



ST. THOMAS INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
GREAT LENT & HOLY WEEK PROGRAM 2025

Chief Celebrant

H.G. Yuhanon Mar Policarpos Metropolitan
(Angamaly Diocese)



ANNUAL RETREAT

Saturday, April 12: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

HOLY WEEK
& FEAST OF RESURRECTION

Sunday, April 13 - Sunday, April 20

Daily 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday - April 13 | Pesaha - April 16 | Feet Washing - April 17
Good Friday - April 18 | Holy Saturday - April 19 | Easter - April 20

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GREAT LENT & HOLY WEEK DETAILED SCHEDULE 2025

GREAT LENT BEGINS ON MARCH 3, 2025

Annunciation to St. Mary, Monday, March 24

6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer & Holy Qurbana

Mid-Lent, Tuesday, March 25

6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer & Holy Qurbana

40th Friday, April 11

6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer & Holy Qurbana

Lazarus Saturday, April 12

9:30 a.m. Parish Retreat

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Devotional Address

Palm Sunday, April 13

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. Blessing the Palms & Holy Qurbana

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Devotional Address

Monday, April 14

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Devotional Address

Tuesday, April 15

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Devotional Address

Wednesday, April 16 (PESAHA)

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Holy Qurbana

8:30 p.m. Pesaha Appam

Maundy Thursday, April 17

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer

5:30 p.m. Feet Washing Service

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Devotional Address

Good Friday, April 18

8:30 a.m. Good Friday Service

3:30 p.m. Kanji

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Devotional Address

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

11:00 a.m. Holy Qurbana

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Devotional Address

Easter Sunday, April 20

7:30 a.m. Midnight Prayer

9:30 a.m. Holy Easter Service & Holy Qurbana

12:00 p.m. Lunch

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All members are expected to take Holy Communion on Pesaha observed on Wednesday evening commemorating the Last Supper of our Lord.
- Holy Confession will be available until 40th Friday (April 11). Holy Confession is available before and after evening prayer during the first 40 days by appointment
- All who are partaking of the Holy Communion on Wednesday evening should not have food after 2:00 p.m.
- Please bring Pesaha Appam to church on Wednesday evening.
- Please bring your Bible, worship books and song books to all services and the Retreat.
- Please bring your plastic prayer-mats to use on Good Friday in the auditorium.
- All Holy Week offerings may be given to the Treasurer.
- Holy Week: Regular offices of prayers, meditation, bible study and devotional address (8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily).

Great Lent Evening Prayer & Meditation - Daily at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Week - Daily 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.