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SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

St. Thomas (Hebrew or Aramaic for “twin” also called “Didymus” - Greek for “twin”) was a Jew, called to be one of the twelve Apostles. He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. When Jesus said He was returning to Judea to visit His sick friend Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted the other Apostles to accompany Him on the trip which involved certain danger and possible death because of the mounting hostility of the authorities (John 11:7,8,16). At the Last Supper, when Christ told His Apostles that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:1-6). But St. Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas’ unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday merited for him the title of “doubting Thomas.” Eight days later, on Christ’s second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his scepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded - seeing in Christ’s hands the point of the nails and putting his fingers in the place of the nails and his hand into His side. At this, St. Thomas became convinced of the truth of the Resurrection and exclaimed: “My Lord and My God,” thus making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus (John 20:19-29). St. Thomas is also mentioned as being present at another Resurrection appearance of Jesus - at Lake Tiberias when a miraculous catch of fish occurred (John 21). Aside from this he appears in the New Testament only as a

Today's Gospel (Jn 20:24-29)

“Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”



name on lists of the Apostles. This is all that we know about St. Thomas from the New Testament. Tradition says that at the dispersal of the Apostles after Pentecost this saint was sent to evangelize the Parthians, Medes, and Persians; he ultimately reached India, carrying the Faith to the Malabar coast, which still boasts a large native population calling themselves “St. Thomas Christians.” He became a martyr at Mylapur, (Chennai, Tamil Nadu) by shedding his blood for his Master, speared to death.

It is believed that his body was transferred to Edessa in the 4th century; St. Ephrem’s works note that the bones of St. Thomas were venerated there in his time.

According to *The Passing of Mary*, a text attributed to Joseph of Arimathea, Thomas was the only witness of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. The other apostles were miraculously transported to Jerusalem to witness her death. Thomas was left in India, but after her burial he was transported to her tomb, where he witnessed her bodily assumption into heaven, from which she dropped her girdle. In an inversion of the story of Thomas’s doubts, the other apostles are skeptical of Thomas’s story until they saw the empty tomb and the girdle. Thomas’s receipt of the girdle is commonly depicted in medieval and pre-Tridentine Renaissance art.

The Church commemorates the memory of St. Thomas on July 3rd. The date marks the transfer of the remains of the Apostle to Edessa. The Church in India also commemorates the Apostle on the New Sunday after Easter and on December 18th when the Apostle is believed to have attained martyrdom.

Today...

2 pm : Solemn Holy
Qurbana; Procession; Entertainments;
Festival Dinner



Please pray the Rosary
every day in your
families.



**SAINT THOMAS SYRO-MALABAR
CHURCH, BOSTON**
gratefully acknowledges the gracious presence of
The Most Reverend Walter James Edyvean, D.D.
S.T.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Boston
at the Saint Thomas Day celebrations.

The cooperation of all of you has contributed to the success of this celebration. I am specially grateful to Rev. Fr. Cyriac who preached the retreat yesterday, all the priests, religious sisters, Parish Council members, different committee members, choir members, altar servers, liturgy coordinators, all the children who entertained us on the stage, ... I express my deep gratitude to Rev. Fr. William T. Leonard, Pastor of Saint Jude Parish, Rev. Sr. Catherine Martin, Principal of Saint Jude School, Mrs Ann Witham and all who wholeheartedly cooperated with us. I feel short in words to thank Rev. Sr. Mary Corripio and the Ethnic Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Boston, Rev. Fr. George Evans, Pastor of Saint Julia Parish Weston, Rev. Fr Frank Silva, Pastor of Saint Bernard-Corpus Christi Parish Newton and all other well wishers. I am specially grateful to the Archdiocese of Boston who is always happy at our growth. Let's pray for the intercession of Mother Mary, Saint Thomas the Apostle, all the Apostles and saints, for all the blessings we need from Almighty God.

SACRED LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturdays

11: 00 a.m. : Holy Qurbana; Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help.

Sundays

04:00 p.m. Faith Formation Class for Children

05:00 p.m. Holy Qurbana in Malayalam.

**Every First Sunday of the Month : Syro-Malabar Rite Qurbana in English,
organised by the youth and children.**

First Fridays

07:00 p.m. Holy Qurbana in Malayalam

Holy Hour (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

SMCB PARISH COUNCIL

Director: Fr. Kuriakose Vadana; President: Teelar Paul; Vice President: Joseph Joseph (Raju) Secretary: Jose Varghese;
Treasurer: Biju Jose; Liturgy : James Kuttichery, Sajith Thomas; CCD : Jose Sebastian; Youth Leaders: Annie Malanakarottu; Ranjit Thomas; Youth Advisor: Mary Ellen; Music :Varghese Yohannan; Usher: Sherly Jose;
Agape: Alice Kuttichery; Liturgy co-ordinator : Sino Sebastian Ottalankal; Members: Mathew Thomas Peralakkattuchalil, Thomas Kattappuram, Joy Kanjirathingal

Sunday Celebration Assignments: July 15 : Thirukkudumbam Unit.

Readings of Sunday, July 15, 2007: - Acts 5:12-32; 1 Cor. 1:9-16; Lk. 14:1-14.

July 14, Saturday : Heb. 11:3-10; Mt. 10:16-33

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

- 01st- Kochuthresia Paulose Naliath
- 02nd Dominic Chackonal
- 02nd Julaiton Koola
- 03rd- Noel Kannadayil
- 03rd- Arnold Joseph Munthiringattukunnel
- 06th - Alina Thopurath
- 06th- Ranjith Peralakkattuchalil
- 10th - Liss Kavalechira
- 12th - Newzeena Antony Ayyanimoottil
- 13th - Chacko Mannancherril
- 14th - Rani Ottalamkal
- 15th - Joseph Fernandez Valiyavila
- 18th - Sheela Jose Kaithamattam
- 25th - Paul Varapadavil
- 30th - Aleena Nelluvelil
- 30th - Ajith Peralakkattuchalil
- 30th - Alice Sebastian Alanoly

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

- 05th- Don Austin & Lisa Kootumkal
- 09th- Antony & Newzeena Satyadas
- 15th- Reju & Thushara mangalathettu
- 26th- Jeffy & Betty Pushpapuram

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

Prayer for our Parish and the Diocese

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,/ the Most Blessed Trinity,/ we adore you,/ praise you,/ and glorify you./ Thank you Lord, /for your everlasting providence;/ grant us forgiveness/ for all our sins./ Lord God,/ fill us with your grace/ and lead us/ through your Holy Spirit./

Eternal Priest and Good Shepherd,/ we thank you/ for your gracious gift/ of the St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Diocese in North America/ and for its bishop./ Lord of mercy,/ guide and protect our bishop,/ priests, religious, and lay people./ Fill them with your gifts/ to work in accordance with your holy will./ Lord God,/ bless all our families/ and our benefactors/ to grow in deep faith,/ fervent hope,/ ardent love,/ and Christian unity./ Lord of Harvest,/ call young people from our families/ to minister in your Church./

Loving Father,/ bless our community/ with a proper place of worship/ where we can assemble together/ to worship you,/ administer sacraments/ and help our growing generation/ to be strengthened in faith and love./ Bless all those/ who strive for this/ and help us in our efforts./ Bless all the members of our mission./

Lord, help us to fulfill your will/ following the example/ and intercession of the Blessed Mother,/ St. Thomas the Apostle,/ Blessed Kuriakose Chavara,/ Blessed Alphonsa,/ Blessed Mariam Thresia,/ Blessed Kunjachan and Blessed Euprasia./ Finally enable us/ to join in your glory./ Lord of all, forever, /Amen.

(Please recite the prayer every day in your homes.)

സെൻറ് തോമസ് സീറോമലബാർ രൂപതക്കും
ബോസ്റ്റൺ ഇടവകക്കും വേണ്ടിയുള്ള പ്രാർത്ഥന

പിതാവു, പുത്രനു, പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവുമായ ത്രിത്വൈക ദൈവമേ! അങ്ങയെ ഞങ്ങൾ ആരാധിക്കുകയും, സ്തുതിക്കുകയും പുകഴ്ത്തുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു! അവിടുന്ന് ഞങ്ങൾക്ക് നല്കുന്ന! നിരന്തരപരിപഠനത്തിനായി! ഞങ്ങൾ നന്ദി പറയുന്നു! അങ്ങയുടെ സന്നിധിയിൽ! ഞങ്ങൾ ചെയ്തുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന! ഞങ്ങളോട് ക്ഷമിക്കണമേ! അങ്ങയുടെ കൃപാധാരത്താൽ നിറച്ച്! അങ്ങയുടെ പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിനാൽ ഞങ്ങളെ നയിക്കണമേ!

നല്ല ഇടയനായ ഈശോയെ! നിത്യപുരോഹിതനായ അവിടുന്ന്! ഞങ്ങൾക്ക് നല്കിയ! അമ്മരിങ്ങയിലെ സെൻറ് തോമസ് സീറോമലബാർ രൂപതയെയും! രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷനെയും ഓർത്ത്! അങ്ങക്ക് ഞങ്ങൾ സ്തോത്രം ചെയ്യുന്നു! കാര്യബുദ്ധനായ കർത്താവേ! ഞങ്ങളുടെ അഭിവന്ദ്യപിതാവിനെയും! ഏല്പാ വൈദികനെയും! സന്യസ്ഥനെയും! അല്പമായതെയും! അങ്ങയുടെ വരദാനങ്ങളാൽ നിറച്ച്! അവരുടെ വിവിധ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളെ! അങ്ങക്കിഷ്ടമാകുന്ന രീതിയിൽ നടത്തണമേ! ഈ രൂപതയിലെ ഏല്പാ കട്ടുബന്ധങ്ങളെയും! ഞങ്ങളുടെ ഏല്പാ ഉപകാരികളെയും! ഉറച്ച വിശ്വാസത്തെയും! ദൃഢമായ പ്രത്യാശയെയും! തീവ്രമായ സ്നേഹത്തെയും! ക്രിസ്തീയമായ കട്ടുബന്ധങ്ങളെയും! നിവർത്തനങ്ങളെയും വളർത്തുന്നതെയും ചെയ്യണമേ! അങ്ങയുടെ സഭയിലെ ശുശ്രൂഷയ്ക്കായി! ഞങ്ങളുടെ കട്ടുബന്ധങ്ങളിൽനിന്നു തന്നെ! യുവതിയുവാക്കളെ വിളിക്കണമേ!

സ്നേഹപിതാവായ ദൈവമേ! ബോസ്റ്റണിലെ സീറോമലബാർ സഭാംഗങ്ങളായ ഞങ്ങൾക്ക്! നന്നായുള്ള വിശുദ്ധ കൂർബാന അർപ്പിക്കാനും! മറ്റു കൂട്ടാരാകാൻ പരികർമ്മം ചെയ്യാനും! മതബോധനം നടത്തുവാനും! സമൃദ്ധമായി വളരാനും! ആവശ്യമായ ഒരു ദൈവായത്മം! ഞങ്ങൾക്കായി എത്രയും വേഗം ക്രമീകരിച്ചു തരണമേ! അതിനായി പരിശ്രമിക്കുന്നവരെയും! സഹകരിക്കുന്നവരെയും! സഭാമേൽവരെയും! അവിടുന്ന് അനുഗ്രഹിക്കണമേ!

നല്ലവനായ ദൈവമേ! അങ്ങയുടെ തിരുമിതം നിറവേറ്റുവാൻ! പരിശുദ്ധ അമ്മയുടെയും! മാർത്തോമ്മാശ്ലീഹായുടെയും! വാഴ്ത്തപ്പെട്ടവരായ ചാപറ കൂട്ടാരാജാസച്ചൻറയും! അർഹോൻസാമ്മയുടെയും! മറിയം ഭൃതസ്യായുടെയും! കുഞ്ഞച്ചൻറയും! ഏവ്വ പാസ്യായുടെയും! മാതൃകയും മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥതയും സഹായകമാകട്ടെ! അവസാനം അങ്ങയുടെ മഹത്വത്തിൽ പങ്കുകാരാകുവാൻ! ഞങ്ങളെ യോഗ്യരാക്കുകയും ചെയ്യണമേ! സകലത്തിൻറയും നാഥാ, ഏണക്കും, ആമ്മേൻ.

(Please recite the prayer every day in your homes.)