



MANJANIKKARA PERUNNAL

MAR IGNATIUS MANJANIKKARA DAYARA



**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Omolloor Panchayath

District

Pathanamthitta

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Pathanamthitta Town – 6 Km

Nearest Bus station

Manjinikkara Bus Stop – 250 m

**Nearest Railway
station**

Chengannur Railway Station – 24 Km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International Airport – 106 Km



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Omolloor
Pathanamthitta,
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DATES

February

FREQUENCY

Yearly

DURATION

7 days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Manjikkara Church has located on top of a hillock in *Manjikkara* near to *Omallur* at the distance of 6 km from *Pathanamthitta*. Established by *Mor Yulius Elias Qoro*, this church is a famous pilgrimage core for Syrian Christians. The significance of the church is attributed to the presence of the holy tomb of *Patriarch Mar Ignatius Elias III* who visited this place in 1931. After he stayed to live here till his death in February 1932. The church has a glorious altar with pictures of the saint and Lord Jesus. The sacred tomb of *Patriarch Mar Ignatius Elias III* has also as found near the *Altar*. An annual fete called *Orma perunnal* or feast of the saint is organized at the church every year in the month of February. At that time this the archbishops from other churches are invited to address the devotees. Huge numbers of devotees visit the church while the festival. Devotees will take part in special prayers and visit the tomb for divine healing. Different opinions arose regarding the final resting place for the Patriarch—a situation that the church in *Malankara* never had to confront before. It was decided to inter his body in a plot of land to the north of the *Mor Stephanos* church, the title deed of which was transferred to the Patriarchate. On 14 February, the funeral services for the patriarch were held there. The *Mor Ignatios Dayro* church was built by the Patriarchal delegate *Mor Yulios Elias Qoro* over the tomb of the *Patriarch*. The memory of the Patriarch is preserved by the *Syriac Orthodox Church*, especially in *Malankara* where thousands of pilgrims reach the tomb by foot on the annual feast day, 13 February, from all over the world Ignatius Elias is the only Patriarch of Antioch whose body is interred in *Malankara*. This festival commemorates *Mor Yulius Elias Qoro the saint*.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED**

Over 20000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

*Patriarchal Flag Hosting
special Qurbana
Religious speech
Palliative care
programmes
Religious procession*

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

Manjanikkara Perunnal is celebrated every year in February. Large number of pilgrims from different parts of Kerala visit the church to receive spiritual blessings on this festival day. The festival begins with Patriarchal Flag Hosting, special *qurbana* on 1st and 2nd day. Religious speeches, Palliative care programmes, Prayers and giving clothes for poor people are the part of the feast ceremony. Special speeches of priests and Bishops, evening prayers and special *qurbanas* are also a part of the feast. The celebrations draw to a close with procession, blessings and distribution of offerings.

