

## Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia

Worshiping at  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at the Field  
500 Somerton Avenue,  
Philadelphia, PA, 19116

Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship at 11:00 a.m.

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

Prayer Meeting - Every Saturday @ 7:00 PM  
(Youth Prayer Fellowship - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays)  
Fasting Prayer - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays @ 10:30 AM

Women's Fellowship Meetings - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays after the Service

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Emmanuel C.S.I. Church  
January 2016*



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## ❖ Reminders...

Sunday School classes will be held at 9:45 AM in the chapel.

The regular Prayer Fellowship meeting will be held on Saturdays at 6:30 PM in the Parsonage.

If you are interested in hosting a Cottage Prayer or Fasting Prayer at your house, please communicate with Achen or the secretary.

Bible study for the Women's Fellowship will be held on every first and third Sundays after the service. All women's Fellowship members are requested to attend.

Youth meetings will be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at the Parsonage. All Youth members are requested to attend.

Church Committee Meeting will be held on first Sunday of every month, unless announced otherwise.

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Emmanuel CSI Church Inc., will be held on Sunday, January 17, 2016 after the service. All members all requested to attend.

Lent will start on February 10, 2016 and ends on March 26, 2016.



## From Achen's Desk

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, New Year is a time when we make an evaluation of the past year and take positive decisions for a blessed new year. Every New Year confirms the fact that Gods mercies are abundant and God's kindness immeasurable. God's unfailing love is eternal. Therefore, we receive grace upon grace even though we are undeserving. It also confirms the truth that we are not of our own but of God. The Bible clarifies that "God has created us and we belong to God, we are God's people and the sheep in God's pasture".

Relationship with God, relationship with humanity and relationship with God's created world needs our thinking in this regard. Keep Right relation with God spontaneously sets order to other relationships. Abraham, called the patriarch and father of the faithful, is depicted in the Holy Scriptures as trying his best to maintain a right relationship with God and the people of his time. He was called by God for a new relation, which is described at length in the book of Genesis.

The call of Abraham, for a different phase of his life, implies on the concept, one God, one people and one culture. The present world is called a global village. This concept finds its place in the Abrahamic call. People's life is patterned by a particular way of thinking and in such a mindset, it becomes very difficult to think alternatively. Reluctance to change, results in alienation, indignation, violence, wars and sometimes-cruel death. In the New Year, God has prepared for us with his promises, recourse to an attitude and an approach like Abraham to experience the fullness of life.

The year of 2016 is being looked forward with a lot of hope by all. People are expecting that something progressive, meaningful and favorable should happen in this year. All our expectations are possible, provided we have the right relationship with the God and the resultant meaningful relation with fellow beings and nature. Be reminded of Abraham's relation with God, which brought lot of blessings to the generations, even to us, today. Enter into a new covenant relation with God as Abraham did and enjoy the fusion of the new relation for ourselves and share the same with many people. May the God help all of us to meant and keep our relationship with God and others in this year.

May the Good God abundantly bless keep all of you in his might hand thorough out this New Year.

With love and prayer,

In His service

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## Lectionary for January 2016

**January 03 Malayalam Holy Communion**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**

**Theme: Revelation for Salvation**

1 Lesson: Exodus 3: 1-14

Psalm 27

2 Lesson: Acts 16: 6-10

Gospel: John 12: 20-32

**Lay Ministry:**

**January 10 English Holy Communion/ Contemporary –**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**Theme: Be Holy**

1 Lesson: Deuteronomy 7: 1 – 11

Psalm 5

2 Lesson: Ephesians 5: 18 - 20

Gospel: John 17: 13 – 17

**Lay Ministry: Youth**

**January 17 Malayalam Holy Communion**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**Theme: One Body, One Baptism**

1 Lesson: Amos 9: 5 – 12

Psalm 115

2 Lesson: Ephesians 4: 1-6

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13 – 20

**Lay Ministry: Mr. Saju Issac Mathew & family**

## Lectionary for January 2016

**January 24 English Holy Communion**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter**

**Theme: United in Love**

1 Lesson: Deuteronomy 4: 1 – 10

Psalm 30

2 Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1: 10 – 18

Gospel: John 15: 11 – 17

**Lay Ministry: Mr. Koshy K. Varghese and Family**

**January 31 Malayalam Matins**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter**

**Theme: The Corruption of Creation**

1 Lesson: Isaiah 5: 1 - 13

Psalm 8

2 Lesson: Galatians 5: 1– 10

Gospel: Luke 10: 13 - 16

**Lay Ministry: Mr. Prasad Philip & Family**

**February 07 Malayalam Holy Communion**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter**

**Theme: The Presentation of Christ**

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson 1 Samuel 1: 19 – 28

Psalm 118: 19 - 29

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson Romans 11: 13 to 12:2

Gospel Luke 2: 22 - 40

**Lay Ministry:**

### *Birthday Greetings:*

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

Mr. Arun Cherian	01/02
Miss. Leni Verghese	01/05
Miss. Annamma Jacob	01/14
Miss. Zoeh Acha John	01/14
Mr. Jubin A Jacob	01/15
Mrs. Sosamma Philip	01/16
Mr. Chase John Koshy	01/18
Mr. Cherian Abraham	01/23
Miss. Hannah Acha John	01/23
Miss. Reeba Ivan	01/24
Mrs. Vivija Maxwell	01/24
Mr. Prasad Philip	01/28

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.

### *Wedding Anniversaries:*

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

Mr. Gigo George & Mrs. Reena George	01/05
Mr. Saju Issac Mathew & Mrs. Bindu Saju	0/08
Mr. Koshy K Varghese & Mrs. Jessy Koshy	01/23

*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*



