

CHURCH HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

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1 October, 1921: Birth of Rev. K Abraham (Shastri Achen) Koikkalettu Vadakkethil, Elanthur. After his preliminary education, Achen passed the "Shastri" examination (same that of our Late Prime Minister. Lal Bahadur Shastri) and many other examinations in Hindi language. He started his carrier as a teacher. Became deacon on 2 June 1956 and priest on 18 May 1957. He had written many books including one poetry book. Achen was called to eternal rest on April 27, 1995. Rev. K. A Elanthur was his pseudonym.

1 October, 1916: Birth of Rev. P. T. George, Keezhvaipur (d. 20 Jul 1993). After passing ESLC examination he joined in the Kottayam Seminary for his theological training. Became deacon on 21 May 1940 and priest on 14 November 1940. Served 41 parishes including Vazhoor, Vadasserikkara, Konni, Pala and Pathanamthitta.

1 October, 1946: Death of P. M Abraham Kasseesa, Palakunnathu, Maramon (b.1873). He was the grandson Abraham Malpan. Was the vicar of Parishes in Maramon, Poovathoor, Kumbanad and Kuriannoor. He faithfully followed the footsteps of his grandfather in the reformation movement.

2 October, 1898: Death of P. T. Mathew Kasseesa, Padipurakkal (b.15 Nov 1873). After the education in Old Seminary Kottayam he became deacon in 1895 and priest afterwards. He served many parishes in and around Kayamkulam.

2 October, 1968: Rev. K. T. Thomas (b.27 August, 1873) Kozhencherry passes away. Achen was one of the ablest priests of our Church. He gave leadership for the establishment of St. Thomas High School, Kozhencherry; St. Mary's Girls High school, Keezhukara (Kozhencherry); St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry; and the Industrial Training Institute, Cherukole. He constructed the St. Thomas Church Kozhencherry. For many years he was the clergy trustee of our Church. He was called home on 02 October 1968.

2 October, 1964: Death of K. I. Varghese Kasseesa, Kalappilal, Peringalloor (b.3 Oct 1887). Became deacon on 5 May 1905 and priest on 12 Sep 1908. Served many parishes including Channapetta, Karavalloor, and Mannur. Vicar General K.V. Jacob is his son,

2 October, 1993: Mar Thoma Church consecrates three more Bishops. Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas (b.8 Sep.1949), Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos (b.13 Dec 1950) and Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxinos (b.5 Dec 1951) were consecrated as Bishops on 2 October, 1993 in Tiruvalla.

2 October, 1881: Second coming of Jesus. From 17 May 1875, onwards Rev. Yustus Joseph (Vidhuwan Kutty Achen 1835-1887) started preaching that Jesus Christ will come on 02 October 1881. On that day he and his followers all gathered together and waited for the second coming of Jesus Christ. But nothing happened. On that night, with a broken heart, in the presence of his followers, he wrote the famous Hymn “Kantha Thamasam Enthaho” (No 388 (266) in our Hymn book-Kristheeya Keerththanangal).

2 October, 1792: Formation of Baptist Missionary Society. Baptist Missionary Society was formed in England on 02 October 1792. William Carey (1761- 1834) who came to India in 1793 was a Baptist missionary. Carey’s motto was “Expect great things from God; attempt great thing for God”.

3 October, 2000: Rev. K.O. Sam, Kattunilathu, Punalur passes away (b.9 May 1929). Following the footsteps of his father Rev. K.G Oommen, he became deacon on 30 Apr 1953 and later priest. Served many parishes including Jabalpur, Calcutta, Bhopal and Trivandrum. Few years he worked in Zambia as the Missionary of Mar Thoma Church,

3 October, 1226: Francis of Assisi, preacher and mystic who created monastic communities for men and women devoted to poverty and serving the poor, dies. Saint Francis of Assisi (September 26, 1181 – October 3, 1226) was a Roman Catholic friar and the founder of the Order of Friars Minor, more commonly known as the Franciscans. He is known as the patron saint of animals, birds, and the environment, and it is customary for Catholic churches to hold ceremonies honoring animals around his feast day of October 4

4 October, 2000: Death of Rev. A Abraham, Chachipunna, Pathanapuram (b.16 Nov.1920). Became deacon on 30 Jul 1953 and priest in Oct.1953.He was the administrator of the Bahrain Centre in Kalluvathukkal and one of the founding leaders of the Kottarakkara Convention.

4 October, 1890: Catherine Booth (b.17January, 1829), English "mother of the Salvation Army," dies of cancer. Besides preaching as a Salvation Army minister, she persuaded her husband, William, to make women an integral part of Salvation Army leadership and work .Salvation Army started its activities in India on Sep 19, 1882.

5 October, 1836: Malayalam Year 1012 Kanni 19 Members of the Maramon Parish used to celebrate the festival of “Muthappan” every year. Muthappan was a wooden doll in the shape of a human, made in memory of a foreign Bishop who came to Kerala in AD 1685. Offerings and prayers were conducted in front of this idol. The people of Maramon believed that the cause of all their prosperity and blessings was because of this semi-god, Muthappan. Large crowds used to attend this yearly festival, which was a good source of income for the Maramon Parish. On 4 October 1837, the day before ‘Muthappan Festival’, Abraham Malpan threw “the god Muthappan” into the well

situated in the Church compound and put an end to this festival forever, starting the reformation process.

5 October, 1990: Death of Rev. P. John Thomas of Ankola (b.8 May 1916). Born in Karunagapally, Kerala, he became a priest in 1951. He was one of the founding members of our Ankola Ashram in North Karnataka. He gave leadership for the formation of our Mangalore, Manipal, Sirsi and Goa parishes. For 28 years he taught in the Honavar St. Thomas High school

6 October, 1536: Church executes William Tyndale (b.1494). The first English version of the Bible made by direct translation from the original Hebrew and Greek, and the first to be printed, was the work of William Tyndale. He met bitter opposition. He was accused of willfully perverting the meaning of the Scriptures and his New Testaments were to be burned as “untrue translations”. He was finally betrayed into the hands of his enemies and on 6 October 1536, was publicly executed and burned at the stake.

7 October, 1837: Hermann Gundert arrives in Trivandrum. Hermann Gundert, the German Missionary born on 04 Feb 1814, came to Trivandrum, on 07 October 1837. He worked in various parts of South India for 23 years (1836- 1859) He published a grammar book for Malayalam language in 1851 and one dictionary in 1872. He also translated Bible into Malayalam Language.

7 October, 1938: Death of Bahanan Kasseesa, Kochu Kuzhiyil, Vennikulam (b.12 Jul 1863). . Became deacon in 1879 and priest in 1889. Before the seminary case (1888) he was the vicar of the Orthodox Church in Vennikulam. He gave leadership for the establishment Mar Thoma parishes in Mallappally, Punnavelly, Anicadu, Keezhvaipur, Thurithikkadu, Pariyaram, Thelliyoor, Thonippara and Vennikulam. For 32 years he was the president of the Mar Thoma evangelistic association.

7 October, 1951: Death of J. Joseph Kasseesa, Mannanchalil, Thevalakkara (b.5 Dec.1884). After learning Syriac and Tamil he became deacon on 10 Nov 1908 and priest on 18 Nov 1913. He was a convention speaker. He took initiative for the establishment of Mar Thoma parishes in Kadampanadu, Mannaroad, Kunnathur, Kalleli and Poruvazhi. Rev. J John is his son.

7 October, 1978: Death of Rev. K. M. Mathew, Punnamoottil, Kuzhikkala (b.15 Jul 1910). He became deacon on 28 April 1938 and priest on 12 Nov.1938. Served 24 parishes including Adoor, Kannamkode and Kochi. Rev. P. M. Mathew is his son.

7 October, 1837: Birth of Thomas Mar Athanasius Metropolitan. Thomas Mar Athanasius, the first son of Abraham Malpan was born in Palakunnathu family of Maramon on 07 October 1837. He was the Metropolitan of our Church from 1877-1893. It was during his time we lost almost all our churches and properties in a court case called “Seminary Suit”. The main events during his episcopate are the formation of

“The Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association” in 1888 and the beginning of Our Church Magazine “Malankara Sabha Tharaka” in 1893. Though the episcopate of Thomas Mar Athanasius was a period of trial and suffering for the Church it was also one of great spiritual promise for the future. Thirumeni was called to his eternal home on 10 August 1893.

8 October, 1902: Birth of Rev. P.E. Mathew, Neduvelil, Keezhukara, Kozhencherry (D.19 Aug 1983). After his theological training in the Serampore Theological College he became deacon on 28 August 1935 and priest on 12 October 1935. For few years he was a teacher in Vazhoor School. Our Church historian Mr. N. M. Mathew, who wrote the History of the Mar Thoma Church in three volumes, is his son.

8 October, 1998: Death of Rev. C. Chacko, Pallathu, Venmony (b.16 May 1906). After 21 years of teaching, he became deacon on 16 Sep 1950 and priest on 7 Apr.1951. He served 29 parishes including Anicadu, Punnaveli and Aranmula. His wife Mrs. Mariamma is the daughter of Sadhu Kochoonju Upadesi.

9 October, 1888: Birth of Rev. M. C. Thomas, Malayil, Ettichuvattil, Ranny. Achen gave leadership for the establishment of Ebenezer High School, Ranny and was its manager for many years. In addition to his spiritual work, he took keen interest in the construction of public roads and the establishment of a post office in Ranny. Achen passed away on 03 March, 1960.

9 October, 1973: Death of Rev. Cherian Thomas, Kallisseril Kurishummoottil, Ranny (b.19 Jun 1931). Became deacon on 22 Jun 1967 and after words priest. Few years he was the General Secretary of the Voluntary Evangelists Association. Achen died in a motor cycle accident in Powathilpadi (Mallappally)

10 October, 1910: Birth of Rev. K. T. Chakkunny, Pazhagy (d.8 Jul 1978). Became a deacon on 5 April 1938 and priest on 12 Nov 1938. He was the vicar of the Chalissery, Chennamkerry, Pathanapuram, Chengannur, Kuriannoor and Niranam Parishes. He was the secretary of Easow Mar Timotheos Episcopa. He was a gifted writer and published 15 books on different subjects.

11 October, 1985: Pastor C. S. Mathew, author of “Enn priyanepol sundaranaye areyum njaan ulakil” (Maramon 2004, Song 70), passes away. Born to a very poor Hindu family as the son of Omal and Perukkam of Kariyampalvu, he could only study up to class 4. He lost his father when he was very young. Later his family became Christians. He wrote more than 250 hymns.

11 October, 1904: Birth of Very Rev P. J. Thomas, Perumbavoor (1904- 1990). Very. Rev. P. J. Thomas was a member of the Parumoottil Family of Anaprampal near Tiruvalla. In addition to his services as vicar of many of our parishes, he was also the traveling secretary of the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association, General Secretary of the

NMS (National Missionary Society) and teacher in the Kottayam Theological Seminary. For 28 years he served as a missionary in our Ankola Mission Field in the North Karnataka Area, He was a prominent writer, who wrote 14 books in Malayalam, two in English and four in Kannada. His book got first prize in a competition for the Kannada writers held by the Kannada Literature Parishathu (Society). From 1967-1981 he was the Vicar General of our Church. He passed away on 07 March 1990.

12 October, 1518: German reformer Martin Luther undergoes an excruciating interview about his 95 Theses (posted one year earlier) with Cardinal Thomas Cajetan in Augsburg. It was so painful, Luther later recalled, that he could not even ride a horse because his bowels ran freely from morning to night.

12 October, 1971: The rock musical "Jesus Christ Superstar" debuts on Broadway. Jesus Christ Superstar is a rock opera by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Released as a double-album in 1970, it highlights the political and interpersonal struggles of Judas Iscariot and Jesus. The action largely follows the canonical gospels' accounts of the last weeks of Jesus' life, beginning with Jesus and his followers arriving in Jerusalem and ending with the Crucifixion.

12 October, 1917: Birth of Rev. J Joseph (d.19 Feb 2008) Gudallur (Padinjattidom, Edayaranmula) Became deacon on 16 September 1950 and priest on 23 March 1951. For many years Achen was the Missionary of the Church in the Malabar area. He is known as the Apostle of Malabar (North Kerala) because he established many Mar Thoma parishes in Malabar. He served more than 30 parishes. Achen was called to his eternal home on 19 Feb 2008

13 October, 1917: Three shepherd children near Fatima, Portugal, report visions of the Virgin Mary.

13 October, 1923: Death of M. C. George Kasseesa, Maliyekkal, Kuriannoor (b.17 Apr 1874). He became deacon in Jan.1903 and priest in Feb.1904. For many years he taught in CMS and Mar Thoma Schools in various places. Once due to the absence of foreign Missionaries (speakers) Achen gave all the messages (30) in the Maramon Convention. Alexander Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan is his son.

13 October, 1979: Death of Very. Rev.T. N. Koshy, Kumbanad (b.13 Dec 1901). He became deacon on 12 Oct 1935 and priest afterwards. In 1936 Church sent Achen to Singapore- Malaysia to take care of the Mar Thoma community. During his 26 years of service he establishes many parishes in Singapore and Malaysia and established a diocese also. Later he became the Sabha secretary. (1963-1969)

13 October, 1987: Death of Rev. John C Varghese, Vennikulam (b. 31 Jan 1901). Became deacon on 4 Jan 1947 and priest in Jun 1947.Served 19 parishes including Vazhoor, Kaanam, Vennikulam and Keezhvaipur. He was an expert watch repairer.

13 October, 1932: Birth of Rev. O .M Mathew, Othampampil, Ancherry, Kottayam (d.16 Feb 1993). Became deacon on 7 Aug 1960 and Priest on 1 Nov.1960. He served 15 parishes including Ancherry, Konni, Vennikulam and Chunakkara.

14 October, 1911: Birth of Rev. M. S. Jacob, Managalasserril, Karthikapally (d.20 Apr.2001). He started his career as a teacher, then as an evangelist. Became deacon on 13 May 1944 and priest on 13 Jul 1944. For few years he was the South Travancore Missionary of the Evangelistic Association.

14 October, 1923: Birth of Rev. K. C. Cherian, Paippadu (d.13 Jul 1987). After theological training from the Kottayam Seminary he became priest in 1950. Served 16 Parishes. For three years he was the Sea Coast Missionary of the Evangelistic Association.

15 October, 1981: Establishment of MCRD. To commemorate the Consecration Silver Jubilee of Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Metropolitan, Thomas Mar Athanasius Suffragan Metropolitan and Philipose Mar Chrysostom Metropolitan Mar Thoma Church established "Mar Thoma Centre for Rehabilitation and Development (MCRD)" in Thelliyoora a village in Tiruvalla Taluk. Navajothi- a school for the mentally retarded children was inaugurated on 15 October 1981.

16 October, 1555: English reformers Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley are burned at the stake at the order of Roman Catholic Queen Mary Tudor. Hugh Latimer (b. approx. 1485/90, d. October 16, 1555) was the bishop of Rochester, the bishop of Worcester, and after his death he became a famous Protestant martyr. Nicholas Ridley (died October 16, 1555) was an English clergyman. He came from a prominent family in Tynedale, Northumberland, and was born early in the sixteenth century. He was educated at the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle and the University of Cambridge, where he received his Master's degree in 1525. Soon afterward he was ordained as a priest and went to the Sorbonne, in Paris, for further education. He was burned at the stake, a martyr for his teachings and his support of Lady Jane Grey, along with Hugh Latimer on October 16, 1555 in Oxford.

17 October, 1979: Mother Teresa is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Mother Teresa (born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu (August 27, 1910 – September 5, 1997), was a Roman Catholic nun who founded the Missionaries of Charity . For over forty years, she ministered to the needs of the poor, sick, orphaned, and dying in Calcutta. As the Missionaries of Charity grew under Mother Teresa's leadership, they expanded their ministry to other countries.

17 October, 1981: Death of Rev. K. C. Mathew, Kolathu, Kozhencherry (b.8 Aug.1898). After serving many years the Scripture Union and the Sunday School Samajam as a lay missionary he became priest on 1 January 1944. His wife Achamma was the daughter of Mrs. Kandamma Varghese (One of the founders of the Sevika Sanghom). He served many parishes including Edayaranmula, Punalur and Kozhencherry.

17 October, 1874: Birth of John Easow, author of “Nalla devane njangalh ellaavareyum”. He was a member of the Mullasseril family of Pandanadu, near Chengannur. After his education he became a health inspector in Nilgris. And after that he became the manager of Spenser co. in Trichur. Along with this secular job he did Gospel work. He was called home on 15 Feb, 1954. Hymn Nos. 59, 170 and 199 in our book *Kristheeya Keerththanangal* are written by him.

18 October, 1931: Birth of Rev. M. M. Abraham (Sihora). Achen was a member of the Chirakkadavu family of Elanthoor. After passing his intermediate examination, he went to Bhopal and along with his friends he established the Sehatganj Mission Field. In 1958, he joined our Sihora Ashram and became a priest in 1966. He was the vicar of our Sihora, Katni and Ittarsi parishes. He was called home on 22 September, 1997.

18 October, 1902: Birth of Rev. P. M.Thomas (Sr) Pulivelil, Maramon (d.27 Jul.2002). Became deacon on 23 July 1932 and priest on 5 November 1932. Served more than 40 Parishes. He was the Secretary of the Niranam Maramon Diocese.

18 October, 1821: CMS Missionary Mr. Benjamin Baily starts Malayalam printing in Kerala .The printing press sent to Mr. Benjamin Baily by the Church Missionary Society from London arrived in Kottayam on 18 October 1821, via Bombay and Alleppey seaports. Mr. Baily is the first person to print Malayalam in Kerala. He got the Bible translated into Malayalam and the whole Bible was published in 1841.

18 October, 1662: Birth of Matthew Henry (d. 22 June, 1714) the Great Bible Commentator. Matthew Henry was so frail at his birth that he was baptized when he was only a day old, lest he died within the week. As a boy he was physically weak, but mentally and, indeed, spiritually strong. He is said to have read aloud a chapter of the Bible when he was only three years old. He began his Bible Commentary in 1704. His commentary is a valuable aid for all those who study the Bible.

19 October, 1856: A Sunday evening service led by Charles Haddon Spurgeon turns tragic when someone shouts "Fire!" in London's enormous Surrey Hall. There was no fire, but the stampede left 7 people dead and 28 more hospitalized. Though the episode plunged Spurgeon into weeks of depression, it also catapulted him to overnight fame.

19 October, 1932: Birth of Rev. N. C. Varghese, Nathalathu, Aarattupuzha (d.23 Dec 2006). Became deacon on 20 Jun 1963 and priest on 2 Aug 1963.Served more than 35 parishes. He was a teacher in A. M. M. Bible institute in Tiruvalla for few years.

19 October, 1929: Death of Mathai Kathanar, Puthenpurakkal, Thumpamon (b.3 Sep 1865). Became deacon in 1879 and ordained as priest by Parumala Thirumeni in 1888.Achen was active supporter of the Reformation movement in the Malankara Church, and he gave leadership for the formation of the Immanuel Mar Thoma Parish - Thumpamon (Estd.1891), Thumpamon Salem and Omalloor Mar Thoma parish.

20 October, 1909: Titus I Mar Thoma Metropolitan (born on 18 Feb, 1843) passes away. Titus I Mar Thoma was consecrated as bishop after the death of Thomas Mar Athanasius by the Metropolitan of the Thozhiur Church at Kottayam Cheria Pally. He was the Metropolitan from 18 January 1894 to 20 October 1909.

20 October, 1971: Pastor M. K. Varghese, author of “Kunjaattin thiru rakthaththaal njaan” (Hymn No 254), passes away. Born in Edayaranmula in Nov. 1893, he was a close friend of Mahakavi K. V. Simon. Later he shifted his residence to Kumbanad and became a full time evangelist.

20 October, 1913: Birth of Rev. K. N. George, Mulakkuzha (d.27 Dec 1999). He was ordained deacon on 21 May, 1940, and priest on 14 November, 1940. He served as the vicar of 37 parishes. For five years he served as the correspondent (Administrator) of the Schools managed by our Sunday School Samajam. When the Christian College in Chengannur was established in 1964, he was the fund raising project convener. Later, he was a member and treasurer of the College Governing Committee and in 1965; he visited many parishes in various parts of India to raise funds for the Christian College. Achen was the committee member of the Evangelistic Association and the Yuvajana Sakhyam. For a few years he was the Vice President of the Yuvajana Sakhyam. He gave leadership for the establishment of the Peringala Mission field. He was also the Manager of the Mar Thoma Schools in Venmony and Edayaranmula. He was the founding President of the Bible Society Branch in Chengannur. Bishop Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Timotheos and Rev. Ninan George are his sons.

20 October, 1960: Death of Rev. K. J. Thomas (Jr) Kalathrayil, Maramon (b.24 Sep 1905). After the education in CNI became deacon in 1942 and priest 1948. He was actively involved in the Missionary work in Pandalam, Muthukulam, Thirkunnapuzha Sea Coast and Mundakkayam. With the help of the youths he constructed a Sunday school building in Maramon, which was later used for the A. M. M. Hospital.

21 October, 1956: Death of Rev. C.M. Thomas, Kochuparampil, Kuriannoor (b.3 July 1893). For nine years Achen taught in the Nicholson Girl’s School in Tiruvalla. He was the headmaster of the Mar Thoma English Middle school in Vadasserikkara.

21 October, 1910: Birth of Mr. M. T. Joseph (d.18 Feb, 1995), Co-founder of the Hoskote Mission. Joseph was the son of Ipe Thomas and Rachelamma of Manon, Maramon. He was an Anchel Master (Post Master) who left his lucrative government job and home town, to go to an unknown village far away in rural Karnataka, with the sole purpose of spreading the Gospel. The Hoskote Mission Medical Center was established in 1947 in Hoskote, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka.

21 October, 1857: Birth of Geevarughese Kathanar, Kochiyil Achen, Puthenpurakkal Thazathethil, (Kaviyoor) (d.20 Nov.1947). Became deacon at the age 12, on 5 Oct 1869

and priest on 11 Jul 1875. Served many parishes including Kaviyoor, Amalloor, Anjilithanam and Paleyekkara. He used treat for eye sickness.

22 October, 4004 BC: According to James Ussher, the well-respected and scholarly Anglican primate of the Irish Church in the early seventeenth century, God created the universe on this date at 9:00 a.m. GMT.

22 October, 1811: Pianist Franz Liszt, known for his Romantic orchestras and songs, but also the author of more than 60 religious works (including the song known today as "Fairest Lord Jesus"), is born in Raiding, Hungary.

22 October, 1844: Between 50,000 and 100,000 followers of Baptist lay preacher William Miller prepared for "The Day of Atonement"—the day Jesus would return. Jesus didn't, and though Miller retained his faith in Christ's imminent return until his death, he blamed human mistakes in Bible chronologies for "The Great Disappointment." Several groups arose from Miller's following, including the Seventh Day Adventists.

23 October, 1979: Very Rev. T. N. Koshy (Born 13 Dec, 1901) passes away. Achen was a member of the Ureyepadikkal family of Kumbanad. After getting his B.D. Degree from the Bishops College, Calcutta, he was ordained on October 12, 1935 and sent to Malaya, to organize the parishes there. Traveling through the length and breadth of Malaya and Singapore, he established 27 parishes, which later formed the Diocese of Malaysia and Singapore. He came back to India and worked as our Sabha Secretary for 6 years (1963-1969). This ecclesiastical statesman passed away on 23 October, 1979, at the age of 78.

23 October, 1923: Death of Maliyekkal M C George Kasseesa. Maliyekkal M C George Kasseesa was born on 17 April 1874 in Kuriannoor. For many years he was the main translator of the Maramon convention messages. Once it so happened that the proposed main speaker of the Maramon Convention couldn't attend the convention, Church selected Rev M C George as the main speaker and he spoke in almost all the meetings of that year's convention. He was below thirty when this incident happened. Our late Metropolitan Alexander Mar Thoma was his son.

24 October, 1945: The United Nations (UN) is an international organization whose stated aims are to facilitate cooperation in international law, international security, economic development, social progress and human rights issues. The United Nations was founded in 1945 to replace the League of Nations, in the hope that it would intervene in conflicts between nations and thereby avoid war. The organization began with fifty countries signing the United Nations Charter. The organization's structure still reflects in some ways the circumstances of its founding. The five permanent members of the UN Security Council, each of which has veto power on any Security Council resolution, are the main victors of World War II or their successor states (alphabetical order): the People's Republic of China (which replaced the Republic of China in 1971); the French Republic; the Russian Federation (which replaced the Union of Soviet

Socialist Republics in 1991); the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and the United States of America.

25 October, 1955: Death of Sadako Sasaki (B. January 7, 1943) was a Japanese girl who lived near Misasa Bridge in Hiroshima, Japan. She was only two years old when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. At the moment of explosion she was at her home, about 1 mile from zero. In November of 1954 she developed a cold, and lumps developed on her neck and behind her ears that slowly moved towards her face. In January of 1955 purple spots started to form on her legs. On February 18, 1955 she was diagnosed with leukemia. She was hospitalized on February 21, 1955, and given at the most, a year to live. On August 3, 1955, Sadako saw a gift of one thousand origami paper cranes that were donated to the hospital from the people of Nagoya as a "Get Well" gift. Inspired by the cranes, she started folding them herself spurred on by the Japanese saying that one who folded a thousand cranes was granted a wish. At the time of her death, she had folded a total of 1,300 cranes. A popular version of the story is that she fell short of her goal of folding 1,000 cranes, having folded only 644 before her death, and that her friends completed the 1,000 and buried them all with her.

26 October, 1751: Hymn writer, Rev. Philip Doddridge passes away. Rev. Philip, an English priest from Leicestershire is remembered for the large number (about 500) of Hymns he wrote and for his scheme to distribute Bibles at home and abroad. Hymn No. 250 (228) in our book, *Kristheeya Keerththanangal* "En rakshakaa! En Daivame! Ninnil aaya naalh" (O Happy Day!) is written by him.

26 October, 1950: Mother Teresa ((August 26, 1910 – September 5, 1997) founds the first Mission of Charity in Calcutta, India.

26 October, 1966: The first World Congress on Evangelism opens in West Berlin, attracting approximately 600 delegates from about 100 countries. Our Alexander Mar Theophilus (Alexander Mar Thoma) led the opening 'Procession of nations'.

27 October, 1978: The complete New International Version (NIV) of the Bible is published.

27 October, 1880: Birth of K. M. Mathew Kasseesa, Karyadyil, Kattanam (d.21 July 1944). Became deacon at the age of 15 (12 June 1895) and priest at the age of 18 (4 Nov.1898) for many years he was the vicar of the Kattanam and Thamarakulam parishes. During the final years of his life he joined in the Orthodox Church

27 October, 1942: Death of T. O. John Kasseesa, Thuralayil, Venmony (b.28Jul 1869). Became deacon at the age of 14 (20 April 1883) and priest in 1891. He was an expert in architecture and helped for the construction of many church and school buildings. He was a good doctor for rabies.

28 October, 1992: The Korean Hyoo-go (Korean for "rapture") movement, led by Prophet Lee Jang Rim, predicts that this is the day of the rapture.

28 October, 1931: Birth of Rev. K Thomas Panicker, Puthenvila, Kundara (6 Jun 1996). After his education in S. N. College, Kollam and M. T .Seminary in Kottayam, Became deacon on 15 May 1965 and priest on 28 Jul 1965.

29 October, 1909: Death of Titus I Mar Thoma Metropolitan .Titus I Mar Thoma (born on 08 Feb 1843) was the fourth son of Abraham Malpan. The main events that happened during his episcopate are: Beginning of Maramon Convention, Establishment of Theological Seminary at Kottayam, Formation of Sunday School Samajam and the beginning of Mission work out side Travancore (in Karwar in North Canara)

29 October, 1562: Birth of George Abbot. George Abbot who translated the Gospels, Acts and Revelation for the King James Bible was born in England on 29 October 1562. He became the head of the Church of England in 1611, but his popularity and his health declined sharply after he killed a man in a hunting accident in 1621.

29 October, 1882: Birth of Rev. P. J. John, Pattamukkil, Niranam (d.9 Nov.1965). Before ordination he was a teacher in St. Thomas School, Niranam, headmaster of Vattadi Girls School, and administrative staff in Nicholson School, Tiruvalla. Became deacon on 14 April 1934 and priest in May 1934. For few years he was the Sea Coast Missionary of the Evangelistic Association.

30 October, 1880: Birth of Abraham Mar Thoma (30 October 1880-to 1 September 1947). Abraham Mar Thoma was known all over India for his burning passion for Evangelism, for his zeal for spreading the gospel through the length and breadth of India. He was the first Bishop of the Mar Thoma Church with a university degree. He received theological training in Canada. It was during his time the Mar Thoma Church became well known in the western world. He was our Metropolitan from 1944 to 1947. He passed away on Sep 1, 1947.

31 October, 1517: Martin Luther starts reformation in Germany. On October 31, 1517 Luther posted his famous ninety-five theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. The theses included statements challenging "Indulgences "(getting forgiveness of sins by payment of money to the Church). Luther believed that Indulgences degraded the forgiving grace of God and weakened the Church itself. This event is considered as the beginning of Luther's reformation.

31 October, 1992: Pope John Paul II formally admits the Roman Catholic Church's error in condemning Galileo Galilee in 1633 for believing the sun, not the earth, was the center of the universe.

31 October, 1993: Death of Rev. N. V. George, Thumpamon (b.6 Sep 1913). After Obtaining L.Th from the Seminary in Kottayam, he became deacon on 27 May 1945 and priest on 7 Aug. 1945. Served more than 35 parishes. Before his ordination for few years he taught in the Mar Thoma Schools in Palakkad and Erimayoor. He was the Vice – president of the Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam.

31 October, 2001: Death of Rev. C. V. George B.A. B.L, Chandanakuzhiyil, Ettichuvadu, Ranny. Rev. George was an Advocate (Lawyer). Before his ordination, he was in jail for almost a year for his participation in the Freedom movement of India. He became a priest in 1947. From 1947- 1950 he was the General Secretary of the Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam. He was the only Mar Thoma Priest who is recognized and awarded as a freedom fighter by the Government. He was the founder president of the Ranny Medical Mission.

31 October, 1908: Birth of Rev. C. T. Oommen, Kuzhikkala (d.12 Dec. 1976). After the theological education in Serampore, became deacon on 4 April 1938 and priest on 20 Feb 1939. Served many parishes including Ranny, Maramon and Bangalore. Few years he served as the North Travancore Missionary of the Evangelistic association.

31 October, 2006: Death of Rev. J Varghese, Karthikapally: (b.11 Apr.1917) On 21 June, 1947, Rev. J. Varghese (b.11 April 1917) Vicar of the Thumpamon Chennieerkkara Parish and many members of the parish were severely beaten up in the Church compound in the midst of a funeral service by the non Christians of that area. The Church building was destroyed and the dead body along with the coffin was thrown out on the road. Communal tension prevailed in that area for many days and after the intervention of the government authorities, the body was buried again in our cemetery on the third day.

