



KALLOOPPARA CONVENTION

ST. MARY'S ORTHODOX CHURCH, KALLOOPPARA



LOCATION

Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation

Kallooppara Grama Panchayt

District

Pathanamthitta



ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction

Thiruvalla Town – 8 Km

Nearest Bus station

Kallooppara Bus Stop – 200 m

Nearest Railway
station

Thiruvalla Railway Station – 8.1 Km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 111 Km



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TIME

DATES

January – February

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

8 Days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Every year during the summer, the sand beds of Manimalayar in Kalluoppara are the venue for the *Orthodox Christian Convention*. *St. Mary's Orthodox Church* is situated at the heart of a small village called Kalluoppara, Pathanamthitta District, and Kerala, India. It is one of the oldest and renowned churches in Kerala and a prized possession of *Malankara Sabha*. The church have a legacy of around seven centuries, keeping its tradition and culture intact without compromising on its religious values. The church is a perfect example of the ancient temple architecture and is an elegant representation of the beautiful shingled roof tops in the early Travancore style. The church has a splendid blend of beauty and science in it and is a mystery the way it has overcome all the challenges of time. The church which is the worshiping place of thousands has been a topic of research for many. The church has been declared as the "Pilgrim center of St. Mary" on January 9th 2009 by His Holiness *Baselios Marthoma Didimos Ist.*



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Over 5000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

Inauguration ceremony
Rally
Religious classes

Kalloppara convention is one of the biggest conventions of Malanakara Sabha which is being conducted on the Koithottu sand banks of river Manimala. The convention is presided by the vicar of the church. All the members of orthodox churches near by participate in this convention. The main event of the inaugural ceremony being the Rally conducted by the Sunday school students of the four Sunday schools belonging to the church. The best group will be awarded a trophy and cash award. On the following seven days there will be classes conducted by prominent personalities.

