

CHURCH HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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September, 1854: Slave Daivathan becomes Habel. Kaipattayil Daivathan was a slave of the Modayil Family in Mallappally. He was the first member of the Pulaya Community to be baptized by the CMS missionary Rev. John Hoxworth and was given the name Habel.

1 September, 1947: Abraham Mar Thoma (b.3 Nov 1880) passes away. Abraham Mar Thoma was the Metropolitan of our Church from 1944 to 1947. His chief contribution lay in the promotion of evangelistic work and the encouragement of lay leadership in the Church. Abraham Mar Thoma was a staunch nationalist who stood for the democratic rights of the people.

2 September, A.D 459: Death of Simeon Stylites. After spending 36 years on top of a pillar praying, fasting, and occasionally preaching, Simeon Stylites dies. At first he sat on a nine-foot pillar, but gradually replaced it with higher and higher ones; the last was more than 50 feet tall. After his death, the Syrian ascetic-who had won the respect of both pope and emperor inspired many imitators.

2 September, 1979: Death of Rev. C. V. John (b.10 April 1909), Former Principal of the Mar Thoma Seminary, Kottayam. Rev. John was born on 10 April, 1909, to the Chirappurath Family of Tabor Mar Thoma Church in Thottakkad, near Kottayam. Varghese and Annamma were his parents. After obtaining his theological Degree (B.D.) from Serampore University and B.A. from Calcutta University, he became a priest in 1938. He started as a teacher in the M.T. Seminary High School, Kottayam and then became a teacher in Mar Thoma Theological Seminary. He was the Vicar of the Jerusalem MTC, Kottayam, St. Peter's MTC, Manganam, Mar Thoma Parish, Quilon and the secretary of the Northern Division of the Church from 1948-1953. For two years, from 1956, he served as a student chaplain of Ohio State University, Columbus, O.H, USA. In 1963, he became the Principal of the M.T. Seminary. Through his hard work the seminary was upgraded to B.D. Level in 1974. Achen was the second defendant in the Daniel Case (Dr. Juhanon Mar Thoma was the first defendant) and was examined by the court for many days. His statements during the trial regarding the faith and practices of the Church are commendable. Achen was a gifted orator and writer. He has written numerous books and many of his articles were published in the Church magazine "Sabha Tharaka". Achen's Kochamma, Saramma (Chinnamma), was the daughter of T.P. Thomas, Theverthundiyl, Maramon. For many years, he was one of the official translators of the Maramon convention. He was a member of the Sabha Council and of various subcommittees. Achen had a massive heart attack on 2 Sep, 1979, while he was preparing for Holy Communion Service in the Church at Ernakulam. He passed away

before getting any medical aid. Achen will be remembered for the highly distinguished service he has rendered to our Church during critical times

3 September, 1889: Birth of Sadhu Sunder Singh. Sunder Singh was a member of an ancient, aristocratic, and wealthy Sikh family in the village of Rampur in the State of Patiala. He was very religious. Jesus appeared to him in a vision in the early hours of 18th December 1904. Like Paul he heard a voice "Why do you persecute me? Remember that I gave my life for you upon the Cross". On Sunday, the 3rd of September, 1905, on his sixteenth birthday, he was baptized in St. Thomas Church at Simla according to the rite of the Anglican Church. He is believed to have died in the foothills of the Himalayas in 1929 on his way to Tibet.

3 September, 1752: Calendar Changes. This day and the next 10 days never happened in Great Britain as the kingdom adopts the Gregorian Calendar (developed by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582) to replace the inaccurate calendar created by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. Riots break out as Brits argue the government just stole 11 days from their lives.

3 September, 1865: Birth of Mathai Kathanar, Puthenpurakkal, Thumpamon (d.18 Oct.1929). Became a deacon in 1879 and ordained as a 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 parishes.

4 September, 1847: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) writes the Hymn "Abide with me" (Malayalam – *Koode paarkka neram vaikkunnitha*, No.8 (7) in *Kristheeya Keerththanagal*). Lyte wrote this hymn at the end of his life, just two months before he died. The text for this Hymn was taken from Luke's Gospel Ch.24 v. 29 "Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent".

4 September, 1736: Birth of Robert Raikes (d. 5 April 1811) founder of Sunday Schools. Robert Raikes, an English News paper editor who founded Sunday school to educate poor children was born in Gloucester, England. He started the first Sunday school in 1780. Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam was established in 1905.

4 September, 1965: Albert Schweitzer, (b.14 Jan.1875) German theologian, organist, and medical missionary, dies in what is now Gabon. Albert Schweitzer was born into an Alsatian family which for generations had been devoted to religion, music, and education. His father and maternal grandfather were ministers; both of his grandfathers were talented organists; many of his relatives were persons of scholarly attainments. He wrote *The Quest of the Historical Jesus* (1910) and received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1953.

4 September, 1918: Birth of Rev. K. V. Mathew, Kollenttevadakkethil, Pennukkara (d. 11 Mar, 1958). K. M. Varghese and Aleyamma were his parents. Became deacon on 22 Aug.1946. Rev. Varghese K Mathew is his son.

4 September, 2004: Rev. P. V. George, Paduthodu, Narakathani passes away (b.17 Feb.1923). After passing B.A. (Azusa College, California) and B.D. (Temple University, USA) he became deacon on 4 Oct. 1969 and priest on 1 Nov.1969.Rev.Dr.P.G.George is his son.

5 September, 1997: Mother Teresa, winner of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize and founder of the Missionaries of Charity (now with 517 missions worldwide) dies in Calcutta. Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Skopje, Macedonia, on August 27, 1910. Her family was of Albanian descent. At the age of twelve, she felt strongly the call of God. She knew she had to be a missionary to spread the love of Christ. At the age of eighteen she left her parental home in Skopje and joined the Sisters of Loreto, an Irish community of nuns with missions in India.

5 September, 1888: Formation of the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association. Kottarathil Thomas Kasseesa and eleven other God fearing persons gathered together in Kallisseri Kadavil Malika (a place near Chengannur) for prayer and decided to form this association for the propagation of the Gospel and for the spiritual enrichment of the church members.

5 September, 1888: Birth of Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan (d. 17 April, 1975). Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was India's vice president from 1952 to 1962 and president from 1962 to 1967. His birthday (05 Sep) we celebrate as Teachers Day and the first Sunday of September the Mar Thoma Church celebrates as Education Day.

6 September, 1913: Birth of Rev. N. V. George, Thenguvilayil, Thumpamon (d. 31 Oct.1993). 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.

6 September, 1983: Death of Rev. Dr. V. P. Thomas, Vadakkenazhikathu ,Kundara (b.12 Aug 1912).Following the footsteps of his father V. I. Philipose Kassessa became deacon on 27 June 1947 and priest on 7 January 1948. After serving few parishes he worked with the Leonard Theological College in Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh) for many years. He was one of the prominent members of the Serampore University Senate. He was the Principal of the M.T. Seminary in Kottayam and the Clergy Trustee of our Church.

6 September, 1835: Birth of Vidhuvan Kutty Achen. Ramayyar (Vidhuvan Kutty- Rev. Yustus Joseph) was born in Manipuram village of Palghat district in a Brahmin family. His parents were professional temple singers. They became members of the CMS Church in 1861. Later Vidhuvan Kutty became one of the best known Hymn writers. His famous Hymn "*Sthuthipin Sthuthipin Yeshu Devane*" (Hymn No 49 in *Kristheeya Keerththanagal*) is so popular that it is still sung at the final meeting (Sunday afternoon) of every Maramon convention.

7 September, 1845: Death of Abraham Malpan. Born in 1796 in Palakunnathu family at Maramon. Became a Deacon in 1811 and Priest in 1815. He was a Malpan (Teacher) in Kottayam Theological seminary. He gave able leadership for the reformation in the Syrian Church. He is known as the Luther of the Malankara Church. Our Bishops Thomas Mar Athanasius (1837 –1893) and Titus I Mar Thoma (1843-1910) were his sons. He conducted the first Malayalam Holy Communion service in 1837 in the Maramon Mar Thoma Church. It was a historical event, till that time in all the churches communion services were conducted in Syrian Language. He was called to his eternal home on 7th September 1845 and was buried in the Maramon Mar Thoma Church.

8 September, 1937: Birth of Rev. P. S .Philip, Kottampally, Ochira (d.29 Nov.1973). After his studies in U. C. College Alwaye and Leonard Theological College in Jabalpur, became deacon on 28 August 1962 and priest in November 1962. Served 14 Parishes including Kundara, Pathanapuram, Kozhikode and Thevalakkara.

9 September, 1865: Birth of Geevarghese Kathanar, Kozhencherry (d.6 Aug 1929). Following the footsteps of his father Valiyathundiyl Mathai Kathanar, he became deacon in 1880 and priest in 1887. For many years he was the vicar of the Kumbanad and Kozhencherry parishes.

9 September 1992: Rev. J Thomas, Kolathu (Kumblamthanam), Kochi (b.5 Jun 1902) passes away. He started his career as a teacher in the English school in Ayroor. Became deacon on 23 July 1932 and priest in November in the same year. He gave leadership for the establishment of Mukkola Mission field school and Athiyal Upper primary School.

10 September, 1819: Birth of Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1819-1886). “Poets learn in suffering what they teach in song”. Such a truth is simply illustrated from the circumstances surrounding the writing of the well-loved hymn “What a friend we have in Jesus” (Song No 173 (164) in our Malayalam Hymn Book Kristheeya Keerththanagal). Its author Scriven was born in Ireland. The girl he was to marry accidentally drowned on the previous day of marriage. Afterwards he married another lady, who also died within a short time. After her death, same year, he wrote this famous hymn.

10 September, 1946: Jesus Speaks to Mother Teresa. While Mother Teresa was traveling in a train to Darjeeling for her holidays, she heard Jesus telling her “I want you to serve Me in the poorest of the poor”. The sisters of the “Missionaries of Charity” keep this day as “Inspiration Day”. Mother Teresa (August 26, 1910 – September 5, 1997) was an Albanian Roman Catholic nun who founded the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India in 1950. For over forty years she ministered to the poor, sick, orphaned, and dying, while guiding the Missionaries of Charity's expansion, first throughout India and then in other countries. By the 1970s she had become internationally famed as a humanitarian and advocate for the poor and helpless, due in part to a documentary, and book, “*Something Beautiful for God*” by Malcolm Muggeridge. She won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her humanitarian work. Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity continued to expand, and at the time of her death it was operating 610 missions in 123 countries, including hospices and homes for people with HIV/AIDS, leprosy and

tuberculosis, soup kitchens, children's and family counseling programs, orphanages, and schools.

11 September, 1917: Birth of Rev. C. J. Thomas, Kaaniyil, Tiruvalla (d.12 Sep.1994). Became priest on 12 July 1948. For many years he was a teacher in the A.M.M. Bible Institute and Episcopal Jubilee Institute in Tiruvalla. He used to prepare and publish Bible reading notes in Malayalam based on BRF (Bible Readers' Fellowship)

12 September, 1994: Death of Rev. A. I. Jacob, Aalunkal, Mallappally (b.26 Mar.1915). He became priest after completing his L.Th studies in the Theological Seminary in Kottayam. Served 33 parishes including Karuvatta, Kadammanitta and Anikkad.

13 September, 1929: Birth of Rev. K. T. Alexander, Kumbukkattu, Valakam (d.26 Nov.2003). Became deacon in 1960 and priest on 1 Oct.1960. He served as a Missionary in North Travancore, Nialmbur, and Palakkad. He was the founding secretary of the Chungathara College Educational Society. He was a close friend of the former Indian President K. R. Narayanan. His wife Dr. Aley Alexander is a missionary doctor.

13 September, 1947: Death of M G, Zachariah Malpan Maliyekkal, Karthikapally. (b.15 ul.1886). He was ordained in Jacobite Church in 1911, but in 1912 he joined in the Mar Thoma Church along with a number of his followers. From 1927-1947 he was the Malpan (Syriac Teacher) in the Kottayam Seminary. He translated the Order of worship for Marriage, Baptism, Burial, House warming etc from Syriac language to Malayalam and published it in 1929 with the permission of the Metropolitan Titus II.

14 September, 1905: Sara Chacko passes away. Sara Chacko (b. 13 Feb 1905), daughter of M. A. Chacko (former Divan Peshkar of The Kingdom of Cochin) was the principal of Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow. In 1947, she became the Vice President of World YWCA and in 1951 she was elected as one of the presidents of the World Council of Churches. She was a great leader of the Ecumenical Movement.

14 September, 1858: Mulanthuruthy Chathuruthiyil Geevarghese becomes deacon at the age of ten. Malankara Metropolitan, Maramon Palakunnathu Mathews Mar Athanasius (Mar Thoma 13) gives "Koruyo Pattam" (an order just below the full diaconship) to Geevarghese at the Karingashraya Church, Mulanthuruthy. Geevarghese became a full deacon in 1865 and in the same year he became priest and Cor Episcopa. At the age of 28 he became bishop with the name Geevarghese Mar Gregorios who was later known as Parumala Thirumeni.

14 September, 407: Early church father John Chrysostom, the greatest preacher of his age, dies in exile when, in poor health, he is forced to travel on foot in bad weather. He was the archbishop of Constantinople.

14 September, 1948: Death of A. G. Thomas Kasseesa, Aanikkattu Edayaranmula (b. 6 Feb.1873). After the training in CNI became deacon in Jan.1895 and priest in Nov

1895.Established primary schools in Malakkara, Erumakkadu, Edayaranmula and Kalarikodu.

14 September, 2006: Death of Rev. C. C. Joseph, Cherukara, Thadiyoor (b.28 Mar.1928). Became deacon on 23 Aug 1952 and priest on 20 Dec.1952.Served more than twenty parishes including Pathanapuram Immanuel, Pollachi, Kuriannoor Salem etc.

15 September, 1853: Antoinette Brown becomes the first female minister ordained in America. Antoinette Brown, (May 20, 1825 – November 5, 1921), was the first woman to be ordained as a minister in the United States, when she was called to be the pastor of the Congregational church in South Butler, New York in 1853. Her ordination, however, was not recognized by her denomination.

15 September, 1988: Death of Rev. K. J. Philip, Chalakkattil, Niranam (b.3 Feb 1910). Became deacon on 26 Apr 1941 and priest on 20 Jun 1942. From 1933-37 he was the Secretary of the Alappuzha YMCA. He taught in the United Biblical Seminary, Kannanmoola, M. T. Seminary Kottayam and Episcopal Jubilee Institute Tiruvalla. From 1969-1975 He was the Sabha Secretary.

15 September, 1990: Death of Rev. P. V. Abraham (Aalaa Achen) Valakam (b.30 Aug 1901). After passing B. A., B. D. and L.T he became a deacon on 27 Sep.1928 and priest on 29 Aug.1929. He was the headmaster of the Valakam High School. For many years he published a magazine called “Athma Prakashini” He had written many books and articles. His wife Saramma was the sister of Alexander Mar Thoma Metropolitan.

15 September, 1886; Birth of V. K. Varghese Kasseesa, Valiyaveettil Chunakkara (d.13 dec.1971). Became deacon on 1Jan 1905 and priest on 12 Mar 1906. Served more than 25 parishes including Mavelikkara, Kumbanad and Trichur. Rev. George Varghese former Clergy trustee is his son.

16 September, 1498: Tomas de Torquemada (b.1420), the first Spanish Inquisitor General, dies. He burned over 2,000 victims, tortured thousands more, and in some areas, immolated as many as 40 percent of those accused. Inquisition is broadly used, to refer to things related to judgment of heresy by the Roman Catholic Church. It can mean an ecclesiastical tribunal or institution from the Roman Catholic Church for combating or suppressing heresy, or the trial of an individual accused of heresy. Inquisitor General is the lead official of an Inquisition.

17 September, 1917: Birth of M. E. Cherian, author of “Anugrahaththin Adhipathiye”. Cherian was the son of Kuriannoor Thannikkapurathuttu T. M. Easow (Kunjachen Upadeshi) and Ayroor Kanjeettukara Panamthottathil Aleyamma. At the age of 9 he accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour. He taught in the Noel Memorial School in Kumbanad for a few years, and from 1943 onwards he started full time gospel work. He has written more than 300 hymns and 13 books. Hymn nos. 92, 93, 94, 95, 233, 236, 238, 239, 241, 245, 248, 304, 364, 365, 379, 385, 386 and 409 in our Hymn book

(Kristheeya Keerththanangal) are written by him. He was called home on 2 October, 1993 while he was on a Gospel trip in Muthukulathoor Village near Madurai in Tamil Nadu.

18 September, 1858: Birth of Kate Booth (d.9 May 1955). She was the oldest daughter of William and Catherine Booth. Kate Booth brought the Salvation Army to France. As a captain, she led two lieutenants in preaching the Gospel in Paris, wearing sandwich boards when the police forbid them to hand out leaflets. They were not well received. Their street-corner sermons were often interrupted by people pelting them with mud and stones. After repeated attempts by men on the roads to strangle them by their bonnet strings, they began pinning the strings on rather than sewing them. They lived in rented apartments where prostitutes lived in poor conditions.

19 September, 1882: Salvation Army starts its work in India. On July 5, 1865 William Booth started Salvation Army in England. William Booth started "The Christian Mission" in London to work among the poor and the unchurched people. Later he changed the mission's name to Salvation Army.

19 September, 1987: Death of Rev. P. J. Jacob, Puthenveetil, Poovappally (b.24 Feb 1908). Became deacon on 29 Aug 1934 and priest on 1 Oct 1934. During his 50 years of service he served more than 25 parishes including Kottarakkara and Maramon.

20 September, 1224: On or about this date, on Italy's secluded Mount Alvernia, Francis of Assisi reportedly prayed, "O Lord, I beg of you two graces before I die—to experience in myself in all possible fullness the pains of your cruel passion, and to feel for you the same love that made you sacrifice yourself for us." Soon his heart was filled with both joy and pity, and wounds appeared on his hands, feet, and side. He reportedly carried these scars (called stigmata) until his death in 1226.

21 September, 1522: Martin Luther's Translation of Bible. First edition of Martin Luther's German translation of the New Testament is published. Luther's translation of the Bible into the German language vernacular, making it more accessible to ordinary people, had a tremendous political impact on the church and on German culture. The translation also furthered the development of a standard version of the German language, added several principles to the art of translation,^[4] and influenced the translation of the English King James Bible. His hymns inspired the development of congregational singing within Christianity.

21 September, 1991: Death of Very Rev. K.V. Jacob, Kalappila, Peringallur (b.21 Jul 1922). Following the footsteps of his father Rev. K. I .Varghese he became deacon on 23 Jun 1957 and priest on 10 Oct. 1957. Became Vicar General on 24 Mar 1984. He was a member of the Sabha Council, Vellore Medical College Governing council and NCCI.

22 September, 1963: Death of E. K. Mathew Kasseesa, Inchakalethu. Kidagannoor (b.9 feb.1882). Became deacon on 13 Jun 1900 and priest on 16 Nov 1903.He was the vicar

of Kidagannoor, Mulakkuzha and Thumpamon parishes. He gave leadership for the construction of Mar Thoma Church building in Kidagannoor.

22 September, 1921: Birth of Rev. V. A. George, Vettuparampil, Edathua (d.21 May 1992). Became deacon on 14 Jul 1954 and Priest on 28 Oct 1954. Served many parishes including Thevalakkara, Thalavady, Pathanapuram and Mangalam.

22 September, 1997: Death of Rev. M. M. Abraham, Karimpil, Naranganam, (Sihora) (b.18 Oct.1931). Achen was a member of the Chirakkadavu family of Elanthur. 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.

23 September, 2006; Death of Rev. M. S. Varghese, Mavilayil Kizhakkethil, Kuttapuzha (Pallipad) (b.5 Feb.1945). Became deacon on 25 Apr 1978 and priest on 13 May 1978. He was a gifted singer. For few years he was the Asst. Secretary of the Mar Thoma Sunday school Samajam.

24 September, 1905: Birth of Rev. K. J. Thomas (Jr) Kalatharayil, Maramon (d. 20 Oct.1960). After the education in CNI became deacon in 1942 and priest 1948. He was actively involved in the Missionary work in Pandalam, Muthukulam, and Thirkunnapuzha Sea Coast and in 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.

24 September, 1939: Birth of Rev. M. T Philip, Maliyil Purakkal, Thalavady (d.7 Nov.1993). After the education in Leonard Theological College he became deacon on 13 May 1967 and later priest. Served many parishes including Mundakkayam, Punnaveli, Vazhoor and Kaanam.

24 September, 1990; Death of Rev. John Varkey, Kannamplavil, Maramon (b.26 Aug.1938). Became deacon on 30 April 1966 and priest on 9 Jul 1966. In addition to his services as vicar of various parishes he was the General Secretary of the Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists Association for 8 years and he was the Manager of our Church Magazine Malankara Sabha Tharaka. He was called to his eternal home while serving as the Vicar of the Kuriannoor Mar Thoma Parish.

25 September, 1985: Vettamala Philipose Upadeshi, author of "*Vaazhum njaanen rekshithaavin koodeyepozhum*" (Maramon Convention, 2002, song no.: 69), passes away. Born, in 1900, to a very poor family he could only study up to 2nd standard. But his extreme devotion for his Master enabled him to write many Hymns. He traveled all around Kerala doing Gospel work.

26 September, 1897: Birth of Rev. K. V. Varghese, Thirumoolapuram (d.25 Jul 2000). After passing B.A., L.T., degrees he became deacon on 29 November 1949 and priest on

29 April 1950. He was a teacher for many years and led many to Christ through his teaching ministry.

27 September, 1876: Birth of P.T. Geevarghese Kathanar, Vengal Achen-Puthen Purayil, Nedumpuram (d.15 Jun 1961). Became deacon in 1892 and priest in 1895. Due to influence of the foreign missionaries he even went to Sri Lanka (Ceylon) for mission work. In 1910 he went to North Karnataka along with Mr. P. O .Philip and Mr. P. S Mathai for mission work. He was elected twice as the Taluk Local president of Ankola .Mahatma Gandhi visited his mission field during his visit to Ankola.

27 September, 1914: Birth of Rev. P.T. Thomas, Puthen Veettil, Elanthoor (d.2 Mar.1984). After his training in the M. T. Seminary in Kottayam, became deacon on 18 Apr 1942 and priest on 14 Nov.1942. Served 27 parishes including Thevalakkara, Pathanamthitta and Pulinthitta.

27 September, 1947: The formation of CSI. The idea of Church union was proposed in 1919 at a conference held in Tranquebar. After 28 years of discussions, various denominational churches in South India established by different Missionary societies, agreed to the formation of the Church of South India in 1947 and the inaugural ceremony was held in St. George Cathedral Madras.

27 September, 1976: Juhanon Mar Thoma Metropolitan Passes away. (b.7 Aug.1893) .Dr Juhanon Mar Thoma was the metropolitan of our Church from 1947 to 1976. He provided the Church with the emblem having the motto: "Lighted to Lighten". This has been appreciated by many leaders of Christian churches.

27 September, 1988: Death of Rev. K. C. Samuel, Kaniyampampil, Elanthoor (b.8 Feb.1929). After his education in Poona University and Union Biblical seminary, became Deacon on 6 Aug 1963 and priest on 30 Oct.1963. Served more than 30 Parishes including Vazhoor, Kaanam and Elanthoor.

27 September, 1931: T. J. Varkey Assan passes away. Varkey was born as the son of Yohannan of Thekkeparampil house, in Anjilithanam near Mallappally. He became a teacher at the age of 17. He learned Tamil and Sanskrit. He was actively involved in the work of Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association. Hymn Nos. 26, 38, 55, 60, 63, 64, 65, 66, 68, 72, 164, 166, 167, 169, 184, 198, 369 and 373 in our book are written by him.

27 September, 1947: Formation of CSI Church of South India in 1947, as a union of Anglican, Presbyterian, Congregationalist and Methodist churches. The idea of Church union was proposed in 1919 at a conference held in Tranquebar. After 28 years of discussions various denominational churches in South India established by different Missionary societies agreed for the formation of Church of South India in 1947 and the inaugural ceremony was held in St. George Cathedral Madras

12, 13 Kanni M.E 1092(27.28 September, 1917): First Mar Thoma Clergy Conference. The first annual conference for the priests of the Mar Thoma Church was held in

September 1917 at Syrian Christian Seminary in Tiruvalla under the leadership of Bishop Titus II. It was a two-day conference. Priests from Anglican Church also attended this Conference. Rev Dr L P Larsen Principal of the Bangalore Theological College was the main speaker.

28 September, 2006: Death of Rev. T. G. Varghese, Puthen Bungalow, Punalur (b.23 Apr.1936). Became deacon on 12 May 1962 and priest on 28 Jul 1962. Served thirty parishes including Punalur and Kottarakkara. For few years he was a member of the Managing committee of the Evangelistic Association.

29 September, 1413: Archbishop Arundel condemned Sir John Oldcastle, a follower of John Wycliffe, of heresy. He was given 40 days to recant, during which he escaped and hid in Wales. He remained hidden for a year, until the offer of a large reward prompted someone to betray him. He was then captured and roasted to death.

29 September, 1978: Four weeks after being elected, Pope John Paul I dies while reading a devotional in bed. : His 33-day papacy was one of the shortest reigns in papal history, Having died before he could make a legacy as a pope, he is best remembered for his friendliness and humility, making him known as "the smiling Pope".,

30 September, 1952: The Revised Standard Version of the Bible, containing the Old and New Testaments, was published on September 30, 1952, and has met with wide acceptance. The Revised Standard Version Bible (RSV) seeks to preserve all that is best in the English Bible as it has been known and used through the years. It is intended for use in public and private worship, not merely for reading and instruction. The Revised Standard Version (RSV) traces its history all the way back to William Tyndale's New Testament translation of 1525 and the King James Version of 1611. The RSV is a comprehensive revision of the King James Version (KJV), the Revised Version (RV) of 1881-85, and the American Standard Version (ASV) of 1901, with the ASV being the primary basis for the revision. The RSV posed the first serious challenge to the popularity of the KJV, aiming to be a readable and literally accurate modern English translation of the Bible. The intention was not only to create a clearer version of the Bible for the English-speaking church, but also to "preserve all that is best in the English Bible as it has been known and used through the centuries" and "to put the message of the Bible in simple, enduring words that are worthy to stand in the great Tyndale-King James tradition."

30 September, 420: Death of Jerome –the great Bible translator. Jerome, (340-420) was a great Biblical Scholar of the Church. His Latin Version of the Bible, known as The Vulgate served as the 'Authorised Translation' of the Bible in the Roman Catholic Church for many years. The Vulgate is an early Fifth Century version of the Bible in Latin, and largely the result of the labours of Jerome, who was commissioned by Pope Damasus I in 382 to make a revision of old Latin translations. Its Old Testament is the first Latin version translated directly from the Hebrew Tanakh, rather than the Greek Septuagint. It became the definitive and officially promulgated Latin version of the Bible of the

Roman Catholic Church, and ultimately took the name *versio vulgata*, which means "the published translation". There are 76 books in the Clementine edition of the Vulgate Bible: 46 in the Old Testament, 27 in the New Testament, and three in the Apocrypha.

