# Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia 4937 Church Avenue, Feasterville-Trevose, 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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# Newsletter of Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia

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#### 2021 Year Plan

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Date	Event	
11/07/2021	Unity Sunday	
	Holy Communion Service in Malayalam @ 11:30 AM.	
11/14/2021	Sunday School Sunday	
	Holy Communion Service in English @ 8:30 AM	
11/21/2021	Sunday for the Girl Child	
	Holy Communion Service in Malayalam @ 8:30 AM	
11/28/2021	Thanksgiving Sunday	
	Holy Communion Service in Malayalam @ 11:30 AM	
12/05/2021	Bible Sunday	
	Holy Communion Service in Malayalam @ 11:30 AM	
	There will be a Prayer Meeting arranged by Mr. Shaji P. Oommen &	
12/11/2021	Family at 11:00 AM at Emmanuel Church Fellowship Hall.	
	Because of this, Saturday's Prayer meeting thru ZOOM will be	
	cancelled.	
12/12/2021		
	Holy Communion Service in English @ 8:30 AM	
12/19/2021	Sunday before Christmas	
	Holy Communion Service in Malayalam & 8:30 AM	
12/25/2021	Christmas day	
	Christmas Carol & Christmas Day Service @ 6:00 PM	
12/26/2021	Family Sunday	
	Holy Communion Service in English @ 11:30 AM	
12/31/2021	Watchnight/Covenant Service	
	Holy Communion Service in Malayalam @ 11:00 PM	
	Rev. Dr. Christopher Kurian will be with us.	





#### Motto: Year of Service

#### From Achen's Desk

## **Thanksgiving**

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

In the US, Thanksgiving Day is celebrated every year on the fourth Thursday of November. This year, it falls on Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. It began as a day where people took the opportunity of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Its an occasion when everyone gathers and eat Turkey.

For God's people, Thanksgiving is far more than a special day on the calendar. The Bible urges us to live a life of thanksgiving each day. Being thankful to God for all His blessings is truly a mark of the Christian.

- 1. Shout Praise to the Lord.
- 2. Serve the Lord with Gladness.
- 3. Come into the Lord's Presence.
- 4. Get to Know the Lord.

#### **Sunday School:**

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

Let us pray and dedicate our children, teachers and Sunday School in the mighty hands of God. Throughout the Bible we find clear directions on how to bring up children. Moses instructed God's People as to how they must teach their children the Commandments of the Lord (Deut 6: 7). Take time with your child in the home setting. Give clear instructions about the importance of worshipping God, the Church service and advise them to participate in it more attentively.

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#### Sunday school should be:

- Reaching arm of the church.
- Teaching arm of the church.
- Soul-winning arm of the church.
- Caring arm of the church.

#### **Sunday School teachers should:**

- Pray for children and Lead students by life example.
- Feed the Bible by instruction. Look after students by watchcare.

#### If we give up Sunday School:

- Our children will not know the Bible.
- Our churches will not be biblically strong.
- Our ability to influence culture and society will evaporate. So, Sunday school is very important part of church. It allows children to learn on their level while enhancing the Christian foundation. In Jesus feet,

Rev. Reni Philip

# Wedding Anniversaries:

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

Mr. Arun Cherian & Mrs. Tina Arun	11/10
Mr. Maxwell Gifford & Mrs. Vivija Maxwell	11/20
Mr. Mathew Mangalath & Mrs. Gracy Mangalath	11/21
Dr. Davis Samuel & Mrs. Novina Samuel	11/26



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

#### \* Reminders...

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.

With the grace of God and with the generous support of our members, we were able to collect 2865.00 dollars to support Mr. Rajan P. of Naranganam. 214,875.00 Indian rupees will be given to Rajan through Prince Achen. Once again, thank you all for your support.

The year-end is fast approaching and any dues you may have, like Membership, Harvest Festival/Auctions or any promised money should be given to the treasurer as soon as possible. This will help our Treasurer to complete the accounts and get audited in time for our General Body Meeting. If you wish to send any donations/offerings, or dues, please mail it to our Treasurer, Mr. Shaji P. Oommen, 10221 Selmer Plaza, Philadelphia, PA 19116. Thank you in advance for your continued support to our Church.

Church Committee Meetings will be scheduled as needed with the permission of the Presbyter in charge.

# Birthday Greetings:

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

Master Nathan Samuel	11/01
Master Rohan Samuel	11/01
Mrs. Mani Mathew	11/01
Mrs. Elsen Mathew	11/03
Mrs. Sokly Chou Thomas	11/03
Mrs. Susie George	11/04
Mrs. Jiji Verghese	11/06
Mrs. Achamma Andrews	11/06
Mr. Abhinav Philip Prasad	11/13
Miss Josephine Bousqust	11/14
Mr. Vipin Maxwell	11/16
Mrs. Tina Arun Cherian	11/18
Mr. Anish Mathew	11/25
Mr. Russal Samuel	11/26
Mr. Jacob John	11/27
Mrs. Bindu Saju	11/28
Mrs. Novina Samuel	11/30

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 November 2021**

November 07 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam at 11:30 AM

Theme: Unity Sunday

**Treasures in Clay Jars** 

**1 Lesson:** Zechariah 4: 1 - 14

Psalm 27

**2 Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 3: 10 - 15

**Gospel:** Matthew 5: 14 - 16

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Kuruvilla Oommen & Family

November 14 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion Service in English at 8:30 AM Theme: Sunday School Sunday

Be a Good Soldier of Christ

**1 Lesson:** Jeremiah 31: 1 - 11

Psalm 63

**2 Lesson:** 1 Peter 1: 3 - 5 **Gospel:** Matthew 5: 1 - 12

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Sunday School Children

November 21 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam at 8:30 AM

Theme: Sunday for the Girl Child

**Assuring Future for the Girl Child** 

**1 Lesson:** Job 42: 10 - 17

**Psalm** 45: 8 - 14

**2 Lesson:** Acts 16: 16 - 18

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21 - 28

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Prasad Philip & Family

## **Lectionary for November/December 2021**

November 28 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam at 11:30 AM

Theme: Thanksgiving Sunday

Taking Risk for the Reign of God

**1 Lesson:** Exodus 2: 1 - 10

**Psalm** 117

**2 Lesson:** Acts 9: 10 - 18 **Gospel:** Luke 1: 39 - 56

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Manu Colacot & Family

December 5 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam at 11:30 AM

Theme: Joyful Expectation of Christ

Coming

**1 Lesson:** 1 Kings 19: 1 - 21

**Psalm** 119: 33 - 40

2 Lesson: Revelations 10: 1 - 11

**Gospel:** Luke 1: 39 - 45

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mrs. Mary John & Family

December 12 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

Holy Communion Service in English at 8:30 AM Theme: Word of God: Light to our Path

**Bible Sunday** 

**1 Lesson:** Isaiah 55: 6-13 **Psalm** 119: 105-112

2 Lesson: Galatians 1: 11-17

**Gospel:** Luke 1: 67-80

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Nobby Nainan & Family

#### **Thanksgiving History & Facts**

Thanksgiving is a national holiday that is celebrated primarily in North America. It's celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States and on the second Monday in October in Canada. The first general day of Thanksgiving was proclaimed by President George Washington, who at the request of Congress recommended Thursday, November 26, 1789, to the people of the United States "as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God."

The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 over a three-day harvest festival. It included 50 Pilgrims, 90 Wampanoag Indians, and lasted three days. It is believed by historians that only five women were present.

Although Thanksgiving is rooted in the history of the Pilgrims, who were Christian "Separatists," the holiday is generally no longer considered a Christian holiday or a religious holiday. but simply as an occasion to gather with family, eat food, watch football and parades, and be thankful for the blessings of life. Turkey was not on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. Venison, duck, goose, oysters, lobster, eel, and fish were likely served, alongside pumpkins and cranberries.

Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday on October 3, 1863. Sarah Josepha Hale, the woman who wrote "Mary Had A Little Lamb," convinced Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday after writing letters for 17 years.

The Bible commands us to give thanks. "Give Thanks" appears in the Bible over 128 times in 62 verses. In most of these verses, "Give thanks" is imperative. As believers, we are to actively give thanks to God for who He is and the great things He has done for us.

Source: Worldstrides