



FEAST OF MUTHALAKODATH MUTHAPPAN

ST. GEORGE FORANE CHURCH, MUTHALAKODAM



LOCATION

Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation

Thodupuzha Municipality

District

Idukki



ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction

Muthalakodam Post Office – 100 m

Nearest Bus station

Muthalakodam Bus Stop – 140 m

Nearest Railway
station

Kottayam Railway Station – 59 Km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 54.2 Km



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TIME

DATES

April 22,23,24

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

3 days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The Feast of Muthalakodath Muthappan or Perunnal as it is locally known is an annual event conducted to commemorate the establishment of St. George Forane Church, Muthalakodam. The church falls under the Kothamangalam Diocese. St.George is revered by different Christian communities all over the world. He was born at Kappadochia in Asia Miner during the period of the first half of the 3rd century A.D. He was born into an aristocratic family. After his education, he joined the Royal Army of Emperor Diocleasian. When the king started his persecution on Christianity, St.George protested and was jailed and subsequently sentenced to death for rebelling. Even in the midst of tremendous harassment, St.George preserved his deep love and faith in Christ Jesus. There are many myths and stories related to the victorious life of St.George. It is believed that the St.George Forane Church at Muthalakodam started functioning as early as in AD 1312.The Church owes its origin to the catholic church of Mylakomb.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Over 10,000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

Flag Hoisting
Divya Bali
Procession
Special Prayers
Novena
Cultural Programs
Biblical Drama
Spiritual discourses
Samoohabali

The celebrations begin with a flag hoisting ceremony on the first day of the festival. The Church is beautifully decorated with lights and the premises are also illuminated. Religious discourses and special prayers take place inside the church during the *Perunnal*. *Samoohabali*, a ritualistic offering is also held. A holy procession taken out through a major part of the town is an important event during the festival. Various cultural programs are organized as part of the festivities. Thousands of devotees visit the church during the festival days to offer prayers and participate in the holy mass.

