



FEAST OF ST JOHN' S

ST. JOHNS PUTHENPALLY, CHINGAVANAM



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Kottayam Municipality

District

Kottayam



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Chingavanam – 600 M

Nearest Bus Station

Chingavanam – 600 M

**Nearest Railway
Station**

Kottayam Railway Station – 15 Km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 94 Km



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TIME

DATES

May 7,8 & 9

FREQUENCY

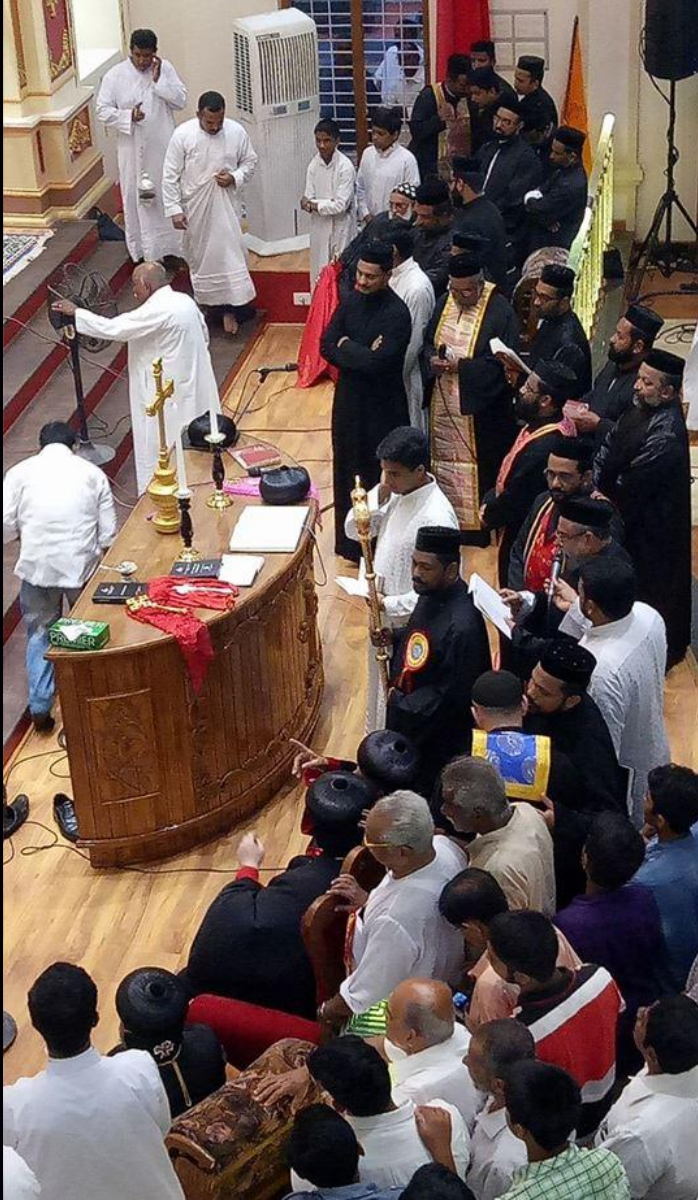
Annual

DURATION

3 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

This festival is celebrated in the remembrance of St John. St John or John the Apostle was one of the twelve disciples of Jesus Christ. He is the author of several books in New Testament of the Bible. He lived more than half a century after the martyrdom of James, who was the first Apostle to die a martyr's death. This is an annual feast celebrated for a period of 3 days. St. Johns Puthenpally was founded in the year 1831. Restoration of the church was done three times till now. The church is also in the name of St. John.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

3000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Kodiyettu
Evening prayer
Rasa
Fireworks
Percussion music
Anjumel Krubana
Kaimutham
Food Offering
Kodiyirakkam

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

The 3 days festival starts with a flag hoisting ceremony accompanied by evening prayer and sermon discourse. Rasa (Procession) is one of the main events filled with percussion music, colourful floats, fire pots etc. The crucial part of the festival is the Fireworks. Lots of people come and enjoy the scene. Next day is the Anjumel Krubana, a special Holy Mass performed in a way that 5 priests performing Mass stands in front of 5 Statues (thronos). Kaimutham is a practice of showing great respect to the Prelates. Food offerings are provided for all the people present there. After final procession the flag downing ceremony is conducted.

