

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.

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

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

Women's Fellowship Meetings - 1st & 3rd Sundays after the Service

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Newsletter of
Emmanuel C.S.I. Church
November 2015

Thanksgiving Service

Fourteen years after the first settlers dedicated America to God on the sands of Cape Henry, Virginia on April 29, 1607, the Pilgrims at Plymouth, Massachusetts celebrated America's first Thanksgiving in 1621. They wanted to express their thankfulness and their appreciation to their Creator.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, Psalms 100:4 tells us that we need to: "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name." Let us try to remember this passage as we gather with family and friends amongst an abundance of riches and blessings which God has given to us.

Emmanuel family will be celebrating the Thanksgiving day on Sunday, November 29, 2015 and all are requested to come to the Malayalam Holy Communion service. Everyone will have an opportunity to submit special offertory during the worship. (Special envelopes will be available) A very special meal will be served by our women's fellowship members after the service.

Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for the family of Issac Achayan, who is now resting in the abiding presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Also pray for Mr. Mathew Mangalath, who is scheduled to have an Angioplasty/Stent placement procedure done on Friday, November 6th.



From Achen's Desk

Dear beloved in Jesus Christ,

All we have friends, how many true friends do we have? At first, many names may come to our mind, but the longer you consider the question, the more likely it is that the number will start to dwindle. The reality is, we do not have many genuine friends if the ones who will remain royal no matter what circumstances arise.

This dependable, intimate closeness is what the Lord wants for us, but it is a rare treasure. The Biblical account of David and Jonathan can help us learn how to foster such a relationship (1 Samuel. 18 – 20). Their story demonstrates that genuine friendships are build upon a foundation of mutual respect, love and authentic commitment.

For true companionship, each party must appreciate the other's godly qualities. This starts with an attitude of valuing all people. After all, if Jesus chose to die in their place even before they acknowledge Him as savior, they must certainly have great worth. However, at the same time the high regard that David and Jonathan had toward one another was greater than mere respect. It revealed admiration for qualities that scripture commends. These included loyalty to the nation of Israel, courage in battle and strong faith in God.

Consider the question asked earlier about the people you think "true friends". Do these individuals exhibit godly attributes that we respect? Moreover, do they, in turn, have admiration for the Biblical characteristics they see in us? This mutual, scriptural respect is a necessary foundation for genuine and lasting friendship. May the God help us to continue and keep these friendships in our life.

Yours Lovingly
In His service,
Bejoyachen

Lectionary for October 2015

November 01, 2015; 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam

Sunday school Sunday

1 Lesson: Exodus 2: 1-10

Psalm: 47

2 Lesson: 3 John 1: 1-15

Gospel: Luke 18: 15-17

Lay Ministry: Sunday School Teachers/Students

November 8, 2015; 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Unity Sunday

Holy Communion with Praise & Worship (English)

1 Lesson: Zechariah 4: 1-14

Psalm 27

2 Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3: 10-15

Gospel: Matthew 5: 14-16

Lay Ministry: Youth

November 15, 2015; 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Protecting the girl child

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam

1 Lesson: Job 42: 10-17

Psalm 45: 8-14

2 Lesson: Acts: 16: 16-18

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

Lay Ministry: Mr. Arun Cherian & Family

Regional Laity & Women's Fellowship Retreat

Regional Laity & Women's Fellowship one day retreat will be held on November 07, 2015 at CSI Congregation of Hudson Valley, 200 Columbus Ave, Valhalla, NY at 9:00 AM. Deacon Mathew John Chirayil (Benny Achen) will lead the Retreat. The theme selected is "BEING A CHRISTIAN IN THE WORLD" based on the bible verse AMOS 3:2 There will be a Bible Quiz based on the Book of AMOS.

For more information, please contact Regional Retreat Coordinator, Mr. Koshy K. Varghese (Santhosh).

Ecumenical Fellowship Women's Forum Retreat

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2015

Time: 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Theme: "Can You Really Forgive"

Ecumenical Fellowship Talent Competition

Congratulations to the following children who participated and won prizes at the EFICP Talent Competition held on Sunday, October 25, 2015 at St. Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Church.

Category 1, Malayalam Song:

Master Koshy Thalakkal; S/O Chase John Koshy (1st Prize)

Category 2, Water Color Painting:

Elin Verghese (2nd Prize)

Category 3, English Song:

Angelina Prasad (2nd Prize)

Josephine Reny (2nd Prize)

Category 3, Malayalam Song:

Josephine Reny (3rd Prize)

Category 3, Water Color Painting:

Hannah Acha John; D/O Chase John Koshy

Thanks to all who participated in this event.

Church Calendar

Important Dates to Remember:

10-11-2015	Youth Sunday
10-17-2015	EFICP Women's Forum Retreat
10-18-2015	Church Day
10-25-2015	EFICP Talent Competition
11-01-2015	Sunday School Sunday
11-07-2015	Regional Laity/ W. F. Retreat
11-29-2015	Thanksgiving Sunday
12-4-2015	House to House Caroling
12-5-2015	House to House Caroling
12-12-2015	Ecumenical Fellowship Christmas
12-19-2015	Christmas Carol Service
12-25-2015	Christmas Day Service
12-31-2015	Watch Night Service
01-02-2016	Regional Joint Carol

(Please mark your calendar and schedule your time off)

**November 22, 2015; 26th Sunday after Pentecost
English Holy Communion**

Theme: Christian response to poverty

1 Lesson: Amos 8: 4-7

Psalm : 145

2 Lesson: James 2: 1-7

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

Lay Ministry: Mr. Maxwell P. Gifford & Family

November 29, 2015; 1st Sunday in Advent

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam

Thanksgiving Sunday

1 Lesson: 1 Chronicles 16: 23-36

Psalm: 95

2 Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5: 11-24

Gospel: Matthew 6: 25-34

Lay Ministry: Church Committee

December 6, 2015; 2nd Sunday in Advent

Bible Sunday

Holy Communion with Praise & Worship (English)

1 Lesson: 1 Kings 19: 1-21

Psalm 119: 33-40

2 Lesson: Revelations 10: 1-11

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45

Lay Ministry: Youth

Birthday Greetings:

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

11/03	Mrs. Elson Sam Mathew
11/03	Mrs. Sokly Chou Thomas
11/04	Mrs. Susie George
11/04	Abhishek Bejoy
11/06	Mrs. Jiji Verghese
11/13	Abhinav Philip Prasad
11/16	Mr. Vipin Maxwell
11/18	Mrs. Tina Arun Cherian
11/25	Mr. Anish Mathew
11/26	Mr. Russal Samuel
11/27	Mr. Jacob John
11/28	Mrs. Bindu Saju

God's 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 the following couples who will be celebrating their anniversaries in the month of November. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

11/10	Mr. Arun Cherian & Mrs. Tina Arun Cherian
11/12	Mr. Issac Thomas & Mrs. Achamma Issac
11/20	Mr. Maxwell Gifford & Mrs. Vivija Maxwell
11/21	Mr. Mathew Mangalath & Mrs. Gracy Mangalath

*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....

- **Saturday Prayer Fellowship:**
The Saturday prayer fellowship will be held at the Parsonage at 7:00 PM on every Saturday, if no other cottage prayers are scheduled.
- Our next fasting prayer (Laity and Women's Fellowship) will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at **10:30 AM** at the residence of Mrs. & Mr. Koshy K. Varghese, 1912 Conwell Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19115. Phone: 215-969-3273.
- If you are interested in hosting a Fasting prayer or Cottage prayer meeting at your house, please sign up or communicate with Bejoy 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.
- Choir Practice will be held on every second Sunday after the service.
- Youth meetings will be held every 2nd Saturday at the Parsonage. All Youth members are requested to attend.

