

Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia
4937 Church Avenue,
Feasterville-Treose, 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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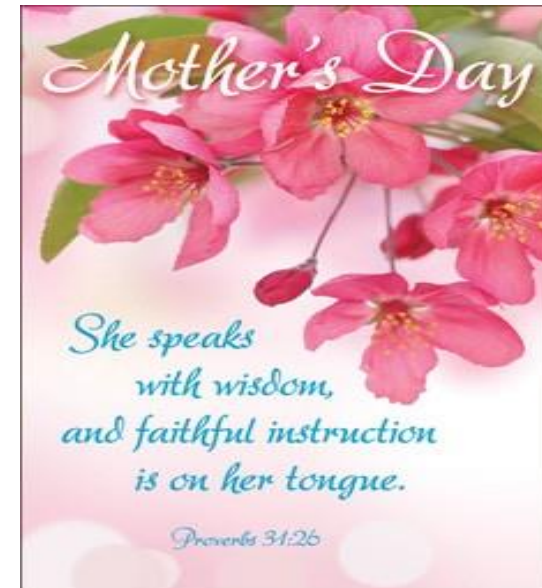
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Motto: Year of Healing

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2021 Year Plan
Importance days of the Church Calendar

Date	Event
05/09/2021	Mother's Day
05/13/2021	Ascension of our Lord
05/30/2021	Trinity Sunday
06/20/2021	Father's Day
08/01/2021	Laity Sunday
09/05/2021	Choir Sunday
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
12/05/2021	Bible Sunday
12/25/2021	Christmas Day
12/26/2021	Family Sunday
12/31/2021	Watchnight Service
Upcoming Sunday Services	
May 02, 2021 @ 9:30 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion
May 09, 2021 @ 8:00 AM	English Holy Communion
May 16, 2021 @ 9:30 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion
May 23, 2021 @ 9:30 AM	English Holy Communion
May 30, 2021 @ 9:30 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion
June 06, 2021 @ 9:30 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion



Motto: Year of Service

From Achen's Desk

Dear beloved in Christ,
Greetings, Grace, and Peace from the risen Lord Jesus Christ.
The Church of South India mediates upon the theme 'Come Holy Spirit, Renew us' in May as we are going to celebrate Pentecost Sunday during this month. 'Come Holy Spirit, Renew us' is a prayer, and prayer is the language most authentic to the Church for it invites us to become co-creators with God in Christ. The gift and presence of the Holy Spirit is the greatest, most wonderful thing which can happen to us, to the human community, to all living beings, and this earth of ours. The Church is a charismatic community of all who share a common experience of new life through their unity in God's spirit. The Holy Spirit actualizes Christ in the life of the Church and safeguards the Church's unity and truth. In the extraordinary events of the first Pentecost, the earliest Christians discovered that the mission to which Christ called them was one for which the gift of the Holy Spirit empowered them. Two thousand years later, therefore, the choice of the theme "Come Holy Spirit—Renew us"—holds immense promise for the whole Church.

How is the Holy Spirit to be discerned? It is simple enough to turn to the apostle Paul's description of "the fruit of the Spirit" for an answer (Gal. 5:22-23). But, in God's freedom, the Holy Spirit breathed over the face of creation (Gen. 1:21), is to be poured out on all flesh (Joel 2:28), and is free as the wind to blow wherever God wills (John 3:8). It was suggested that a new type of mission is required today in the context of this pandemic, not into foreign lands, but into 'foreign' structures, that is economic, social, and political structures that are destructive and need conversion.

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As Christians, we should confess our failure to recognize and fulfill our responsibility toward creation. As a redeemed community, the Church is called to be a sign of 'new creation' in Christ and has a crucial role in the renewal of creation. In this pluralistic age, the Christian Church does this in dialogue with other religions and ideological faiths.

Many divisions still prevail in our world, which leads to the disparity. Some are economic and political. The post-Covid world will indeed create many unprecedented issues that are yet to be identified and discerned. The brokenness of relationships and injustices are experienced particularly by many women, children, youth, and the differently-abled. The Holy Spirit draws churches into a relationship of love and commitment. The spirit calls the churches to a commitment to seek visible unity and a more effective mission. Heeding the call of the spirit, we urge churches to seek new and reconciled relationships between peoples and use all their members' gifts.

God and humankind are reconciled by the Cross of Christ, a costly sacrifice. To appropriate this reconciliation is also costly, as we become ministers of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18). We thus become a missionary people, not in the sense of dominating people and nations, which has all too often characterized missionary work, but in the purpose of sharing God's own mission of bringing all humanity into communion with God through Christ, sharing our faith and our resources with all people. The Church, by this meditation, prays for the Spirit of God to lead Christians to a renewed vision of God's rule so that we may be accountable for our stewardship of 'the mystery of the Gospel' (Eph. 6:19). We pray that we may bear the 'fruit of the Spirit' that bears out God's rule of love and truth, righteousness and justice and freedom, reconciliation, and peace.

We need the dynamic power of the spirit that integrates faith with daily life, worship with action. May the Holy Spirit empower us to integrate such a comprehensive faith-life integration for a better world.

Yours in Christ

Rev. Joby Joy Mullackal

❖ **Upcoming Services...**

Rev. Reny Philip, Vicar of CSI Christ Church in Pennsylvania, will be in charge of our church until Rev. P. J. Jose takes charge. Rev. Joby Joy Mullackal, Vicar of Immanuel CSI church, Elizabeth, NJ, and Rev. Reny Philip, Vicar of CSI Christ church in Pennsylvania will conduct worship services for us during this transitional period. On first, third and fourth Sundays, Joby Joy Achen will take services in our Sanctuary. On second Sunday's, Reny Philip Achen will take the service. We will continue to use the ZOOM Facilities for all our worship services and prayer meetings.

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.

If you wish to send any donations/offerings, 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.

Birthdays Greetings:

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

Miss Josephine Reny	05/01
Miss Tiny Mathew	05/03
Master Norrin Zachary Russal	05/04
Mr. Nobby Nainan	05/04
Mr. Ninan Mathew	05/07
Mrs. Meghan Jacob	05/07
Dr. Thomas Colacot	05/09
Mrs. Lizy Kunnel	05/10
Dr. Davis R. Samuel	05/12
Miss Thalitha Rosie Betty	05/12
Mr. Mathew Mangalath	05/15
Mr. Sajin George	05/15
Mrs. Omana Mathew	05/17
Miss Rahiya Susie George	05/17
Mrs. Nancy Mariam Jacob	05/18
Miss Tinu Ann Mathew	05/19
Mrs. Dhanya John	05/21
Miss Amelia Faye John	05/22
Mr. Shawn Abraham	05/24
Mr. Jacob Easo	05/24
Mrs. Anu Reny	05/25
Mr. Reny Eapen Mathew	05/26
Miss Keziah Mary Mathew	05/26
Mr. Biju Mathew Muthuthottathil	05/28
Dr. Reena Colacot	05/30



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 May 2021

May 02	4th Sunday after Easter Malayalam Holy Communion Service at 9:30 AM
Theme:	Believing in Christ: The Resurrection
1 Lesson:	2 Kings 4: 27-37
Psalm	90
2 Lesson:	Acts 26: 12-23
Gospel:	John 11: 17-28
Songs:	
Lay Ministry:	Mr. Kuruvilla Oommen & Family
May 09	5th Sunday after Easter English Holy Communion Service at 8:00 AM
Theme:	Christ's Invitation to be an Expression of Mission Mother's Day
1 Lesson:	Ezekiel 34: 25-31
Psalm	47
2 Lesson:	1 Peter 2: 1-10
Gospel:	John 20: 19-23
Songs:	
Lay Ministry:	Mrs. Jiji Varghese & Family
May 16	6th Sunday after Easter Malayalam Holy Communion Service at 9:30 AM
Theme:	Waiting Upon the Holy Spirit
1 Lesson:	Isaiah 40: 25-31
Psalm	51
2 Lesson:	Acts 1: 1-11
Gospel:	Luke 24: 44-49
Songs:	
Lay Ministry:	Mr. Mathew Abraham & Family

Lectionary for May/June 2021

May 23 **Pentecost Sunday**
[Malayalam Holy Communion Service at 9:30 AM](#)

Theme: Come Holy Spirit, Renew Us

1st Lesson Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Psalm 104: 24-35

2nd Lesson Acts 2: 1-13

Gospel John 16: 1-11

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. P. I. George & Family

May 30 **Trinity Sunday; 1st Sunday after Pentecost**

[Malayalam Holy Communion Service at 9:30 AM](#)

Theme: We Worship the Triune God

1 Lesson: Genesis 1: 1-28

Psalm 2

2 Lesson: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-14

Gospel: John 1: 1-18

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Nobby Nainan & Family

June 06 **2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

[Malayalam Holy Communion Service at 9:30 AM](#)

Theme: Wisdom from Above

1 Lesson: 1 Kings 3: 16-28

Psalm 119 33-40

2 Lesson: James 1: 1-8

Gospel: Luke 10: 21-24

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mrs. Mary John & Family

Pentecost

Pentecost, also called **Whitsunday**, (Pentecost from Greek *pentecostē*, “50th day”), major festival in the Christian church, celebrated on the Sunday that falls on the 50th day of Easter. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other disciples following the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ (Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2), and it marks the beginning of the Christian church’s mission to the world.

Historically, Pentecost (Shavout) is a Jewish feast celebrating the giving of the Torah and the summer wheat harvest. It was celebrated 50 days after Easter and was marked by pilgrims coming to Jerusalem from all over the world to celebrate the event. The church’s transformation of the Jewish feast to a Christian festival was thus related to the belief that the gift of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus was the first fruits of a new dispensation that fulfilled and succeeded the old dispensation of the Law.

When the festival was first celebrated in the Christian church is not known, but it was mentioned in a work from the Eastern church, the *Epistola Apostolorum*, in the 2nd century. In the 3rd century it was mentioned by Origen, theologian and head of the catechetical school in Alexandria, and by Tertullian, Christian priest and writer of Carthage. In the early church, Christians often referred to the entire 50-day period beginning with Easter as Pentecost. Baptism was administered both at the beginning (Easter) and end (the day of Pentecost) of the Paschal season. Eventually, Pentecost became a more popular time for baptism than Easter in northern Europe, and in England the feast was commonly called White Sunday (Whitsunday) for the special white garments worn by the newly baptized.

Wedding Anniversaries:

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

Mr. C. C. Cherian & Mrs. Annamma Cherian	05/09
Mr. Jacob Korah & Annamma Jacob	05/10
Mr. Ivan Patterthanam & Mrs. Jiji Ivan	05/25
Mr. Nobby Nainan & Mrs. Annie Nainan	05/28

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