

Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia
4937 Church Avenue,
Feasterville-Trevoze, PA 19053

Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.

1st & 3rd - Malayalam Holy Communion
2nd – English H. C. with Praise & Worship
4th – English Holy Communion
5th – Malayalam Matins

Teleconference Prayer – Every Wednesday @ 9:00 PM

Fasting Prayer – Every Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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2021 Year Plan

Date	Event
TBD	Mid-year General body Meeting
09/05/2021	Choir Sunday
09/11/2021	Church Picnic
09/19/2021	Mission Sunday
09/26/2021	Senior Citizen's Day
09/27/2021	CSI Formation Sunday
10/10/2021	Youth Sunday
10/17/2021	Church Day
10/31/2021	Reformation Sunday
11/07/2021	Sunday school Sunday
11/14/2021	Unity Sunday
11/28/2021	Thanksgiving Sunday
12/05/2021	Bible Sunday
12/25/2021	Christmas Day
12/26/2021	Family Sunday
12/31/2021	Watchnight Service
TBD	Christmas Carol
12/25/20	Christmas Day
12/31/20	Watchnight Service

Motto: Year of Service

From the Desk of Presbyter

Dear believer in Christ,

Greetings once again in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

“Comfort, O comfort My people,” says your God - Isaiah 40:1

We were deeply saddened by the demise of our dear Mr. Thomas George (Thankachayan). He was one of the founding member of CSI Church in Philadelphia. The testimonies of his friends and relatives about his volleyball talents and sportsmen spirit was amazing. He was so humble that he never boasts in his achievement. His demise was a great loss to our Church. May the Lord help us to overcome this sad time.

Luke 22: 19-20 “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood”

In Church almanac Church will be devoting the time to meditate on the redemption offered through Jesus Christ. Both Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist are the sacraments that share the mysteries of salvation.

Focus in Jesus:

There is always a spiritual thirst within us. Sometimes we may not be completely conscious about it. But this thirst, if it is not satisfied properly, manifests itself in many unhealthy ways. It may show itself in the restlessness we have; despite possessing all that we desire, we may still feel we lack something or emptiness in life. We may feel that we are living in a shattered world. There is one solution for all these problems: Focus on Jesus.

Leonardo da Vinci was 43 years old when the Duke of Milan asked him to paint the Last Supper. He worked on it slowly and with meticulous care to detail. He spent much time making the cup that Jesus held as beautiful as possible. After three years he was ready to show it, and he called for a friend to come and see it. He said, “Look at it and give me your opinion.” The friend said, “It is wonderful. The cup is so real I cannot take my eyes off of it!” Immediately Leonardo took a brush and drew it across the sparkling cup. He exclaimed as he did so: “Nothing shall detract from the figure of Christ!”. Let Jesus be the primary focus of our life, our restlessness and emptiness, our meaninglessness and hopelessness shall disappear like the morning mist.

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Eucharist as the Last Supper:

Eucharist- "Do this in remembrance of me" 1 Corinthians 11:24

The topic for August 22 - Sunday is "Eucharist" (Lord's Supper) the Greek word which means "thanks" or "praise". It is a sacrament initiated by Lord himself.

There are two sacraments appointed by our Lord.

1. Holy Baptism
2. Holy Eucharist

Sacrament-comes from the latin word 'sacramentum' which means to 'consecrate', 'to set apart for a sacred purpose'. It also stands for an oath taken by newly enlisted soldiers. For the Christians it combines both these meanings. It not only denotes Holy Baptism and Eucharist, but also while participating in them, stands for one's allegiance to the Lord.

A sacrament has two parts.

1. Outward and Visible sign and 2. Inward and Invisible sign.

Holy Eucharist is provided by God for our spiritual growth. The bread and the wine are the outward visible sign. But the inward spiritual sign is Christ's body and His blood which spiritually stands for Christ Himself. If we receive the bread and the wine in faith Christ comes to us.

The cup or wine -Jesus said "the blood of my new covenant". What did Jesus mean by that? A covenant is relationship between two people, but the covenant of which Jesus spoke was not between two human beings, it was between God and human beings. That is to say, it was a new relationship between God and man. What Jesus meant was that it was because of His life and above all because of His death, a new relationship had become between God and humanity.

Jesus gave a Christian interpretation to a Jewish festival called Unleavened Bread festival which was celebrated to remember the exodus of Israelite. And now Jesus is asking his disciples to do this in remembrance of Christ's act of liberation.

What is required of us before we come to the Holy Eucharist?

1. **Repentance** - We have to feel sorry for our sins and confess them to God.
2. **Faith** - We must believe that Christ can forgive and accept us.

❖ Reminders....

Upcoming Services

08/15/2021 - Malayalam Holy Communion @ 11:30 AM

08/22/2021 - English Holy Communion @ 8:30 AM

08/29/2021 - Malayalam Holy Communion @ 8:30 AM

Our regularly scheduled Wednesday's Teleconference Prayer meeting will be held at 9:00 PM. The Zoom link will be sent via email and WhatsApp.

On every Saturday, at 10 AM, we will have a teleconference fasting prayer meeting. First Saturday's prayer will be led by Women's Fellowship. Rev. P. J. Jose will participate thru Video Conferencing facilities on both Wednesdays and Saturdays.

If you wish to send any donations/offering, please mail it to our Treasurer **Mr. Shaji P. Oommen, 10221 Selmer Plaza, Philadelphia, PA 19116.** Thanks to everyone who already contributed and continued support to our Church.

Church Committee Meetings will be scheduled as needed with the permission of the Vicar/President

Birthday Greetings:

The following members will be celebrating their birthdays in the month of August. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

Mr. Justin T. Kuruvilla	08/05
Mr. Kuruvilla Oommen	08/06
Miss Rebekah Colacot	08/07
Mr. Chris O. Kuruvilla	08/10
Miss Navya George	08/13
Mr. Nishanth Samuel	08/14
Mr. Mathew John	08/16
Mrs. Achamma Issac	08/18
Miss Lina Mary Varghese	08/24
Mr. Abraham Kunnel	08/24
Mrs. Gracy Mangalath	08/25
Mr. Manu John Colacot	08/27
Miss Hope Hussain	08/27
Mr. Johnson John	08/28



God's richest blessings be upon you as you celebrate yet another year on this journey with Christ and as you commit each day into the hands of the Lord.



Lectionary for August 2020

August 01 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Laity Sunday

Theme: Witness of the People of God

1 Lesson: 1 Samuel 25: 14-28

Psalm 23

2 Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-12

Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Abraham Kunnel & Family

August 08 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Honor of Marriage:

1 Lesson: Malachi 2: 13-16

Psalm 45

2 Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13:1 to 14: 1

Gospel: Mark 10: 2-9

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Saju Issac Mathew & Family

August 15 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Malayalam Holy Communion at 11:30 AM

Theme: Baptism: Dying and Rising up with Christ

1 Lesson: Genesis 7: 11-24

Psalm 29

2 Lesson: Romans 6: 1-14

Gospel: John 12: 20-26

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Aji Sam Mathew & family

Lectionary for August/September 2020

August 22 13th Sunday after Pentecost
English Holy Communion at 8:30 AM
Theme: Sacrament of Holy Qurbana / Holy Sacrifice
1st Lesson 2 Kings 4: 42-44
Psalm 100
2nd Lesson 1 Corinthians 11: 23-30
Gospel John 6: 15-59
Songs:
Lay Ministry: Dr. Thomas Colacot & Family

August 29 14th Sunday after Pentecost
Malayalam Holy Communion at 8:30 AM
Theme: Plurality: Common Humanity and Faith Sharing
1 Lesson: Jonah 4: 1-11
Psalm 82
2 Lesson: Acts 8: 26-40
Gospel: Mathew 22: 1-14
Songs:
Lay Ministry: Mr. Anish Mathew & Family

September 05 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Service time will be announced later.
Theme: Choir Sunday
1 Lesson: Isaiah 6: 1-8
Psalm 116: 5-17
2 Lesson: Revelations 7: 9-16
Gospel: Luke 1: 68-80
Songs:
Lay Ministry: Choir Members

3. **Thanksgiving** - We must never forget to thank for all what God has done for us in Christ?

4. **Fellowship with all** - We have to see that we have nothing against anyone. Forgive others freely and be at peace with all. Lord's Supper is a celebration of life in Christ that brings life to his church. May God Bless you all.

In Jesus Feet,

Reni Achen (2674012535)

Wedding Anniversaries:

Congratulations and best wishes to all the couples who will be celebrating their anniversaries in the month of August. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

Mr. Cherian Abraham & Mrs. Annamma Cherian	08/01
Mr. Binju Oommen & Mrs. Manju Oommen	08/03
Mr. Jacob Easo & Mrs. Nancy Mariam Jacob	08/08
Mr. Russal Samuel & Mrs. Vineetha Samuel	08/14
Mr. Anish Mathew & Mrs. Elizabeth A. Mathew	08/18
Mr. Kuruvilla Oommen & Mrs. Sereena Kuruvilla	08/21
Dr. Thomas J. Colacot & Dr. Reena Colacot	08/28

May you truly sense God's love as you celebrate your Wedding Anniversary and see the future years together as memories to be made. By M.S.Lowndes

