



# KALLADA VALIYA PALLY PERUNNAL

## ST. MARYS ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH



Panchayath/ Municipality/ Corporation	West Kallada
District	Kollam



Nearest Town/ Landmark/ Junction	Kadapuzha Junction
Nearest Bus station	West Kallada Bus Stop – 3 Km
Nearest Railway station	Sasthamcotta Railway Station –10 Km
Nearest Airport	Trivandrum International Airport – 85 Km



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DATES	FREQUENCY	DURATION
February- March(Malayalam Month 'Kumbham')	Annual	12 Days



### ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The history of church is important and it related to the history of Kerala. The arrival of ST.Thomas the apostle in Kerala laid the foundation of Christianity in Kerala. The Kallada Valiyapally Parish is ever deeply indebted to this great saint Mar Andrews for its existence without losing its inherent characteristics. It is folk-lore that the local Roman Catholic people had communion with this church during that period. Mar Andrews' simple life style, stringent celibacy his uncompromising insistence on the peculiar Syrian culture evolved out of St. Thomas Christian traditions, Customs, rites and the national civilization, served to maintain and retain the malankara orthodox nature of the parish. It is to be remembered that. It was a period when the church's rites and the veneration towards the Syriac language were in danger. It was the mission of Mar Andrews to lead the church maintaining and retaining these characteristics. The festival is conducted in memory of Mar Andrews Bav, His memorial day on the Malayalam month Kumbham(February) 18th and 19<sup>th</sup> is celebrated as the feast.



**RELEVANCE-**  
(Local / National /  
International)

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE  
PARTICIPATED**

Approx 5000



## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Flag Hoisting  
Rasa  
Divya Bali  
Procession  
Special Prayers  
Novena  
Thirunnaali  
Japamala

## DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

There will be a flag hoisting ceremony marking the beginning of the festival. Religious discourses and special prayers were takes place during the festive days. Procession which covers major part of town is also an important event in the festival

