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"The harvest is plentiful... Pray the Lord to send out laborers into his harvest"



What is your vision of the Lord's harvest for today? When Jesus commissioned seventy of his disciples to go on mission, he gave them a vision of a great harvest for the kingdom of God. Jesus frequently used the image of a harvest to convey the coming of God's reign on earth. The harvest is the fruition of labor and growth -- beginning with the sowing of seeds, then growth, and finally fruit for the harvest. In like manner, the word of God is sown in the hearts of receptive men and women who submit to God and honor him as their Lord and King. The harvest Jesus had in mind was not only the people of Israel, but all the peoples (or nations)of the world. God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

What does Jesus mean when he says his disciples must be lambs in the midst of wolves? The prophet Isaiah foretold a time when wolves and lambs will dwell in peace (Isaiah 11:6 and 65:25). This certainly refers to the second coming of Christ when all will be united under the Lordship of Jesus after he has put down his enemies and established the reign of God over the heavens and the earth. In the meantime, the disciples must expect opposition and persecution from those who oppose the gospel.

Jesus came as our sacrificial lamb to atone for the sin of the world. We, in turn, must be willing to sacrifice our lives in humble service of our Lord and Master.

What is the significance of Jesus appointing seventy disciples to the ministry of the word? Seventy was a significant number in biblical times. Moses chose seventy elders to help him in the task of leading the people through the wilderness. The Jewish Sanhedrin, the governing council for the nation of Israel, was composed of seventy members. In Jesus' times seventy was held to be the number of nations throughout the world. Jesus commissioned the seventy to a two-fold task: to speak in his name and to act with his power. Jesus gave them instructions in how they were to carry out their ministry. They must go and serve as men without guile, full of charity and peace, and simplicity. They must give their full attention to the proclamation of God's kingdom and not be diverted by other lesser things. They must travel light -- only take what was essential and leave behind whatever would distract them -- in order to concentrate on the task of speaking the word of the God. They must do their work, not for what they can get out of it, but for what they can give freely to others, without expecting special privileges or reward. "Poverty of spirit" frees us from greed and preoccupation with possessions and makes ample room for God's provision.

#### english Qurbana **AT 4.00PM ON SUNDAYS**

AN ADDITIONAL ENGLISH QURBANA HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE SUNDAYS AT 4.00PM FOR THE YOUTHS AND YOUNG ADULTS OF OUR PARISH.

### Church Schedule

#### **HOLY Qurbana in MALAYALAM**

Sunday 8::00 AM, 10: 00 AM & 5.30 PM

Monday - Friday 8:15 AM

Monday-Thursday 7:00PM

Saturday - 10:00AM

#### **HOLY QURBANA IN ENGLISH**

Sunday - 11:40 AM, 4.00 PM

Friday - 6:00 PM

#### NOVENA (AFTER HOLY QURBANA)

Tuesday: St. Anthony Thursday: St.Jude

Saturday: Our Lady of Perpectual Help

1st Wednesday: St. Michael

#### CONFESSION

Everyday before Holy Qurbana

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday: 10:00AM

#### ADORATION CHAPEL

9:00AM - 9:00 PM

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### Liturgical Bible Readings

അഞ്ചാം ഞായർ (4/27/2024)

പുറ 4:27-31 അഹറോൻ മൂശെയുടെ സഹായത്തിനെത്തുന്നു.

തോബി 5:1-10, 16-21 തോബിയാസിൻറെ

സഹയാത്രികൻ.

ശ്ലീഹ 12:24-13:3 സാവൂളും ബർണബാസും മർക്കോസും. ലൂക്കാ 10:1-12 എഴുപതുശിഷ്യരെ ഈരണ്ടുപേരായി അയയ്ക്കുന്നു.

#### Fifth Sunday (4/28/2024)

Ex 4:27-31 Aaron comes to Moses' aid. Tob 5:1-10, 16-21 Companion of Tobias. Acts 12:24-13:3 Saul, Barnabas and Mark. Lk 10:1-12 The seventy disciples are sent in pairs.

#### Readers for Malayam Mass at 10.00am

Peter and Paul Koodarayogam

#### Readers for English Mass at 11.40am

1 st Reading: Timmy Thirunelliparampil 2nd Reading: Jeremy Thekkunilkunnathil

#### MARK YOUR CALENDER

April 28: Knanaya Region Day

May 1: Feast of St. Joseph, the worker

May 12: CCD Final Exams

May 13: Feast of Our Lady of Fathima

May 19: The Feast of Pentecost

May 22: Feast of St. George

May 26: Solemn Reception of the Holy Communion

May 27: Memorial Day

May 30: Feast of Body and Blood of Christ

May 31: Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary

June 7: Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

June8: Feast of Mariam Thresia

June 14: Death anniverssary of Mar Kuriakose Kunnassery

June 27: Feast of Body and Blood of Christ

June 29: Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul

July 3: Dukhrana of St. Thomas, the Apostle

## Cherupushpa Mission League Corner



CML Group Assignment for Sunday Mass 4 /28/24 :

St. Thomas Group

Coordinators Shoma Thenganattu
Sanu Thenganattu

April 21st Sunday Holy Qurbana Led by CML St. John Vianny Group



## Vive IL Gospel 24

(A bible quiz program for 4-8 th graders based on CML children's 29 weeks of Gospel writings)

First Round: May 5th Sunday 10:30 am along with CCD

Chicago Teen ministry Presents

# ROOTED 24 Save the date!

Faith - Fellowship - Fun

Discovering our journey with Jesus through Knanaya Catholic roots



DECEMBER 26-29

Darien, IL

For our high school students

#### Koodarayogam Announcement

St. Jude Koodarayogam meeting scheduled on May 11th at the house of Binu and Jisha Poothurail.

### Special Prayer Service and Adoration

Starting May 2nd 2024, a special prayer service and adoration hall be held on every thursaday following the St. Jude novena in preparation for the solemn feast of the assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (August 11-17)

# Knanaya Region Day: April 28th

18 years ago, Knanaya Region was established exclusively for the Knanaya community in America. This event was symbolic as an acknowledgement of the Knanaya Community, but also marked the start of a new chapter for the ecclesiastical development of the Knanaya people in America forever. Established by Mar Jacob Angadiath, the bishop of the diocese, the region was created on April 30, 2006. On that day, the bishop appointed Fr. Abraham Mutholath, the then Vicar General for Knanaya Community, as the first director of the Knanaya Region. At the time of the establishment of the region, we did not have any churches, but today, Knanaya region has grown to a vast network of 14 parishes, 8 missions, and 4 convents in 5 exclusive knanaya foranes.

The establishment of the region still holds significance today for several reasons. Primarily, it paved way for the spiritual growth and communal solidarity. If 18 years ago, the participation of the Knanaya faithful in the missions were in a few hundreds, currently knanaya Region has grown to service thousands of Knanaya faithful across the country. While Malayalam was the only language for the services 18 years ago, now we have become diverse with active English services attracting and benefitting the children, youth and young adults.

In addition to the strong religious education program, exclusive services for youth and young adults are transforming the outlook of our churches to a more acceptable and friendly place for the generation next. More and more baptisms and Knanaya weddings are being held in our own churches than a few years ago.

Knanaya region in the US continues to provide promise for the future if the Knanaya community in the USA places a strong emphasis on youth development, providing opportunities for young members to engage in leadership roles, spiritual programs, community service, and cultural activities. By empowering the next generation of Knananites, the community will ensure its continued growth, vitality, and relevance in the USA.

As we celebrate the Knanaya Region day, I would like to take a moment to thank the Lord and everyone who worked tirelessly to establish and grow this community. Thank you for giving us our church as our second home. I hope and pray for continued divine guidance to our leaders so that Knanaya region and our churches shall continue to be a symbol of faith and unity for the knanaya community.

#### Ayona Mattathikunnel



LETTER FROM MAR JACOB ANGADIATH
APPOINTING FR. ABRAHAM MUTHOLATH
AS DIRECTOR OF KNANAYA REGION

April 28, 2006

Dear and Rev. Fr. Abraham Mutholath:

The grace and peace of Christ be with you.

I am glad to appoint you as the Director of the newly formed Region for all the Knanites of our diocese. The formal Knanaya Catholic missions and the faithful of the Knanaya community living in other places where no formal missions are established will make one region and this is intended to foster better unity and joint efforts to promote the growth of the community and our diocese. The pastoral concerns for the region are outlined in the circular letter.

You will be in charge of the Knanaya Catholics living in areas where we do not have Knanaya missions. I would request you to make every effort to promote the pastoral care of the members of the community and their support to the diocese. Procedure rules of our St. Thomas Diocese of Chicago are to be implemented in our missions for the smooth functioning of our community.

This appointment takes effect immediately and it is in addition to your present assignments.

May the Risen Lord bless you and all your efforts to promote the growth of our community, missions and our diocese.

With prayers and blessings, Sd/-Mar Jacob Angadiath,

St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Diocese of Chicago

ക്നാനായ റീജിയൺ ഏപ്രിൽ 30 നു നിലവിൽ വന്നു. ഫാ. ഏബ്രഹാം മുതേതാലത്ത് റീജിയണൽ ഡയറക്ടർ. മീഷൻ ഇല്ലാത്ത സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലെ ക്നാനായക്കാരും പുതിയ റീജിയണിൽ.







### Chicago St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Parish



# FEAST OF ST.GEORGE

Sunday April 28th, 2024: 10.00 am

പ്രസുദേന്തിമാർ

സെന്റ് മേരീസ് ഇടവകയിലെ ജോർജ്ജ് നാമധാരികൾ

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