



PARUMALA PERUNAL

PARUMALA CHURCH



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Parumala Village

District

Pathanamthitta



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Thiruvalla (11km)

Nearest Bus station

Chengannur – Parumala road: Parumala Church Bus stop/Parumala Junction Bus stop

Nearest Railway station

Thiruvalla, about 11 km away.Chengannur about 10km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport, about 105 km from Thiruvalla



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TIME

DATES

October – november

FREQUENCY

Yearly

DURATION



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Parumala Perunnal is an annual feast held to commemorate the death anniversary of Bishop *Mar Gregorios Metropolitan*, the first canonized saint of the *Malankara Orthodox Church of Kerala*. The mortal remains of the Bishop are interred in the church. On the *orma perunnal*(commemoration day), special prayers are offered at the church. The festival day is marked by special services and a well-attended colourful procession. Devotees from all parts of the State swarm the precincts of the church to celebrate this great day. . During the *Orma Perunnal* day or commemorative feast, special prayers are offered and rituals performed.



EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Perunnal Kodiyettu
Ceremonial Processions
Religious speeches
Patrons day celebration
Akhila Malankara
Marthamariyam meeting
Prayers
Seminars
Medical camp

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

A major attraction of the festival is the grand procession that travels from one part of the town to another. It is attended by thousands of devotees. Devotees also offer prayers for seeking blessings from the deity. Apart from the prayers and rituals numerous stalls are arranged throughout the grounds of the church, selling articles, food, utensils and jewellery. Related rituals are conducted here during festival days with great enthusiasm. There are cultural performances every evening. Parumala Perunnal attracts a large crowd from various places in Kerala.

