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St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Parish of Chicago



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For God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son



Today's Gospel passage from John 3:14-21 presents us with one of the most well-known and cherished verses in all of Scripture: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16). This verse captures the essence of the Gospel—the boundless love of God, the gift of Jesus Christ, and the invitation to eternal life.

However, this passage is not just about God's love in general; it is also about our response to that love. Jesus presents us with a choice: to embrace the light of faith or to remain in the darkness of sin. Today, let us reflect on three key aspects of this passage: God's sacrificial love, the call to believe in Christ, and the decision to walk in the light.

Jesus begins by referencing Moses lifting up the bronze serpent in the desert (Numbers 21:4-9). When the Israelites sinned against God, they were afflicted by deadly serpents. Yet, in His mercy, God provided a means of healing—whenever looked upon the bronze serpent lifted up on a pole was saved.

This Old Testament event foreshadows what Jesus would do for us. Just as the serpent was lifted up for healing, Christ would be lifted up on the cross to bring salvation to the world. His suffering was not meaningless; it was the price He paid to redeem us. The cross is the ultimate proof of God's love. He did not withhold His only Son, but freely gave Him for our salvation.

This shows us that true love is sacrificial. It is not about convenience or selfish gain. Love always gives. God loved us so much that He gave us His very best—His only begotten Son. This is a love that does not count the cost, a love that embraces suffering for the sake of others. When we look at the cross, we see the depth of God's mercy and the extent of His love for each one of us.

Jesus does not simply tell us that God loves the world; He tells us that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. Salvation is not automatic. It requires faith—a personal decision to trust in Christ, to surrender to His will, and to follow Him.

Faith is not just believing with our minds but also trusting with our hearts. It is not enough to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord; we must allow Him to be Lord of our lives. The question we must ask ourselves is: Do we truly trust in God's love? Do we live as people redeemed by Christ, or do we continue to rely on ourselves?

There is a danger in taking God's love for granted. Many people hear that God is merciful and assume they can live however they want, without repentance or obedience. But true faith transforms us. If we truly believe in Jesus, our lives should reflect His love, His truth, and His holiness. We must ask ourselves, Is my faith just words, or is it visible in my actions?

Jesus tells us that some people prefer darkness over light. They reject God's love, not because they do not know the truth, but because they do not want to change. They fear that coming into the light will expose their sins.

This is a powerful challenge for us. Do we cling to sin because it feels easier than repentance? Do we hide from the truth because we are afraid of what it will reveal? The reality is, God's light does not come to condemn us but to heal us.

Jesus is the Light of the World. When we walk in His light, we experience freedom, peace, and joy. But we must make a choice. Do we choose Christ, or do we choose sin? Our daily decisions reflect what we love most. If we truly love God, He will be first in our lives—above our ambitions, our comforts, and even our struggles.

Today, Jesus invites us to choose the light, to believe in His love, and to walk in faith. God does not force His love upon us; He offers it freely. The question is, how will we respond?

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

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

ദനഹാക്കാലം : അഞ്ചാം ഞായർ

Readers: Lourde Matha Koodarayogam

നിയ 18:13-18 (18:9-22) മൂശയെപ്പോലെ ഒരു പ്രവാചകൻ.

ഏശ 48:12-20 ഇസ്രായേലിനെ പഠിപ്പിക്കുകയും

നയിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്ന ദൈവം.

ഹെബ്രാ 6:9-15 (6:9-7:3) ദൈവത്തിന്റെ

വാഗ്ദാനത്തിൽ പ്രത്യാശയുള്ളവരായിരിക്കുക.

യോഹ 3:14-21 (3:1-21) രക്ഷ പ്രദാനം ചെയ്യുന്ന വെളിച്ചം.

Season of Epiphany : Fifth Sunday

1 st reading: Jinoy Kavalackal

2nd Reading: Danny Valathattu

Deut 18:13-18 (18:9-22) You must be blameless before the Lord.

Is 48:12-20 There is no peace, for the wicked.

Heb 6:9-15 (6:9-7:3) Eternal priest according to the order of
Melchizedek.

Jn 3:14-21(3:1-21) You are to be born again in water and spirit.

MARK YOUR CALENDER

Feb 10: Three Day's Feast Begins

Feb 12: Purathunamaskaram

Mar 2: First Sunday of Lent

Mar 3: Ash Monday

Mar 19: Death of St. Joseph

Apr 4-6: Lenten Retreat

Apr 10: Night Vigil

Apr 13 : Palm Sunday

Apr 17: Pesaha Thursday

Apr 18: Good Friday

Apr 19: Easter Vigil

Apr 20: Easter Sunday

Apr 27: Divine Mercy Sunday

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May 1: Feast of St. Joseph the worker

: പരിശുദ്ധ മാതാവിന്റെ വണക്കമാസാരംഭം

Cherupushpa Mission League Corner

**JANUARY 26 TH SUNDAY 11:40AM HOLYQURBANA LED BY
CML ST. MICHAEL GROUP**



**DEDICATE A PRAYER DONATE A MEAL PROGRAM TO
ANTOYODAYA NIKETHAN , KASHMIR GATE , NEW DELHI**

ST.MARY'SKNANAYACATHOLICCHURCH,CML UNIT



**ON FEBRUARY 2ND SUNDAY BY
CML ST. STEPHEN GROUP**

**TO
PRASANTHAM PALLIATIVE
CARE, PERUVA**

fund Matched by

Tomy Plathottathil & Family



Saji Poothrukayil & Family





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Joseph (Jose) [69]

Neduvampuzha

[Neezhoor]

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Chicago**

THE VISITATION SISTERS PRESENTS S.O.G. MAR MAKIL CHALLENGE

In accordance with the memorial day of Servant of God (S.O.G.) Mar Mathew Makil, the SVM sisters offer an opportunity for you to learn more about this most inspiring figure in Knanaya History and display your knowledge to the entire region.



PRIZES PER CATEGORY

1ST: \$200

2ND: \$150

3RD: \$100

CERTIFICATES WILL ALSO BE
AWARDED



**DEADLINE: MARCH 27
(BIRTHDAY OF MAR MAKIL)**

- All submissions must be emailed to: svmamerica@gmail.com no later than March 27th, 2025.
- In the email, please indicate your name, category, parish, and a good call back number.
- Essays can be written in Malayalam or English.
- Please do not write your name directly on the essay.
- Resources for the essay can be obtained at knanayaology.com and other websites.
- Please follow the honor code in all the competitions. The use of AI to generate the essay is strictly prohibited. All essays will be ran through an AI detection platform.
- If you have any questions or concerns or for additional resources, please contact: 5163157263
- Please use this opportunity to increase your love for the Knanaya Community.

Category I (Grades 3-5): Mar Makil Mantra Memorization Contest

- Memorize as many quotes as possible from the attached list.
- Take a video and submit it to svmamerica@gmail.com
- Video cannot be edited
- Start by Introducing yourselves: Name, parish, grade level.
- Winners will be selected based on the number and accuracy of quotes recited.

Category II (Grades 6-8): Essay

Subject: After learning about the life of Servant of God (S.O.G.) Mar Mathew Makil, how were you inspired? What qualities or virtues in his life do you want to emulate? 1-2 pages (500-800 words)

Category III (Grades 9-12): Essay

Subject: Compare and contrast S.O.G. Mar Mathew Makil with a contemporary or ancient figure. How are they alike and different? eg: Mar Mathew Makil and Gandhi : 2-3 pages (800-1000 words)

Category IV (adults): Essay

- Subject: How is S.O.G. Mar Makil relevant to the North American Knanaya Region? How can we use the principles of Mar Makil for the unity and spiritual empowerment of the Knanaya Community across the world.
- വിഷയം : വടക്കേ അമേരിക്കൻ ക്നാനായ മേഖലയ്ക്ക് മാർ മാക്കിൽ എങ്ങനെ പ്രസക്തമാണ്? ലോകമെമ്പാടുമുള്ള ക്നാനായ സമുദായത്തിന്റെ ഐക്യത്തിനും ആത്മീയശാക്തീകരണത്തിനും മാർ മാക്കിലിന്റെ തത്വങ്ങൾ നമുക്ക് എങ്ങനെ ഉപയോഗിക്കാം. 2-3 pages (800-1000 words)

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ചരിത്രപ്രസിദ്ധമായ
കടുത്തുരുത്തി വലിയപള്ളിയിലെ
മൂന്നുനോമ്പാചരണത്തിനോടനുബന്ധിച്ച്
നടത്തപ്പെടുന്ന ചിക്കാഗോ സെന്റ് മേരീസ്
ക്ലാനായ കത്തോലിക്കാ ഇടവകയിലെ

ഭക്തിനിർഭരമായ
മൂന്നുനോമ്പാചരണവും

ചരിത്രപ്രസിദ്ധമായ
പുറത്തുനമസ്കാരവും



2025 ഫെബ്രുവരി 10, 11, 12: 7.00pm

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Golemn Reception of Holy Communion

Sunday, May 25th, 2025

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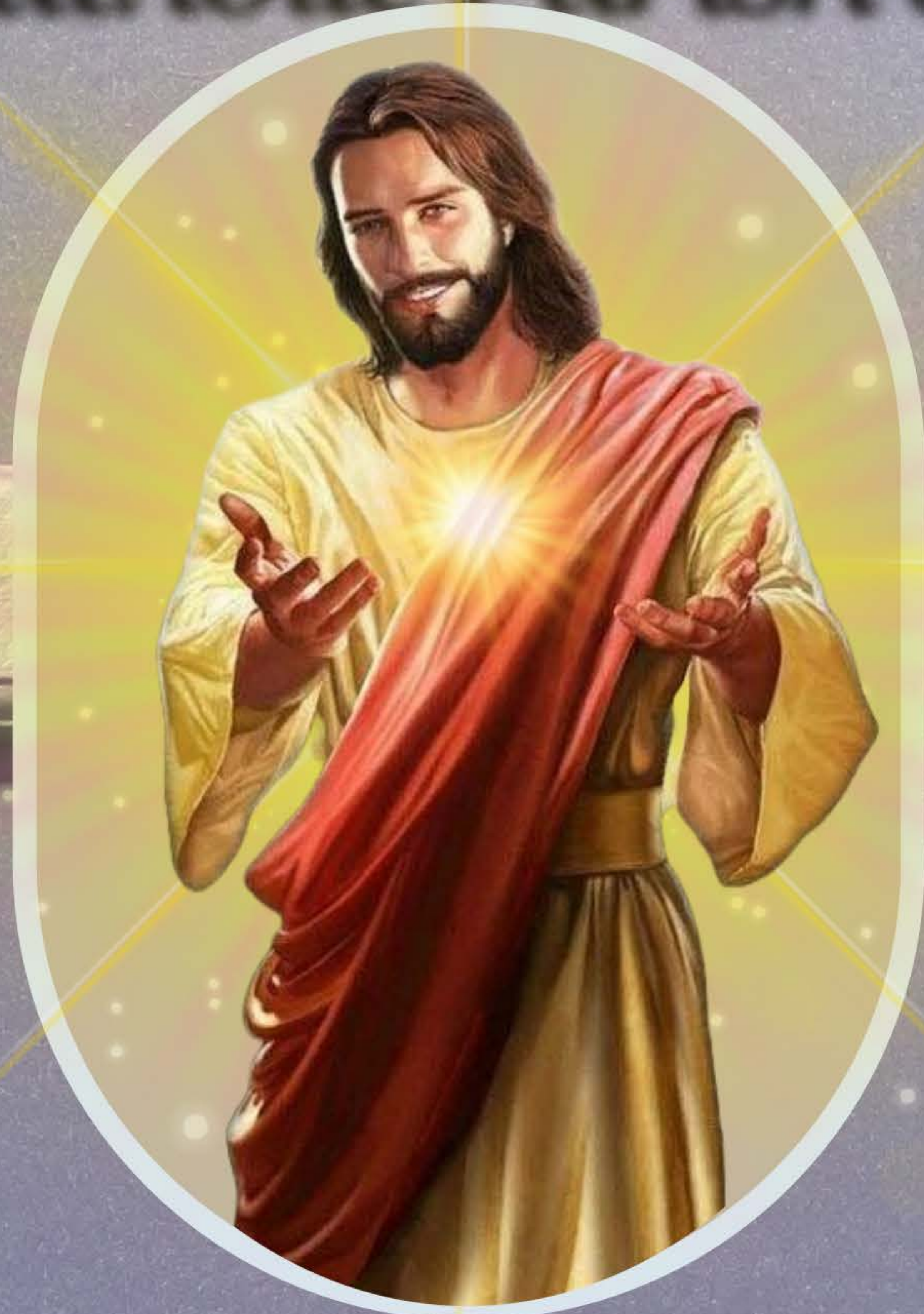
The Holy Communion special classes will start on Saturday, Feb. 8th at 11am.

Those students who want to receive their holy communion this year and are in higher than 3rd grade may please contact DRE's or teachers as early as possible.

Those students who did not receive their confirmation yet, please contact DRE's or teachers.



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Reflect, Repent, Renew: A Sacred Journey to the Resurrection

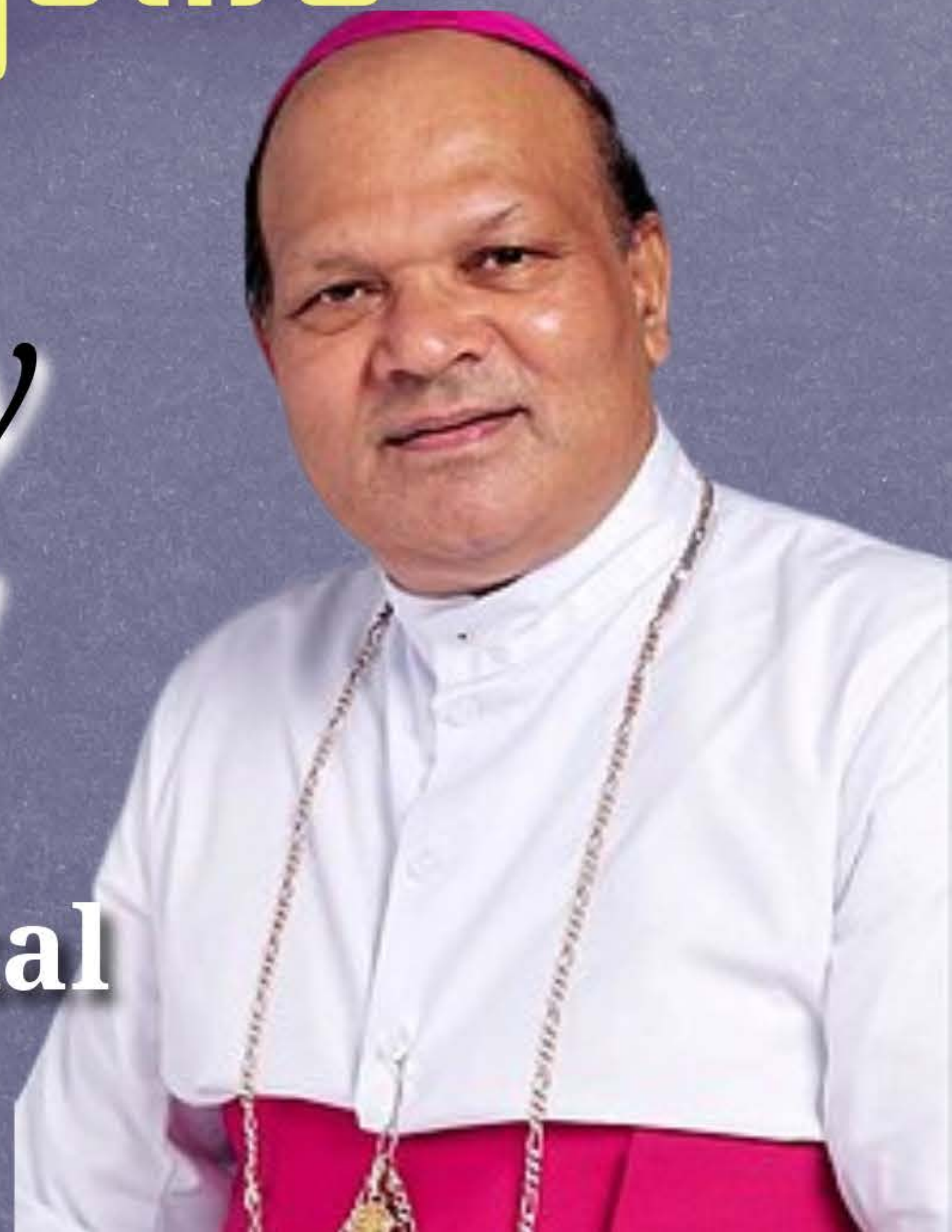
Centen Retreat
നേതൃകാലയടനം

April 4th Friday

April 5th Saturday

April 6th Sunday

Bishop Varghese Chakkalakal
Bishop of the Diocese of Calicut.



യുദ്ധായുടേയും ബഞ്ചമിന്റെയും ഗോത്രത്തലവൻമാരും
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ജറുസലേമിലെ കർത്താവിന്റെ ആലയത്തിന്റെ
പുനർനിർമ്മാണത്തിനു പുറപ്പെട്ടു. (ഏശാ 1:5)

Knanaya Catholic Mission USA
KNA FIRE presents



EZRA

MEET 2025

KNANAYA FAMILY CONFERENCE



Fr. Thomas
Mulavanal



Fr. Lijo
Kochuparambil



Fr. Jibil
Kuzhivelil



Br. Santhosh T.

2025 **28**
FEBRUARY
1,2
MARCH

പ്രാർത്ഥന
ആബാപിതാവേ,
അങ്ങയുടെ തിരുക്കുമാരന്റെ
തിരുക്കത്താൽ ക്നാനായ സമൂഹത്തെ
വിശുദ്ധീകരിക്കണമേ. അവിടുത്തെ
പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിനാൽ നിറച്ച്
പ്രേഷിതരാക്കണമേ.



Sacred Heart Knanaya Forane church
Bensenville Chicago.

KNANAYA CATHOLIC REGION

Youth Ministry Conference

Rediscover Faith - Rekindle Traditions - Rejoice Together

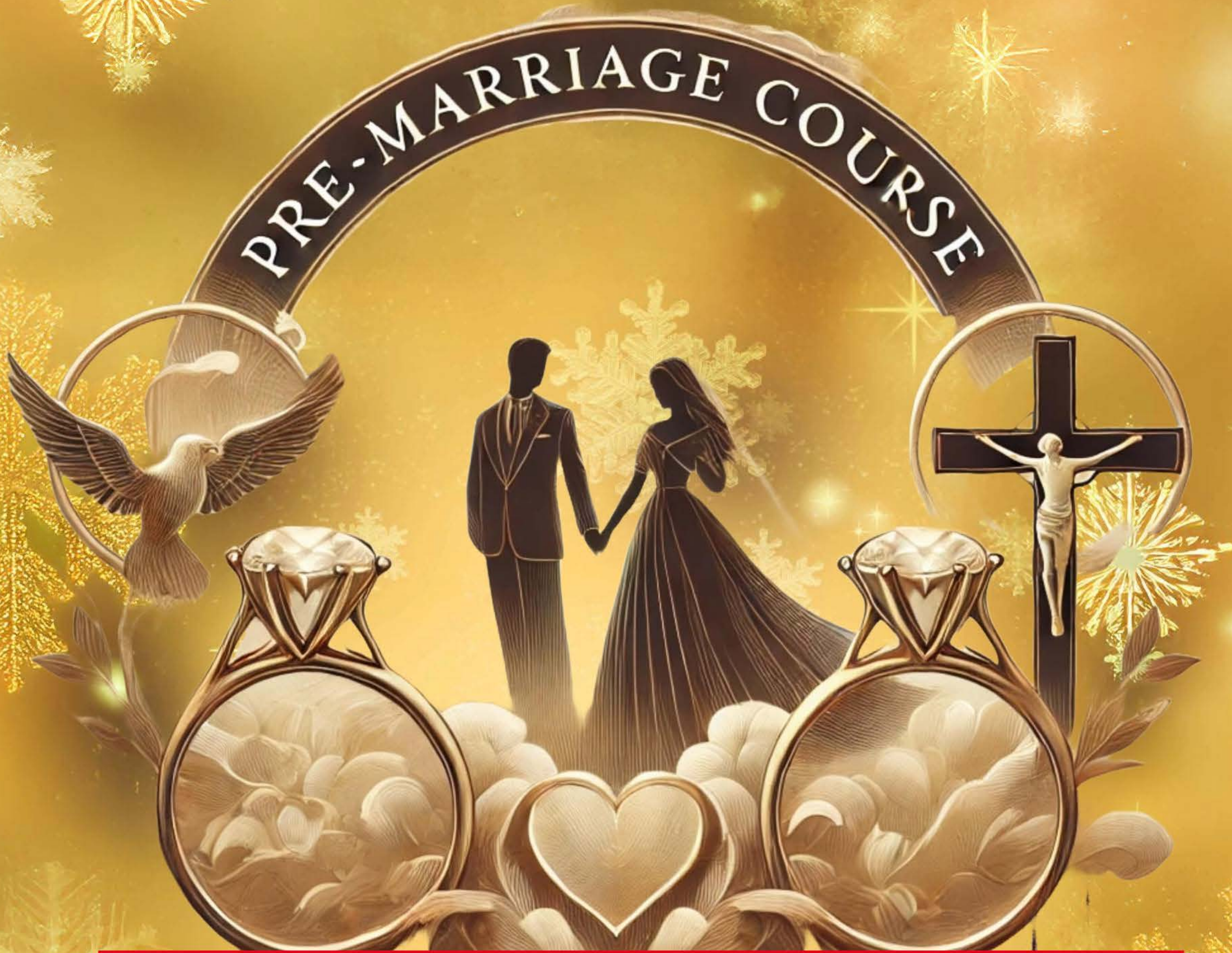
2025 June 13, 14, 15 : Chicago



Age 24 year and above

REGISTRATION OPENING SOON

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**Friday, April 25, 2025 (4:00pm)
to
Sunday, April 27, 2025 (1:00 pm)**

For Registration: Tony Pullapallil : 630.205.5078