

Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church
Diocese of North America
Lectionary for the Christian Year 2026
(with additional passages for the United States of America & Canada)

Date/Day	MONTH			Evening Reading Evening Reading	
	Theme(s), Holiday(s), Fast(s), Feast(s)		Epistle Gospel		
	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson			

JANUARY 2026

1	Thursday	New Year Day, Circumcision of our Lord Freedom under the Yolk of Christ	1 Kings 19: 15-21 Galatians 5:1-6	Romans 5: 1-11 St. Luke 2:16-21
4	Sunday	Mission outside Kerala Mission: unveiling God's love to all	Genesis 12: 1-7 Romans 8: 31-39	1 John 4: 7-21 St. Luke 9: 1-6
6	Monday	Baptism of our Lord (Danaha) - Affirmation of Identity and Mission	Isaiah 53: 1-12 Galatians 4:1-7	Acts of the Apostles 8: 26-35 St. Matthew 3:11-17
8	Wednesday	St. Stephen's Day	2 Chro. 24:20-25 1 Peter 4:12-16	Acts of the Apostles 7:54 - 8:3 St. Matthew 23:34-39
11	Sunday	Christian life meant to be fruitful	Isaiah 5: 1-7 Colossians 1: 3-13	Galatians 5: 16-26 St. John 15: 1-11
18 - 25		Unity Octave (Week of Prayer for Christian unity)		Psalm 1 Revelation 22: 1-7
18	Sunday	Trusting in a Caring God	2 Chronicles 32: 9-23 1 Peter 5: 7-11	Philippians 4: 4-8 St. Matthew 6: 19-34
19	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (USA)	Micah 6:1-8 2 Tim. 4:1-8	Psalm 121 Acts of the Apostles 27: 9-26
				Psalm 7 Psalm 89

25 Sunday	<i>Ecumenical Sunday</i> Unity in faith and action Joshua 4: 1-11 Acts 4: 32-37	I Corinthians 3: 1-9 St. Mark 6: 32-44	Daniel 2:17-23 Psalm 67
26 Monday	<i>Republic Day (India)</i> Unity and Integrity Nehemiah 2: 11-18 1 Peter 2: 11-17		I Corinthians 10: 23-33 St. Mathew 5: 13-16
26 Monday		<i>Beginning of three-day Lent (Fast of Nineveh): Repentance</i> Jonah 1:1-17 Colossians 3: 5-11	Romans 15:24-33 St. Matthew 7: 1-12
27 Tuesday		<i>Three-day Lent: Transformation</i> Jonah 2 Revel. 3: 14-22	Galatians 5: 16-24 St. Matthew 24: 36-46
28 Wednesday		<i>Three-day Lent: The redemption of all creation</i> Jonah 3 James 3: 1-12	Ephesians 5:1-10 St. Matthew 12:38-50
29 Thursday		<i>Conclusion of three-day Lent: Celebration of redemption</i> Jonah 4 Romans 10:1-10	Hebrews 8:7-13 St. Luke 13:1-5

FEBRUARY 2026

1 Sunday	<i>Medical Mission Sunday</i> Compassion: Loving and Suffering Together Isaiah 42: 1-9 Acts 3: 1-16	James: 5:13-18 St. Matthew 9: 35-38	2 Kings 5: 8-14 Psalm 103: 1-14
2 Monday	<i>Entry of our Lord to the Temple (Mayaltho)</i> 1 Samuel 1: 19-28 Hebrews 10: 1-7	Ephesians 5: 8-14 St. Luke 2: 22-39	
8 Sunday	<i>Beginning of the 131st Session of the Maramon Convention</i> Sabbath Leads to the Fulness of Creation Genesis 1: 31 – 2:3 Hebrews 4:1-11	Colossians 2: 13-19 St. Mark 3: 1-6	Exodus 31: 12-17 Psalm 24

15	Sunday	Conclusion of the 131st Session of the Maramon Convention Beginning of the Great Lent (Pethurtha) Jesus Christ who Transforms	Ezekiel 36: 24-36 Romans 11: 33 – 12:2	2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 Lamentations 5: 15-22 St. John 2: 1-11 Psalm 51
16	Monday	Shubkono: Ministry (Service) of Reconciliation Forgiven to Forgive	Genesis 45: 1-15 Romans 5: 6-11	Ephesians 2: 11-22 St. Matthew 5: 21-26
16	Monday	Presidents Day (USA)	1 Sam. 12.1-7 Acts. 11. 1- 9	1 Thess. 3. 1-13 St. Mark. 12. 1- 11
16	Monday	Family Day (Canada)	Gen 21:1-21 Gal. 6:6-10	St. Mark 3:31-35 1 John 2:7-17
22	Sunday	Call to be Compassionate – Second Sunday of Great Lent	Ruth 2: 4-20 Ephesians 4: 25-32	1 John 3: 13-24 St. Mark 1: 40-45
				Deuteronomy 4: 31-40 Psalm 145

MARCH 2026

1	Sunday	Call to Shoulder Each Other's Burdens – Third Sunday of Great Lent	2 Samuel 9: 1-13 Galatians 6: 1-10	Romans 12: 9-21 St. Mark 2: 1-12	Psalm 41 Zechariah 7: 4-10
6	Friday	World Women's Day of Prayer			
8	Sunday	Call to be Inclusive Fourth Sunday of Great Lent	Isaiah 56: 1-8 Revelation 7: 9-17	Galatians 3: 23-29 St. Matthew 15: 21-28	Ruth 4: 1-10 Psalm 86
11	Wednesday	Mid-Lent The Readiness to Face the Cross	Numbers 21:1-9 1 Corin. 1:18-31	Galatians 6:11-16 St. Mark 10: 32-34	
15	Sunday	Call to be Liberative Fifth Sunday of Great Lent	Isaiah 1: 12-17 Ephesians 6: 5-9	2 Corinthians 1: 3-11 Leviticus 25: 8-13 St. Luke 13: 10-17	Psalm 9

22	Sunday	Cross: Manifestation of Grace <i>Thirty-Sixth Sunday</i> Micah 7: 15-20 Romans 5: 8-21	1 Peter 2: 17-24 St. Mark 10: 46-52	Psalm 31 Jeremiah 31: 31-34
25	Wednesday	<i>Annunciation to Virgin Mary</i> Isaiah 7: 10-14 1 John 3: 1-12	Galatians 4: 1-7 St. Luke 1: 26-38	
27	Friday	<i>40th Friday in Great Lent</i> Hunger to be the Will of God Numbers 11: 4-15 1 Thessalonians 3: 1-8	James 1: 12-18 St. Matthew 4: 1-11	
29	Sunday	<i>Hosanna - Vaideeka Seminary Day</i> Entry of the King of Peace Zechariah 9: 1-12 Ephesians 2: 11-22	Colossians 3: 12-17 St. Mark 11: 1-11	Romans 11: 16-24 Psalm 24
30	Monday	<u>Hasha: Passion Week</u> Isaiah 63	Hebrews 2	St. Matthew 22: 15-33
31	Tuesday	Numbers 21:1-16	Ephesians 2	St. Matthew 24:1-28

APRIL 2026

1	Wednesday	Leviticus 16:1-28	1 Peter 4	St. Matthew 25:14-46
2	Thursday	<i>Passover (Maundy) Thursday</i> Holy Qurbana: Life-Giving Love		
		<u>Morning</u> Exodus 12:1-17 Hebrews 9:1-15	I Corinthians 11:23-34 St. Matthew 26:17-30	
		<u>Evening</u> Genesis 22:1-14 Hebrews 5	I Corinthians 11:23-34 St. Matthew 26:31-46	
3	Friday	<i>Good Friday</i> Cross: The Celebration of Life		
	<i>First Service</i>	Isaiah 53	1 Peter 1	St. Matthew 26: 47-75
	<i>Second service</i>	Zechariah 13	Galatians 3	St. Matthew 27: 1-44

	<i>Third service</i>	Numbers 21: 1-9	Hebrews 3: 1-19	St. Matthew 27: 45-56
4	Saturday	<i>Holy Saturday - Hope in Despair</i> Isaiah 56:1-6 I Peter 4: 12-19	2 Corinthians 1:3-7 St. Matthew 27: 62-66	
5	Sunday	<i>Kemta - Feast of Resurrection - Easter Sunday (End of Great Lent); Resurrection: Victory over Death</i> Ezekiel 37: 1-14 1 Corinthians 15: 20-28	Romans 6: 1-11 St. Mark 16: 1-11	Psalm 49 Daniel 12: 1-13
12	Sunday	<i>New Sunday — My Lord and My God</i> <i>The first Sunday after the Feast of Resurrection</i> Isaiah 45: 21-25 Revelation 1: 9-20	Colossians 1: 15-20 St. John 20: 24-29	Exodus 3: 13-18 Psalm 35: 18-28
19	Sunday	<i>Come and Dine: Invitation by the Risen Lord</i> <i>The second Sunday after the Feast of Resurrection</i> 1 Kings 19: 1-8 Revelation 3: 14-22	Acts 27: 27-36 St. John 21: 1-14	2 Kings 4:38-44 Psalm 23
26	Sunday	<i>Risen Lord: The Co-Traveller</i> <i>The third Sunday after the Feast of Resurrection</i> Exodus 33: 12-16 Acts 18: 1-11	2 Corinthians 4: 7-15 St. Luke 24: 13-35	Exodus 13: 17-22 Psalm 121

MAY 2026

1	Friday	<i>May Day (Canada, India)</i> Exodus 36: 1-13 Acts of the Apostles 9: 36-43	James 5: 1-6 St. John 4: 34-38	
3	Sunday	<i>Metropolitan's Fund (Bhoo-bhavana dana prasthanam)</i> <i>Walk with Christ in Passionate Love</i> <i>The fourth Sunday after the Feast of Resurrection</i> Jeremiah 31: 1-6 Ephesians 3: 14-19	1 John 1: 1-10 St. John 21: 15-19	Isaiah 54: 1-10 Psalm 63
8	Friday	<i>St. John's Day</i> Exodus 33:18-23 Revelation 1:1-20	I John 1:1-4 St. John 21:20-25	

JUNE 2026

7	Sunday	<i>Beginning of the school year (India)</i>		
		Jesus: The Ultimate Influencer		
		<i>Second Sunday after Pentecost</i>		
		2 Chronicles 20: 13-19	Acts 2: 36-41	Esther 4: 12-17
		Acts 18: 24-28	St. John 8: 12-20	Psalm 89: 19-37

14	Sunday	Creation Speaks of God <i>(Offertory for the Medical Aid Fund of clergy)</i> Environment Sunday	Joel 12: 7-12 Revelation 22: 1-6	Acts 14: 11-18 St. Luke 12: 24-27	Exodus 19: 16-19 Psalm 19
16	Tuesday	<i>Beginning of the Apostles' Lent (Fast of the Apostles)</i> Call and Commission to be Christ's Disciples	Jeremiah 1:1-12 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6	Acts of the Apostles 9: 10-17 St. Matthew 4: 17-22	
19	Friday	<i>Juneteenth National Independence Day (USA)</i>	Micah 6: 1-8 1 Peter 2:11-25	Romans 6: 19-23 St. John 8: 31-47	
21	Sunday	Worship: In God's Presence, for God's Purpose <i>Fourth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost</i>	Isaiah 6: 1-8 Acts 2: 42-47	Philippians 2: 12-18 St. Mark 12: 28-34	1 Chronicles 16: 23-36 Psalm 100
21	Sunday	<i>Fathers' Day</i>	Deuteronomy 6: 4-12 2 Corinthians 4: 1 – 12	Ephesians 6: 1-4 St. Luke 15: 17 – 32	
28	Sunday	Break the Chain: Finding Freedom from Addictions <i>Fifth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost</i> <i>De-Addiction Day</i>	Daniel 1: 8-21 Colossians 3: 1-11	1 Peter 1: 13-25 St. Mark 5: 1-20	Proverbs 23:19-35 1 Thessa. 5:1-11
29	Monday	<i>St. Paul's and St. Peter's Day / Conclusion of Apostles' Lent (Fast)</i>	Joshua 1:1-9 Galatians 2:1-13	2 Timothy 1: 3-12 St. Matthew 20:25-28	Numbers 21:4-9 I Corin. 1:18-31

JULY 2026

1	Wednesday	<i>Canada Day (Canada)</i>	Exodus 23: 1-9 Acts of the Apostles 15: 1-11	Galatians 5: 1- 6 St. Luke 6: 20 – 26
3	Friday	<i>St. Thomas the Apostle's Day</i>	Isaiah 52: 7-15 2 Timothy 2: 1-13	1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 St. John 20: 24-29

4	Saturday	<i>Independence Day (USA)</i> Exodus 23: 1-9 Acts of the Apostles 15: 1-11	Galatians 5: 1- 6 St. Luke 6: 20 – 26
5	Sunday	<i>Tithe Offering Sunday</i> <i>Sharing God's Gift with Joy</i> <i>Sixth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost</i> 1 Chronicles 29: 10-18 1 Timothy 6: 17-22	2 Corinthians 9: 6-11 Malachi 3: 6-10 St. Luke 16: 19-31 Acts 5: 1-11
12	Sunday	<i>Clergy Sunday</i> <i>Ordained ministry: Call to be Sacrifice</i> <i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i> Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Ephesians 4: 7-16	1 Peter 5: 1-4 Exodus 29: 1-9 St. Matthew 20: 20-28 Psalm 132
19	Sunday	<i>Edification of the Church through Theological Education</i> <i>Eighth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost</i> Nehemiah 8: 1-12 Acts of the Apostles 28: 23-30	1 Peter 2: 1-10 Psalm 1 St. Matthew 13: 16-23 Judges 6: 7-24
25	Saturday	<i>St. James the Apostle's Day</i> Jere. 26: 1-15 Acts 11: 27 – 12:3	Acts of the Apostles 8: 1-11 St. Mark 10:35-45
26	Sunday	<i>Marriage: Celebration of Unity and Partnership</i> <i>Ninth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost</i> Genesis 1: 24-31 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13	Genesis 1: 26-31 St. Matthew 19: 4-6 Psalm 128

AUGUST 2026

1	Saturday	<i>Beginning of the 15 days Lent</i> Daniel 1:1-21 1 John 3:1-12	Romans 12:19-21 St. Matthew 5: 38-42
2	Sunday	<i>Mission Sunday</i> <i>Mission: Compassion in Action</i> <i>Tenth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost</i> Isaiah 58: 6-10 Acts 19: 8-12	1 John 3: 16-24 St. Mark 2: 13-17 Deuteronomy 10: 12-22 Psalm 82

SEPTEMBER 2026

6	Sunday	<p><i>Education Sunday</i></p> <p>Education for Transformation of Life</p> <p><i>Fifteenth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost</i></p> <p>Proverbs 2: 1-12 2 Peter 1: 3-11 Proverbs 4:1-9</p> <p>1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 St. Luke 5: 1-11 Psalm 119: 9-16</p>
7	Monday	<p><i>Labor Day (USA & Canada)</i></p> <p>Exodus 36: 1-13 James 5: 1-6</p> <p>Acts of the Apostles 9: 36-43 St. John 4: 34-38</p>

OCTOBER 2026

NOVEMBER 2026

1	Sunday	<i>World Sunday School Day</i> Be the Children of Light <i>Sanctification of the church - Beginning of the Liturgical Year</i> <i>Kudosh Eetho</i>		
		Daniel 3: 14-30	Ephesians 5: 8-14	Isaiah 60: 1-3
		1 Thessalonians 5: 5-11	St. Matthew 5: 13-16	Psalm 119: 9-16
		<i>All Saints' Day (Alternate)</i>		
		Isaiah 26:1-16	Ephesians 1:15-23	
		Revelation 4:1-11	St. John 11:21-26	
8	Sunday	<i>United in Christ: Witnessing to the World</i> <i>Festival of the Unity of Communion of Churches in India (CCI) - CSI, CNI - Mar Thoma; Renewal of the Church, Hudos Eetho</i>		
		Isaiah 2: 2-4	2 Corinthians 13: 5-11	Nehemiah 2: 17-20
		1 Corinthians 1:10-17	St. Matthew 18: 18-20	Psalm 133
11	Wednesday	<i>Veteran's Day (USA)</i>		
		Joshua 1:1-9	Rom. 13:1-7	Psalm 33
		Eph 6:1-11	St. Matthew 20:20-28	Psalm 46
11	Wednesday	<i>Remembrance Day (Canada)</i>		
		Joshua. 4. 1-9	Colossians 1. 1 – 14	
		Rev. 20.1-15	St. Luke. 15.1-7	
15	Sunday	<i>Annunciation to Zechariah</i> <i>God's Salvific Intervention</i>		
		Judges 13:2-14	Romans 10:9-15	Psalm 145
		Hebrews 6:9-12	St. Luke 1:5-23	Revelation 8: 1-8

22	Sunday	Call to be the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World <i>Annunciation to Virgin Mary</i> <i>Diaspora Sunday</i>	Zechariah 2:10-13 Romans 1:1-7	1 Corin. 1: 26-31 St. Luke 1:26-38	Genesis 18: 1-18 Acts 16: 11-15
26	Thursday	<i>Thanksgiving Day (USA)</i>	1 Chron. 29:10-15 2 Cor. 9:1-12	1 Corinthians 1:1-5 Luke 17:11-19	
29	Sunday	Meeting of Virgin Mary and Elizabeth Transcending Adversity with Hope	Jeremiah 33: 10-16 Romans 15: 1-7	2 Thessalonians 1: 3-5 St. Luke 1: 39-45	Genesis 18: 1-5 Psalm 68: 11-20
29	Sunday	<i>Formation of the Church of North India (CNI)</i>	Ezekiel 37: 15-22 Ephesians 4: 1-6	1 Corinthians. 12:12-26 St. John 17: 20-26	
30	Monday	<i>St. Andrew's Day</i>	Zechariah 8:20-23 Romans 8:1-11	I Corinthians 4:1-5 St. John 1:35-42	

DECEMBER 2026

1	Tuesday	<i>Beginning of the 25-day Lent</i>	Isaiah 2: 10-22 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-12	Galatians 2: 12-20 St. John 1: 1-15	
6	Sunday	<i>Birth of St. John the Baptist</i> <i>Bible Sunday</i> Word-oriented Wisdom and Discernment	Joshua 24: 15-21 Galatians 1: 11-17	2 John 1-6 St. Luke 1: 57-66	Proverbs 6: 20-23 Psalm 119: 105-112
13	Sunday	<i>Annunciation to Joseph</i> Embracing God's Plan	Judges 6: 11-24 Acts of the Apostles 9: 10-19	1 Thessalonians 5:14-22 St. Matthew 1: 18-25	Jeremiah 29: 10-14 Psalm 43
20	Sunday	<i>Incarnated Word</i>	Isaiah 11: 1-9 Hebrews 1: 1-14	Ephesians 2: 13-22 St. John 1: 1-14	Zechariah 2: 10-13 Revelation 1: 12-20

21	Monday	<i>Mar Thoma Church Day (Sabha Dinam)</i> Joel 2: 11-18 1 Thessalonians 1: 2-10	2 Timothy 3: 10-17 St. John 11: 5-16
25	Friday	<i>Christmas: Birth of Jesus (Feast of Nativity - Yaldo)</i> <i>Christmas: The Light for All People</i> <i>End of the 25-day Lent</i> Isaiah 60: 1-7 1 John 1: 5-10	Philippians 2:1-11 St. Luke 2:1-14
26	Saturday	<i>Boxing Day (Canada)</i>	
27	Sunday	<i>The Glorious Appearance of our Lord</i> Malachi 3: 13 – 4:2 Acts of the Apostles 1: 6-11	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 St. Matthew 24: 42-51 Psalm 15
31	Thursday	<i>Praising God's Faithfulness</i> <i>New Year's Eve</i> Lamentations 3:21-31 1 Timothy 1: 12-17	1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 St. Luke 17: 11-19

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READING PORTIONS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

1. Thanksgiving Day for the New Academic Year

1 King. 3:4-15	Jam. 1:5-8
Col. 1:3-14	St. Luke. 2:41-52

2. CSI-CNI-Mar Thoma Unity Sunday

Eze. 37:15-28	Eph. 4:1-7
1 Cor. 1:10-18	St. John. 17:18-26

3. Parish Day

Isa. 60	Acts. 4:32-35
Phil. 2:1-18	St. Luke. 13:1-9

4. Diocesan Day

Isa. 43:1-13	2 Cor. 5:11-19
Heb. 12:1-13	St. John. 15:1-12

5. Year Ending - Watch Night

Deut. 8:1-20	1 Thes 5:1-11
2 Cor. 9:10-15	St. Luke. 13:6-9

6. Harvest Festival

Deut. 26:1-11	Phil. 4:10-20
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	2 Cor. 9:1-9	Mat. 21:1-4
7. Choir Day	Exo. 15:1-18 Acts. 16:19-34	Eph. 5:15-21 St. Luke. 1:46-55
8. Senior Citizens Day	Gen. 48:1-22 2 Cor. 4:7-18	2 Tim. 4:1-8 St. Luke. 2:25-38
9. Birthday	Gen. 47:1-10 Ps. 103:1-12	2 Cor. 2:14-17 St. Luke. 1:67-80
10. Wedding Anniversary	Gen. 2:18-25 Eph. 3:14-21	Eph. 5:21-32 St. Mat. 19:3-12
11. Journey	Ps. 16 Josh. 1:1-9	Ps. 91, 121
12. Discouragement, Failures	Psalm 23, 40, 73, 130	
13. Disease, Struggles in Life	2 King. 20:1-11 Ps. 42, 43	2 Cor. 12:1-10 St. Mark. 10:46-52
14. Serious Loss or Painful Situations	Job. 1 Ps. 3, 6	2 Cor. 11:23-33 St. John. 11:16-35
15. Joy, Victory	Ps. 103, 106, 116	St. Luke. 15
16. Assuming New Office	Exo. 3:1-14 Josh. 1	Ps. 27
17. Bereavement	Gen. 50:1-13 Job. 14:1-22 Ecc. 2:11-26 Ecc. 3:1-22 Ps. 39, 42, 90 St. John. 5:19-29	1 Cor. 15 1 Thes. 4:13-18 Rev. 7:9-17 Rev. 21:1-7 St. John. 11:20-27 St. Mat. 25:1-13

18. Sacrament of Ordination

<i>Deacon:</i>	1 Tim. 3:8-13	1 Tim.4:1-8
	1 Pet. 4:1-19	St. John. 12:20-36

<i>Priest:</i>	1 Tim. 3:1-7	1 Tim. 4:12-16
	Tit. 1:4-9	1 Pet. 2:1-10
	1 Pet. 5:1-11	St. John. 20:19-23

19. Laying Foundations Stone for a Church Building

Gen. 28:10-22	1 Pet. 2:1-10
Eph. 2:11-22	St. Mat. 7:24-29

20. Dedication of a Church Building

1 King. 8:22-30	Heb. 8
Heb. 9:11-28	St. Mat. 16:13-19

SPECIAL OFFERTORY 2026

1. Outside Kerala Mission	January 4
2. Medical Mission	February 1
3. Theological Seminary (Hosana)	March 29
4. Metropolitan Fund	May 3
5. Sacred Music Sunday	May 24
6. Clergy Medical Aid Fund	June 14
7. Tithe Offering	July 5
8. Mission Sunday	August 2
9. Education Sunday	September 6
10. M. T. Voluntary Evangelist's Association	October 4
11. Youth Sunday	October 18
12. Sunday School Samajam	November 1
13. Bible Society	December 6