

MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR

CHURCH CALENDER AND LECTIONARY- 2012

AN INTRODUCTORY NOTE

Gospel means the redemption made possible to all creation, through intervention of God into history, in the fullness of time. Through the Liturgical year, this God intervention is made into a celebration. The Faith Community make this experience through the celebration in the day to day life. The Mission of the Church is to unfold the Mystery of Salvation through the Word of God and sacramental living.

We have formulated a cycle of reading extended for 3 years, from the year 2000. This Common Lectionary has been prepared by the Commission on Worship and Mission of the Communion of Churches in India, the common forum of CSI, CNI, Marthoma Churches. The reading which incorporates Eastern and Western liturgical traditions is a visible sign of unity and fellowship of three churches which are in full communion. Through the Common Lectionary, the churches with a membership of five million people have the opportunity to read and meditate the same biblical portions during the worship. This has to be seen as the work of the Holy Spirit and let us dedicate ourselves for wider fellowship of all God's people. The lectionary is prepared by the Committee consisting the following members: Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa (Chairman), Rev. Dr. George Mathew Kuttiyil (Convenor), Rev. Dr. C.K. Mathew, Rev. Saju C.Pappachan, Rev. Shibi Varghese, Rev. Sam T. Koshy, Rev. Siby Pallichira.

May God Almighty help us to worship in truth and spirit which will lead us to a fruitful Christian Life.

1st November 2011
All Saints Day

Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa
Chairman, Lectionary Committee
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(LECTIONARY)**

CHRISTIAN YEAR - 2011-12

**BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAYS AND OTHER
SPECIAL OCCASSIONS - PUBLISHED BY THE
EPISCOPAL SYNOD OF THE CHURCH**

Date	Lessions	Epistle-Gospel	Evening Reading
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JANUARY

1 Sunday Christian Hymns 224	Evangelism: Reception into the Covenant Community (Outside Kerala Mission)		
	Gen. 1:26-31 Heb. 6:13-30	Rom. 1:9-17 St. Luke. 1:26-31, 2:21	Exo. 19:3-8 2 Thes. 3:1-5
6 Friday CH 247	<i>Danha</i> (Epiphany) Baptism of our Lord 2 Kings. 2:19-25 Rom. 6:1-11 Acts. 8:26-40 St. Luke. 3:15-22		
8 Sunday	St. Stephens Day Dan. 1:1-21 Acts. 6:1-7 Isa. 28:1-15 Acts. 7:54-60 St. Mat. 24:45-51 1 Cor. 3:10-23		
15 Sunday CH 299	God of Peace Micah. 4:1-7 Eph. 2:11-19 Ps. 85 Rom. 5:1-11 St. Mat. 5:1-9 2 Thes. 3:7-18		
18-25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Unity Octave)		
22 Sunday CH 408	Grow in Unity (Ecumenical Sunday) Isa. 60:1-14 Eph. 4:1-7 Ps. 47 2 Pet. 1:1-11 St. John. 17:21-26 Heb. 1:1-14		
26 Thursday CH 306	Responsible Citizenship - Indian Republic day Amos. 5:7-15 Rom. 13:1-10 Jam. 2:1-13 St. Mark. 12:13-17		

29 Sunday CH 222	“Repent - Return” Joel. 2:12-17 Eph. 5:8-14 Ps. 51 Rev.. 2:12-17 St. Luke. 13:1-5 2:11-17		
30 Monday	Beginning of Nineveh Fast (Three Day Fast) Jona. 1:1-17 Rom. 15:24-33 Eph. 5:3-21 St. Mat. 7:1-12		
31 Tuesday	Jona. 2:1-10 Acts. 8:9-25 St. Mat. 24:36-46		

FEBRUARY

1 Wednesday	Jona. 3:1-10 Jam. 3:1-10 St. Mat. 12:38-42		
2 Thursday	<i>Mayaltho</i> : Presentation of our Lord in the Temple- (End of Three Day Fast) Jona. 4:1-11 2 Thes. 3:1-9 Rev. 3:14-22 St. Luke. 11:29-32		
5 Sunday CH 43	Medical Mission Sunday. ‘Healing to the Nation and people’ 2 King. 2:19-22 2 Cor. 12:7-10 Ps. 63 Rev. 22:1-7 St. Mark. 5:25-34 Jam. 5:7-17		
12 Sunday CH 383	117 th Maramon Convention Begins- ‘Arise Let us go forward’ Joshua. 6:12-20 Rom. 13:11-14 Ps. 42 Rev. 22:5-17 St. Mark. 14:32-42 Acts. 27:1-26		
19 Sunday CH 34	<i>Pethurtha</i> : Beginning of Great Lent Lent: Formation and Transformation of Life” End of Maramon Convention Job. 1:1-5 2 Cor. 5:16-21 Gen. 33:1-17 Rom. 12:1-15 St. John 2:1-11 St. Luke. 19:1-10		
20 Monday CH 24	<i>Shubkono</i> : Service of Reconciliation during Great Lent Isa 29:15-24 1 John. 4:11-20 2 Cor. 5:14-21 St. Mat. 5:21-27		

26 Sunday The Compassion of our Lord (2nd Sunday in Lent)
 CH 248 2Kings. 5:1-16 Acts. 5:12-16 Ps.54
 Jam. 2:1-10 St.Luke. 5:12-16 St.Mat.10:40-45

MARCH

2 Friday World Day of Prayer

4 Sunday Jesus who absolves our Sin (3rd Sunday in Lent)
 CH 175 Isa. 1:1-20 Heb.9:24-28 Ps.103
 1John.1:5-2:6 St.Mark. 2:1-12 Rom.8:1-11

11 Sunday The Zeal of Faith (4th Sunday in Lent)
 CH 215 Isa. 45:1-8 Gal.2:11-21 Ps.44
 Acts.16:6-15 St.Mat. 15:21-28 St.John.4:19-26

14 Wednesday Mid Lent - Salvation in Christ.
 CH 180 Num. 21:4-9 Gal. 6:11-16
 1 Cor. 1:18-31 St.Mark. 10:32-34

18 Sunday Restoration through Worship (5th Sunday in Lent)
 CH 63 Isa.59:9-21 Eph.6:10-20 Ps. 84
 Rom.8:31-39 St Luke. 13:10-17 Acts. 17:22-31

25 Sunday Annunciation to Virgin Mary
 CH 39 Messiah: Fullfillment of the promise (36th Sunday)
 Isa. 42:1-9 2Cor. 11:18-28 Ps. 73
 Acts. 16:19-34 St.Mark. 10:46-52 St.John. 1:29-34

30 Friday 40th Friday -Victory over Temptation through the Word of God
 CH 238 Num.21:4-9 Gal.6:11-16
 1Cor.1:18-31 St.Mat.4:1-11

APRIL

1 Sunday Hosana - Messiah the Prince of Peace
 CH 134 (Theological Seminary day)
 Zech. 9:9-12 Eph. 1:3-10 Dan. 9:24-26
 Heb. 5:1-10 St.Mark. 11:1-11 Phil.2:5-11

2 Monday Passion Week (*Hasa*)
 CH 144 Lev.2:1-16 Isa.63:7-19
 Acts.13:26-43 Heb.2:1-18
 St.Mat.21:23-46 St.Mat.22:1-14 St.Mat.22:15-23

3 Tuesday
 CH 164 Isa.52:1-15 Num.21:1-16
 Acts.13:44-52 Eph.2:1-10
 St.Mat.22:34-23:12 St.Mat.23:13-22 St.Mat.24:1-28

4 Wednesday
 CH 166 Isa.28:14-29 Lev.16:1-28
 Col.1:9-22 1John.4:7-20
 St.Mat.24:29-51 St.Mat.25:1-13 St.John.6:60-70

5 Thursday Passover Thursday - Holy Qurbana : Remembrance
 CH 313 of Salvation
 Exo.12:1-17 Gen.22:1-14
 Heb.9:1-15 Heb.5:1-14
 1Cor.11:23-34 1Cor.11:23-34
 St.Mat.26:1-16 St.Mat.26:17-30 St.Mat.26:31-46

6 Friday Good Friday- Salvation through Christ
 CH 137 First Service Second Service
 CH 146 Isa.53:1-12 Zech.13:1-9
 1Pet.1:1-25 Gal.3:1-22
 St.Mat.26:47-75 St.Mat.27:1-44
Third Service Evening Service
 CH 147 Num.21:1-9 Dan.2:26-45
 CH 148 Heb.3:1-19 2Thes.2:1-12
 St.Mat.27:45-56 St.Mat.27:57-61

7 Saturday Holy Saturday
 CH 149 Ezek.37:1-14 Rom.6:1-11
 1Pet.3:17-22 St.Mat.27:62-66

8 Sunday Easter Sunday - Resurrection: Festival of Hope
 CH 156 2Kings.4:27-37 Col.3:1-11 Ps.16
 1Cor.15:1-20 St.Luke.24:1-12 St.John.20:1-11

15 Sunday New Sunday - The Faith that we have to Confess
 CH 214 (First Sunday after Easter)
 Job.42:1-5 Jude.17-21 Ps.48
 Acts.9.1-18 St.John.20:19-29 Heb.6:9-26

22 Sunday Lord who reveals through the Word and Breaking of
CH 315 the Bread (2nd Sunday after Easter)
Exo.16:29-36 1Cor.10:14-21 Ps116
2John.1-8 St.Luke.24:13-35 St.John.6:53-58

29 Sunday Restoring and Commissioning(3rd Sunday after Easter)
CH 213 1Kings.19:1-16 Phile.8-18 Ps.91
Rev.2:1-7 St.John.21:15-19 1Timo.1:12-17

MAY

1 Tuesday May Day.
Gen.1:26-2:3 Jam.5:1-6
2 Thess.3:6-15 St.Mat.11:25-30

6 Sunday Expression of God's Love-Metropolitan's Fund
CH 243 (4th Sunday after Easter)
Lev.19:9-16 2Cor.8:1-9 Ps.23
Acts.4:32-37 St.Luke.16:19-31 Acts.5:1-11

8 Tuesday St. John the Apostle's Day
Isa.41:1-14
Rev.1:1-20 St.John.21:20-25

13 Sunday The Hope of Resurrection (5th Sunday after Easter)
CH 49 2Kings.4:8-37 1Thes.4:13-17 St.John.5:19-29
2Cor.5:1-10 St.John.11:17-26 Rev.21:1-7

17 Thursday Feast of Ascension of our Lord (40th Day after Easter)
CH 161 Gen.5:21-24 Eph.4:1-10
Acts.1:1-11 St.Luke.24:44-53

20 Sunday The Church that has to wait upon to receive power
CH 196 Isa.40:25-31 Acts.1:12-14 Ps-34
Acts.12:1-16 St.John.14:25-31 Acts.1:15-26

27 Sunday The Feast of Pentecost (50th Day after Easter)
CH 192 Eze.37:1-14 Gal.5:16-26 Ps-8
Acts.2:1-21 St.John.16:7-13 1Cor.12:1-12

JUNE

3 Sunday Trinity Sunday-Holy Trinity (1st Sunday after Pentecost)
CH 16 Student Sunday - (Clergy Sunday Offertory)
Gen.18:1-15 2Cor.13:11-14 Rev..4:1-11
Rom.11:25-36 St.Luke.3:15-22 St.Mark.1:1-13

10 Sunday Enviornmental Sunday- The Sanctity of Mutuality
CH 249 (2nd Sunday after Pentocost)
Gen.9:8-17 Col.1:15-23 Ps.19
Rom.8:18-25 St.John.15:1-11 Rev.21:21-27

16 Saturday - Beginning of the Fast of Apostles.
1Sam.3:1-10 1Cor.12:27-13:10
Heb. 10:32-39 St.Luke.6:12-19

17 Sunday The Calling and Appointment of Apostles
CH 229 (3rd Sunday after Pentecost)
2Kings.2:1-15 1Tim.1:12-17
2Pet.1:1-11 St.Mat.10:1-15

24 Sunday Disciples:who walk ahead((4th Sunday after Pentecost)
CH 214 Josh.3:1-8 Eph.5:8-21 Ps.1
1Thes.4:1-12 St.Luke.10:1-11 Heb.13:7-17

29 Friday St.Peter's and St.Paul's Day- End of the Fast of the
Apostles)
Jer.16:16-21 2Pet.3:14-18
Gal.2:1-10 St.Mat.16:13-19

JULY

1 Sunday Tithe Offering Sunday-The Gift of giving (5th Sunday
CH 178 after Pentecost)
Mal.3:7-12 2 Cor. 9:6-15 Exo. 39:32-44
Acts. 5:1-11 St.Luke.6:27-38 2Cor. 8:1-9

3 Tuesday St. Thomas the Apostle's Day
CH 224 Isa. 52:7-15 2 Tim. 3:10-17
1 Thes. 1:1-9 St. John. 20:24-29

8 Sunday CH 242	Ordained Ministry - Imitation of Christ (6 th Sunday after Pentecost) Exo.40:1-16 2Cor. 4:1-6 Ps. 23 Heb.10:8-25 St. John. 10:1-11 1Pet.5:1-7
15 Sunday CH 408	The Priesthood of the Baptised (7 th Sunday after Pentecost) Gen. 18:16-33 1 Pet. 2:1-10 Rom. 6:1-11 1John. 3:1-12 St. John 13:1-11 St.Luke.13:35-40
22 Sunday CH 187	Anointing the Holy Muroon: Gift of the Holy Spirit (8 th Sunday after Pentecost) Exo. 30:22-33 1Cor. 12:4 -13 1Sam.3:1-10 Acts. 1:1-8 St. Mat. 3:8-12 Acts. 11:1-18
25 Wednesday	St.James the Apostle's Day Micah.2:1-16 Acts. 8:1-11 St. Mat. 10:16-33
29 Sunday CH 182	Christian Witness of the Diaspora (9 th Sunday after Pentecost) Deut. 28:1-14 2Thes. 1:3 -12 Ps.119:49-56 Acts. 8:1-8 St. John. 12:20-28 Acts. 16:13-18

AUGUST

1 Wednesday	Beginning of the Fifteen Days Lent. Dan. 1:1-21 Rom. 12:19-21 1John.3:1-12 St. Mat. 5:38-41
5 Sunday CH 300	Mission Sunday- Church called to Proclaim the Good News (10 th Sunday after Pentecost) Jer.7:1-7 2Thes.2:13-17 Ps.8:1-9 Acts.20:18-27 St.Mat.28:16-20 St.John.13:1-17
6 Monday	Feast of Transfiguration:The Glorification of our Lord Exo. 24:12-18 2 Pet. 1:16-25 Heb. 12:18-29 St. Mat.17:1-8
12 Sunday CH 255	Christian presence in the Nation Building (11 th Sunday after Pentecost) Neh. 2:1-17 Eph 6:10-18 Ps.4 Rom. 13:1-7 St. John. 8:31-42 1Pet.2:13-25

15 Wednesday	Indenpdence Day - End of the Fifteen Days Lent Gen. 11:1-9 Gal. 5:1-5 2Timo. 2:14-26 St. Mat. 5:38-48
19 Sunday CH 99	Reformation: Heritage and Witness (Reformation Day) (12 th Sunday after Pentecost) Deut.11:1-28 Tit.2:7-14 Ps.36 Acts. 13:17-39 St. Mat. 5:13-20 St.John. 2:12-19
26 Sunday CH 206	Faith Community that has to be liberated from Corruption (13 th Sunday after Pentecost) Isa. 1:10-20 Rom. 7:15-25 Ps.15 Jam.4:1-10 St.Mat.23:1-12 1Tim.6:1-12

SEPTEMBER

2 Sunday CH 203	Education Day- Education: Founded on the fear of the Lord (14 th Sunday after Pentecost) Prov.4:1-19 Col.1:24-29 Ps.111 1Cor. 2:1-16 St.Mat.7:24-29 Jam.3:13-18
9 Sunday CH 245	Sevika Sangham Day-Role of Women in Faith Sucession (15 th Day after Pentecost) 1Sam.1:1-20 2 Tim:1:1-7 Esth.7:1-10 Acts. 16:11-15 St.Luke.1:46-55 Phili.4:1-7
16 Sunday CH 402	Senior Citizens Day- Old Age with Grace (16 th Sunday after Pentecost) Gen. 47:1-12 Phil.1:3-11 Ps.71 2Tim. 4:1-8 St.Luke. 2:25-39 Eph.6:1-4
21 Friday	St. Mathew the Apostle's Day Isa. 4:1-6 Eph 6:1-9 St.Luke. 18:18-32
23 Sunday CH 321	Christian Nurturing- The Foundation of the Church (17 th Sunday after Pentecost) Josh.4:1-10 Col.3:12-17 Ps.128 1John.2:7-17 St.Luke.2:41-52 Col.1:24-29
27 Thursday	Inaguration Day of the Church of South India (CSI)

30 Sunday The Sacrament of Confession
CH 358 (18th Sunday after Pentecost)
Jonah. 4:1-11 Rom.5:6-11 Ps.71
1John. 1:1-10 St.John. 16:7-13 St.John. 8:1-11

OCTOBER

7 Sunday Voluntary Evangelist's Day- Readiness to share the
CH 43 Gospel (19th Sunday after Pentecost)
2 Kings.5:1-14 1Tim. 1:12-16 Ps. 92
2Cor.2:12-17 St. John 1:35-42 St.Mark. 5:1 -20

14 Sunday Day of the People with Special Skills. Activiness in the
CH 415 midst of limitations(20th Sunday after Pentecost)
2Sam.9:1-13 Acts. 3:1-10 Prov.14:3-21
Heb. 12: 12-17 St. Mat. 15:25-31 Acts. 9:32-42

21 Sunday Youth Sunday- Matured Youthhood
CH 183 (21st Sunday after Pentecost)
Eccl. 11:9-12:8 1Tim.4:6-16 Ps. 119:1-16
Heb. 12:1-11 St. Luke. 18:18-25 St.Mark.10:17-22

28 Sunday Christian Family Dedication Day- Family: A Divine Gift
CH 387 (22nd Sunday after Pentecost)
Gen.1:20-31 Eph.5:21-32 Josh.24:14-22
Acts.10:1-8 St. Mat. 19:1-12 Ps. 127

NOVEMBER

1 Thursday All Saints' Day
CH 285 Jer. 31:31-34 Heb.13:7-17
Rev. 7:9-17 St. Mat. 5:1-12

4 Sunday *Kudosh Eetho*- Santification of the Church- Beginning
CH 334 of the Liturgical Year: World Sunday School Day:
Children - to be grown for Christ
Deut.6:1-9 Eph.1:1-7 Prov.23:15-26
Eph.5:1-10 St. Mat. 18:1-5 St.John.6:1-16

11 Sunday *Hudos Eetho*- Renewal of the Church
CH 316 Festival of Unity of the Communion of Churches in
India (CCI) - CNI-CSI-MTC-Unity that is visible in
Holy Qurbana.
Gen. 43:26-34 1 Cor. 11:23-30 Ps.127
1Cor.10:14-21 St. John. 6:52-58 St.Mat.26:26-29

18 Sunday Annunciation to Zechariah
CH 1Chro.24.-1-19 Heb.5:1-10 Gen.2:8-25
Rev. 8:1 -8 St. Luke. 1:8-23 1 Pet. 5:1-11

25 Sunday Annunciation to Virgin Mary - Dedication to God's Will
CH 39 Zech.2:10-13 Gal. 4:21-31 Gen. 18:1-15
Eph 1:3-14 St. Luke.1:26-38 1John. 3:2-17

29 Thursday Inaguration Day of the Church of North India (CNI)

30 Friday St. Andrews the Apostle's Day
Zech.8:20-23 1Cor.4:9-16
Rom.10:12-18 St.Mat.4:18-22

DECEMBER

1Saturday Beginning of Twenty five Days Lent
CH 120 Isa.2:10-22 Gal.4:12-20
1Thes.4:1-12 St.John. 1:1-18

2 Sunday Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth - 'Bearers of Good
CH 107 News': (Bible Sunday)
Gen.18:1-16 1 Tim. 3:10-17 Ps. 119:105-112
1John. 1:1-10 St. Luke. 1:39-56 1 Pet. 1:8-12

9 Sunday Birth of John the Baptist
CH 201 Judg.13:2-25 1John..5:13-20 Gen.21:1-21
Heb. 2:1-10 St. Luke. 1:57-66 Gal. 1:11-17

16 Sunday Annunciation to Joseph
CH 123 Isa.40:1-11 Phil.4:4-9 Isa.35:1-10
Rev.2:12-17 St. Mat. 1:18-23 Heb. 9:11-28

21 Friday Mar Thoma Church Day
CH 403 Isa. 22:20-24 Phil. 3:12-21
1 Cor. 1:18-25 St. John. 14:1-7

23 Sunday	The Mystery of Holy Incarnation		
CH 423	Isa. 11:1-10	Rom. 1:8-16	Isa.35:1-10
	1 John. 5:1-12	St. John. 1:1-14	Heb.9:11-28
25 Tuesday	<i>Yaldo</i> - Feast of Nativity. Birth of Our Saviour		
CH 128	(End of Twenty five Days Lent)		
	Micah. 5:1-9	1Tim 1:14-17	Isa.11:1-9
	Col. 1:15-20	St. Luke. 2:1-20	1John.3:1-12
30 Sunday	Our Lord who is coming again		
CH 290	Zech.14:1-5	1Thes. 1:14-17	
	Acts. 1:6-11	St. John. 14:1 -7	
31 Monday	Year ending - Watch Night Service		
CH 427	God who is always with us		
	Exo. 33:12-23	1Pet. 5:6-11	

Reading Portions for Special Occasions

1. Thanksgiving Day for the New Academic Year
Deut.6:1-9
1Jn.2:1-16 St. Luke. 2:42-52
2. CSI-CNI-Mar Thoma Unity Sunday
Deut.30:1-10 Eph. 2:11-23
Rom. 12:3-12 St. John. 17:20-26
3. Parish Day
Isa. 60 Acts. 17:10-17
Phil. 2:1-18 St. Luke. 13:1-9
4. Diocesan Day
Josh. 1 2 Cor. 5:11-19
Phil. 3:1-16 St. John. 15:1-13
5. Year Ending - Watch Night
1 Sam. 7:5-17 1Thess5:1-11
Heb.2 St. Luke. 13:1-19

6. Harvest Festival
Deut.26:1-11 Phil. 4:10-20
2 Cor. 9:1-9 St. Mat. 7:7-12
7. Choir Day
1 Sam.21:10-22:5 Col. 3:10-17
Acts. 16:19-34 St. Luke. 1:46-55
8. Senior Citizens Day
Gen. 32:22-32 Rom. 3:26-30
2 Tim. 4:1-8 St. Luke. 2:21-38
9. Birthday
Gen. 47:1-10
Ps. 103:1-12 St. Mat. 6:25-34
10. Wedding Anniversary
Eph. 5:22-33 St. John. 2:1-11
St. Mat. 19:5-12
11. Journey
Ps. 121.141, 144 St. Mark. 6:7-13
12. Discouragement, Failures
Ps. 23.40, 73. Rom. 8
13. Disease, Struggles in Life
Ps. 5.32,33, 51,91, 102, 129,142
14. Serious Loss or Painful Situations
Rom. 8 2 Tim. 3
15. Joy, Victory
Ps.103, 106 Luke. 15
16. Assuming New Office
Josh. 1,Exo. 3:1-16
17. Bereavement
Gen. 50, Ps. 90, 9 Lisa. 40 St.Mat.25
St.John.11,15,16
Rom. 5. 1Cor. 15:1-10,
1Thes.4:13-18,5:1-22,Heb. 11,12
Col. 3:1-10, Rev. 21:1-7

18. Ordination

Gen. 12:1-8 Lam. 3:28-32
Acts. 2:16-21 1Tim.3:-8-16
St. John. 12:24-36,14:1-13

19. Laying Foundations Stone for a Church Building

Gen. 28:10-22 1 Pet. 2:1-10
Eph.2:11-22

20. Dedication of a Church Building

Acts. 7:44-54 Heb.8:1-9

<u>SPECIAL OFFERTORY</u>	
1. Outside Kerala Mission	January 1
2. Medical Mission	February 5
3. Theological Seminary (Hosana)	April 1
4. Metropolitan's Fund	May 6
5. Sacred Music & Communication Sunday	May 27
6. Clergy Medical Aid	June 3
7. Tithe Offering	July 1
8. Mission Sunday	August 5
9. Education day	September 2
10. Voluntary Evangelist's Association	October 7
11. Youth Sunday	October 21
12. Sunday School Samajam	November 4
13. Bible Society	December 2