopolis in Armenia, is equally uncertain as accounts vary between beheading, flaying alive and crucifixion head downward by order of Astyages, for having converted his brother, Polymius, King of Armenia. His relics are thought by some to be preserved in the church of St. Bartholomew-in-the-Island, at Rome.

A second reference of Jerome says: "Pantaenus, on account of the rumor of his excellent learning, was sent by Demetrius into India, that he might preach Christ among the Brahmins and philosophers of that nation". The mention of Brahmins certainly settles the place as India. The area of his work is thought to be in Konkan in Maharashtra.

Wikipedia connects the Bartholomew legends associated with Kalyan in Maharashtra and Kalyanpur in Mangalore another ancient Indian Christian tradition that says that "the Apostle Bartholomeo (or Nathaniel) was reportedly murdered by Hindus in a port city called Kalyan or Kalyanpur in South Asia, just as the Apostle Thomas was murdered by Hindus near Mylapore, near modern Madras or Chennai."

In other words, "Both, the city of Kalyan (British India English "Calian") and the village of Kalyanpur, were at one time port cities, and both vie for the honor of being St. Bartholomeo's place of martyrdom."

Barkur, allegedly derived from the Apostle's name, is a politically famous historic port-town, located 3 kms from Brahmavar and had one (Rosario Church) of the 27 (29) original churches of Tulunadu, which was razed to the ground by Tipu Sultan in the 1780s when he set out to eradicate Christianity. The town also had one of Tipu's palaces.

In their work, "The land called South Kanara" (2000, Image flex Publishers), William Pais and Vincent Mendonca add more background to the Kalyanpur-Barkur claims: "Christianity has been long established in South Kanara and its adherents are more numerous here, than any other district of India. It is certain that, foreign Christian merchants were visiting the coastal town of Kanara and during that period of commerce some priests also might have accompanied them for evangelical work. According to tradition Kanara had its first missionary the Apostle St. Barthelomew, who landed on the shores of river Swarna at Colombianor Colombo village an ancient maritime port adjacent to Kallianpur, stayed there to preach. He was popularly called Bethel and so the origin of the place Barkur..."

Since most of these claims are based on oral traditions they may be disputed. However it is the same case with much of India's historical legends. The future work of scholars may throw more light on the matter but even without it, the Apostle whose eyes have seen God's Son, whose ears have heard the Eternal Word speak and whose hands have touched the Bread of Life merits our devotion, and his message our credence.

**Today...**

11.30 am : Holy Qurbana; Church Committee Meeting

**Marching forward...**

Sunday Celebration Assignments

Today : Sacred Heart Family Unit

August 31 : Thirukkudumbam Family Unit

Aug. 24 : Apostle Bartholomew

Aug. 28 : Saint Augustin

Aug. 29 : Blessed Euphrasia (Celebration on Aug. 31)

Aug. 30 : Memorial Mass for the mother of Rev. Fr. Paul Pudusserry

Readings - Aug. 31, Sunday

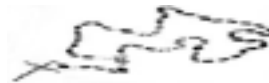
Is. 32:1-8

Phili. 1:12-25

Mt 13:24-30, 36-43



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.**



**Our Parish Picnic was wonderful. Plenty of people participated. Congratulations and thanks to all who made it a success especially to the Kaikkarans and the picnic coordinators: Sunny John and Johnson Job.**

**Church Liaison Committee Members**

Alice Kutticherry; Antony Satyadas; Benny Munthiringattukunnel; Bonus Varghese; Elsie Vithayathil; Fr. Kuriakose Vadana; Jimmy Joseph Valliyara; Lilly Fernandez; Louis mecherry; Sino Sebastian; Sunny John Mundackal; Teelar Paul; Tomy Arackaparampil; Varghese Yohannan

**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 പുഷ്പാർച്ചനകളും ചെയ്യുന്നു./ അവിടുന്ന് അങ്ങൾക്ക് നമിക്കുന്നു/ നിരന്തരപരിപാലനത്തിനായി/ അങ്ങൾ നന്ദി പറയുന്നു./ അങ്ങയുടെ സന്നിധിയിൽ/ അങ്ങൾ ചെയ്തുപോയ തെറ്റുകൾ/ അങ്ങളോട് ക്ഷമിക്കണമേ./ അങ്ങയുടെ കൃപാവരങ്ങൾ നിറച്ചു/ അങ്ങയുടെ പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിനാൽ/ അങ്ങളെ നമിക്കണമേ.

നല്ല ഇടയനായ ഈശോമേ/നിത്യപുരാഹിതനായ അവിടുന്ന്/ അങ്ങൾക്ക് നമിക്കിയ/ അമ്മരിയയിലെ സെൻറ് തോമസ് സിറോമലബാർ രൂപതയേയും/ രൂപതാദ്ധ്യക്ഷനായ ബർത്ത്/ അങ്ങക്ക് അങ്ങൾ സ്തോത്രം ചെയ്യുന്നു./ കാര്യബുദ്ധനായ കർത്താവേ./ അങ്ങയുടെ അഭിവന്ദ്യപിതാവിനെയും/ ഏറ്റവും വെളിച്ചമേറിയും/ സന്യസ്ഥരെയും/ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷരെയും/ അങ്ങയുടെ വരദാനങ്ങളാൽ നിറച്ചു/ അവരുടെ വിവിധ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളെ/ അങ്ങക്കിഷ്ടമേകുന്ന തീതിയിൽ നടത്തണമേ./ ഈ രൂപതയിലെ ഏറ്റവും കൂട്ടുമ്പെങ്ങളേയും/ അങ്ങയുടെ ഏറ്റവും ഉപകാരികളേയും/ മറച്ച വിശ്വാസത്തിലും/ ദൃഢമായ പ്രത്യാശയിലും/ തീവ്രമായ സ്നേഹത്തിലും/ ക്രിസ്തീയമായ കൂട്ടായ്മയിലും/ നിയന്ദ്രിതകളായും വളർത്തുകയും ചെയ്യണമേ./ അങ്ങയുടെ സഭയിലെ ശുശ്രൂഷക്കായി/ അങ്ങയുടെ കൂട്ടുമ്പെങ്ങളിൽനിന്നു തന്നെ/ യുവതീയുവാക്കളെ വിളിക്കണമേ.

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

നല്ലവനായ ദൈവമേ/ അങ്ങയുടെ തിരുഹിതം നിറവേറ്റുവാൻ/ പരിശുദ്ധ അമ്മയുടെയും / മാർത്തോമ്മാസ്റ്റീഹായുടെയും / വാക്യങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റിയും/ ചാപന കൃത്യമേറിയവരുടെയും / അർത്ഥമാർഗ്ഗങ്ങളുടെയും/ മറിയം ഭക്തസമൂഹങ്ങളുടെയും/ കുഞ്ഞുപ്പന്മാരുടെയും / ഏറ്റവും ഉപകാരകരങ്ങളുടെയും/ മാതൃകയും മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥതയും/ സഹായകരങ്ങളെ./ അവസാനം അങ്ങയുടെ മഹത്വത്തിൽ പങ്കുകൊരുകൂട്ടാൻ/ അങ്ങളെ യോഗ്യരാക്കുകയും ചെയ്യണമേ./ സകലത്തിന്റെയും നാഥാ, ഏനേക്കും, അർത്ഥമാർഗ്ഗം.