

# ST. THOMAS INDIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, HOUSTON

## SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2026

Date	Day	Time	Event/ Celebration
January 1	Thursday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, Circumcision of our Lord Jesus, St. Basil The Great, St. Gregorios of Nazianzus, New Managing Committee takes charge
January 5	Monday	6:30 PM	Holy Qurbana, Denaha/Theophany; Baptism of our Lord Jesus; His Holiness Baselios Geevarghese II Catholicose (1/3)
January 25	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pethurtha 3 Day Lent
<b>January 26, Monday - January 29 , Thursday - Nineveh Lent, 3 Days</b>			
January 25	Sunday	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer & Devotional Address
January 26	Monday	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer & Devotional Address
January 27	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer & Devotional Address
January 28	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Holy Qurbana, Conclusion of Nineveh Lent; Prophet Jonah
February 1	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, All Departed Clergy / His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Mathews II Catholicose (1/26)
February 1	Sunday	6:30 PM	Holy Qurbana, Mayaltho, Entry of our Lord Jesus into the temple
February 8	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, All Faithful Departed
<b>February 16, Monday - April 5, Sunday - Great Lent, 50 Days</b>			
February 15	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, Kothine/ Pethurtha/ Miracle of Cana;
February 22	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, St. Dionysius Vattasseril & His Grace Thomas Mar Makarios (2/23)
<b>March 6, Friday - March 8, Sunday - St. Thomas Orthodox Convention &amp; Parish Day Celebrations</b>			
March 6	Friday	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer & Gospel Convention Speech
March 7	Saturday	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer & Gospel Convention Speech
March 8	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana & Parish Day Celebration ( One Holy Qurbana)
March 11	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Holy Qurbana, Mid Lent/ King Abgar of Uraha / Feast of Holy Cross
March 22	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, Samiyo/ Healing the Blind Man, Catholicate Day Celebration
March 24	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Holy Qurbana, Sooboro/ Annunciation to St. Mary
March 26	Thursday	6:30 PM	Holy Qurbana, 40th Day of Great Lent
March 28	Saturday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, Lazarus of Bethany
		6:00 PM	Evening Prayer of Palm Sunday
<b>March 29, Sunday - April 5, Sunday - HOLY WEEK</b>			
March 29	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, Hosanna/ Palm Sunday Celebration
		7:00 PM	Evening Prayer & Devotional Message
March 30	Monday	7:00 PM	Evening Prayer & Devotional Message
March 31	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Evening Prayer & Devotional Message
April 1	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Holy Qurbana, Pesaha/Passover/Maundy Thursday
April 2	Thursday	7:00 PM	Evening Prayer & Devotional Message
April 3	Friday	8:00 AM	Good Friday Service, Procession, Devotional Message, Choruka, Kanji
		6:00 PM	Evening Prayer & Vigil
April 4	Saturday	9:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, Saturday of Good News, All Departed Souls
		6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
April 5	Sunday	6:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, Kyamtha & Easter Celebration, Memorial Pambady Thirumeni
April 12	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, New Sunday, Sunday of St. Thomas /Faith Declaration Sunday
May 3	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, His Holiness Baselios Paulos I Catholicose (5/3)
May 13	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Holy Qurbana, Ascension of our Lord /Suloqo,Feast of St. Mary for the Corps (5/15)
May 24	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, Feast of Pentecost
<b>June 16, Tuesday - June 29, Monday - Apostles Lent, 13 Days</b>			
June 28	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, Feasts of St. Peter & St. Paul, Feast of 12 Apostles
<b>July 3, Friday – July 5, Sunday - Feast of Saint Thomas - Chief Celebrant - Diocesan Metropolitan</b>			
July 3	Friday	6:30 PM	Evening Prayer & Devotional Message
July 4	Saturday	10:00 AM	Church Annual Bazaar / Harvest Festival / Lunch
		6:30 PM	Evening Prayer, Devotional Message, Rasa/Procession around the Church, Benediction
July 5	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, Feast of Saint Thomas / Patron Saint
July 12	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana,His Holiness Baselios Paulos II Catholicose (7/12)
<b>August 1, Saturday - August 15, Saturday - Assumption of St. Mary, Soonoyo Lent, 15 Days</b>			
August 5	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Holy Qurbana, Koodara Perunnal/ Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord/ Ethodamthale
August 14	Friday	6:30 PM	Holy Qurbana, Assumption of St. Mary, Soonoyo/ Dormition of St. Mary, Soonoyo Lent ends
<b>September 1, Tuesday - September 8, Tuesday - 8 Day Lent</b>			
August 31, Sep 1, Sep 2, Sep 3, Sep 4 - 6:30 PM -Holy Qurbana, Intercessory Prayers, Nativity of the Theotokos / 8 Day Lent			
September 6	Sunday	6:30 PM	Holy Qurbana, Intercessory Prayers, Nativity of the Theotokos / 8 Day Lent
September 7	Monday	6:30 PM	Holy Qurbana, Intercessory Prayers, Nativity of the Theotokos / 8 Day Lent ends
September 13	Sunday	6:30 PM	Holy Qurbana, Sleeba Perunnal/ Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
October 4	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, Seminary Day, Saint Baselios Eldho Catholicose (10/3)
November 1	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, Qudosh Idto/ Sanctification of the Church, St. Gregorios of Parumala,Beginning of the Liturgical Year.
November 8	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, Hudoth Idto,His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Mathews I Catholicose (11/8)
November 22	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana,Sooboro, Feast of the Annunciation to St. Mary
<b>December 1, Tuesday - December 25, Friday - Advent Lent/ Nativity, 25 Days / Yeldho Perunnal</b>			
December 6	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, Birth of John the Baptist, Children's Day, Intercessory Prayer Day
December 13	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, Revelation to Mar Joseph, His Holiness Baselios Augen I Catholicose (12/8) & His Grace Mathews Mar Barnabas (12/9), & Daniel Mar Philoxenos (12/13)
December 20	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, Martyrdom of St. Thomas the Apostle (12/21), His Holiness Baselios Geevarghese I Catholicose (12/17)
December 24	Thursday	6:00 PM	Holy Qurbana, Christmas, Nativity of our Lord, Yeldho Perunnal
December 26	Saturday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, Feast of the Exaltation of St.Mary
December 27	Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, Feast Commemorating the Slaughter of the Infants
December 31	Thursday	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer, Year End Meditation followed by Holy Qurbana
January 1, 2027	Friday	8:00 AM	Holy Qurbana, New Year's Day 2027, New Managing Committee takes charge



HOLY WEEK

**"My Lord and my God!" John 20:28**