

The Enduring Faith of Bandel Church

A Story of Miracles on the Banks of the Hooghly





Chapter I: The Voyage of Faith

On the shores of the Hooghly River, a story began in 1599. A testament to faith, built by Portuguese voyagers in a land of ancient traditions.

Chapter II: The Storm and the Silence

In 1632, the church was razed. The icon of Our Lady was lost to the river. Silence fell upon the shore.

Chapter III: The Miracle on the River



Legend tells of a miraculous return. The statue, found again. A divine sign that faith could not be extinguished.



Rebuilt from the ashes in 1660, the church rose again—a symbol of unwavering hope for generations to come.



Chapter IV: A Legacy of Devotion

Today, it is a sanctuary for the soul.
A grotto where whispers of hope
light a thousand candles.

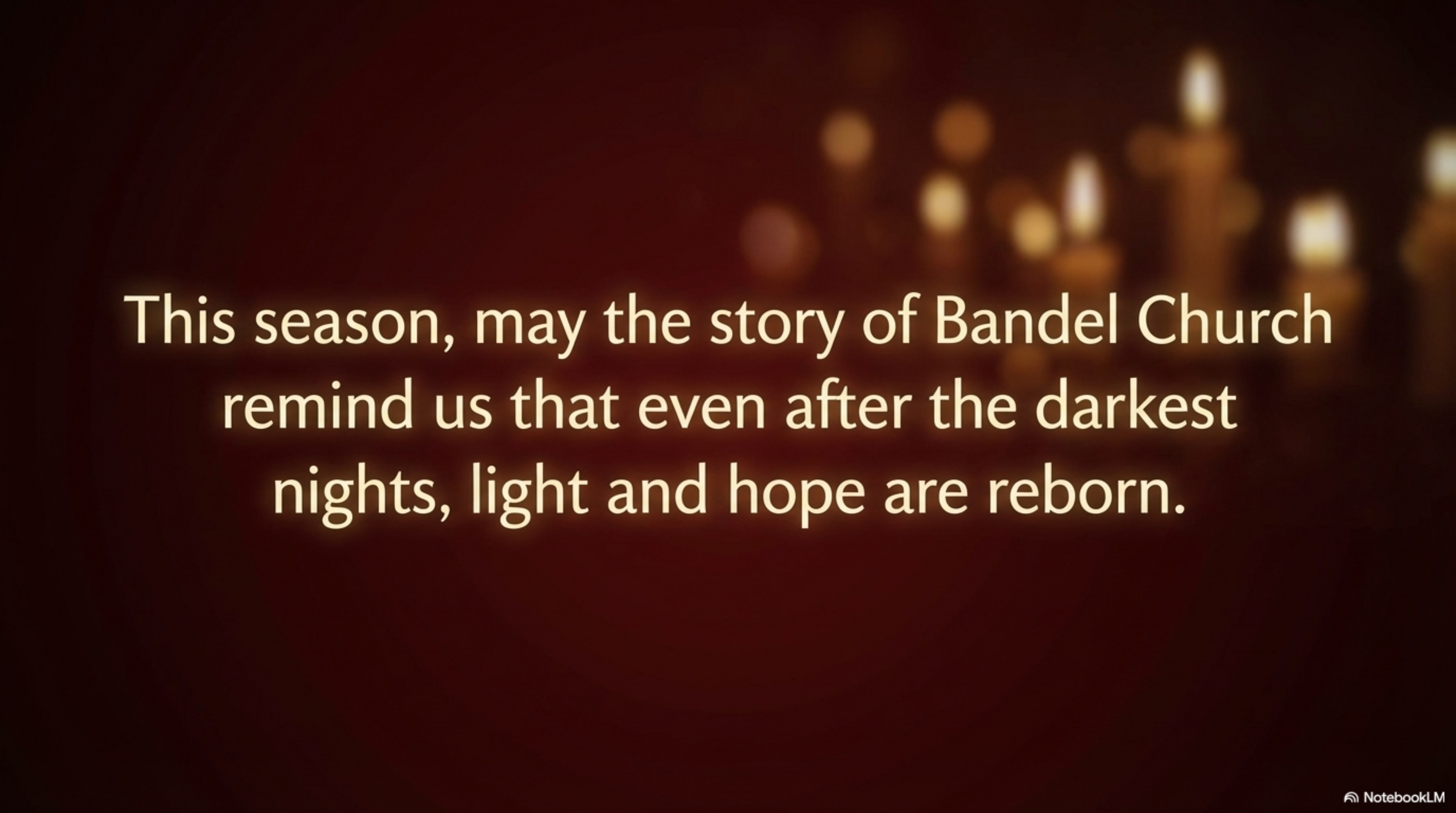




In 1988, Pope John Paul II declared it a Minor Basilica, a sacred space recognized for its profound spiritual and historical significance.



The story of Bandel Church is a thread in the rich tapestry of India.
A nation where diverse faiths converge and history is cherished.

The background of the slide is a dark, warm-toned image showing several lit candles. The flames are bright and out of focus, creating a bokeh effect of soft, glowing circles of light against a dark, textured background. The overall mood is contemplative and hopeful.

This season, may the story of Bandel Church
remind us that even after the darkest
nights, light and hope are reborn.



*Merry
Christmas*

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