

EMMANUEL C.S.I CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA

Worshiping at

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
500 Somerton Avenue,
Philadelphia, PA, 19116

Worship Services at 11:00 AM
Sunday School at 09:45 AM

Malayalam Holy Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays

English Contemporary Service with H. C.
2nd Sunday

English Holy Communion
4th Sunday

Malayalam Matins Service
5th Sundays

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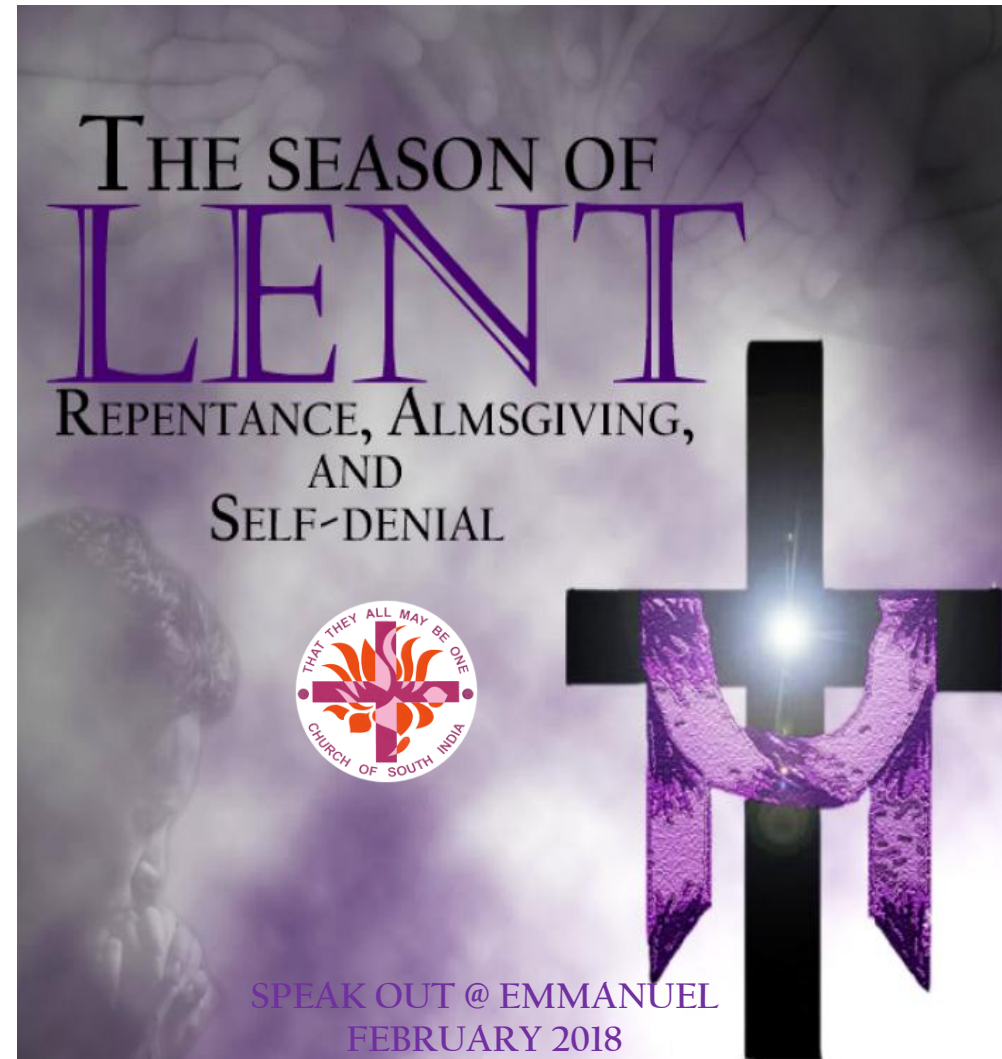
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Newsletter of Emmanuel C.S.I Church Philadelphia



Motto of the Year : Year of Discipleship

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...
and remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age”*

Matthew 28: 19, 20b

APPLE CAKE

Ingredients

Apple cut into small pieces - 3 cups
 Sugar - 1.5 cup
 All-purpose flour - 2 cups
 Baking soda - 1 tsp
 Cinnamon powder - 1.5 tsp
 Butter - 1/2 cup
 Vegetable oil - 1/2 cup
 Vanilla extract - 1 tsp
 Egg - 3

Caramelize 1/2 cup sugar. When it gets golden brown turn off the heat and add apple pieces and mix well. Keep it aside. Mix all-purpose flour, baking soda and cinnamon powder in a separate container and keep it aside. In another mixing bowl, beat 1 cup sugar, oil and butter using a hand mixer. Then add eggs and vanilla extract to it and mix again. To this add caramelized apple pieces and mix well. Fold in mixed dry ingredients (Maida, baking soda, cinnamon powder). Bake in a buttered baking tin at 350°F. Enjoy ☺



From Achen's Desk



Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our lord and savior Jesus Christ.

Once again it is my pleasure to address the Emmanuel family through this month News Letter. I take this opportunity to congratulate all the newly elected church committee members for this term. This time I pray that May the good God enable them to do a meaningful ministry throughout this term in our congregation. This year, Lent starts on February 14 which is also known as Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. It helps us to realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. The Lent period reflects when Jesus fasted and suffered in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights, before he started his ministry. According to the Bible, he was tempted by Satan during this time, but each time he managed to refuse his temptations. People follow Jesus' example and give up vices in a bid to grow closer to God as Easter approaches.

Fasting is a path to peace and happiness. It is the practice of abstaining from food or drink days and even weeks at a time, is one of the most powerful ways we have of becoming closer to God and finding true joy. Self-denial leads to a greater sense of wholeness. That's why Christians have fasted for thousands of years, and its why Lent the 6-week period between Ash Wednesday and Easter, is a time of serious fasting.

The time of Lent through fasting and abstaining, may be an important reminder of what it means to suffer. This small suffering should not be met with misery but with great joy as we better understand the incredible sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for humanity. May our God help us to celebrate a meaningful lent season this year.

Yours' loving,
Princeachen

LECTIONARY FOR FEBRUARY 2018

Liturgical Colors during the month: **GREEN. PURPLE**

Feb. 4	8th Sunday Before Easter <i>The Fallen-ness of Creation</i>	OT Psalm Epistle Gospel	Gen. 3 : 1 - 10 Psalm 53 Rom. 3 : 21 - 26 Matt. 18 : 23 - 35	Lay Ministry Mr. Kuruvilla Oommen & Family
Feb. 11	7th Sunday Before Easter <i>Lent : A time of Reconciliation</i>	OT Psalm Epistle Gospel	Gen. 45 : 1 - 15 Psalm 85 Eph. 2 : 11 - 22 John 2 : 1 - 11	Lay Ministry Youth Fellowship
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday <i>Cross : A Call to Self-Denial</i>	OT Psalm Epistle Gospel	Joel 2 : 12 - 20 Psalm 32 Gal. 2 : 15 - 21 Luke 9 : 23 - 27	Lay Ministry Emmanuel Family
Feb. 18	6th Sunday Before Easter <i>Touching the "Untouchable"</i>	OT Psalm Epistle Gospel	2 Kings 5 : 1 - 10 Psalm 10 : 1 - 12 Heb. 13 : 8 - 17 Matt. 8 : 1 - 4	Lay Ministry Mr. Anish Mathew & Family
Feb. 25	5th Sunday Before Easter <i>Life Saving Faith</i>	OT Psalm Epistle Gospel	2 Kings 4 : 1 - 7 Psalm 72 Acts 5 : 12- 16 Luke 5 - 17 - 26	Lay Ministry Mr. Jerry Alex & Family

New Arrival

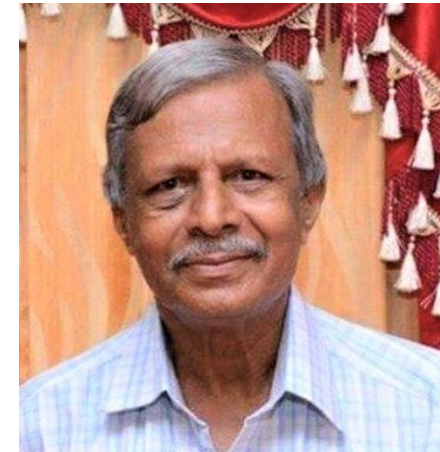


Our members Mr. Sijo Chemmanur and Mrs. Sherin Grace were blessed through the birth of **Miss. Smiya Grace Chemmannur** on Dec. 26, 2017. As a congregation we welcome baby Smiya to our Emmanuel family and congratulate Sijo and Sherin.

Gone Home to the Lord

01/01/1954 - 01/01/2018

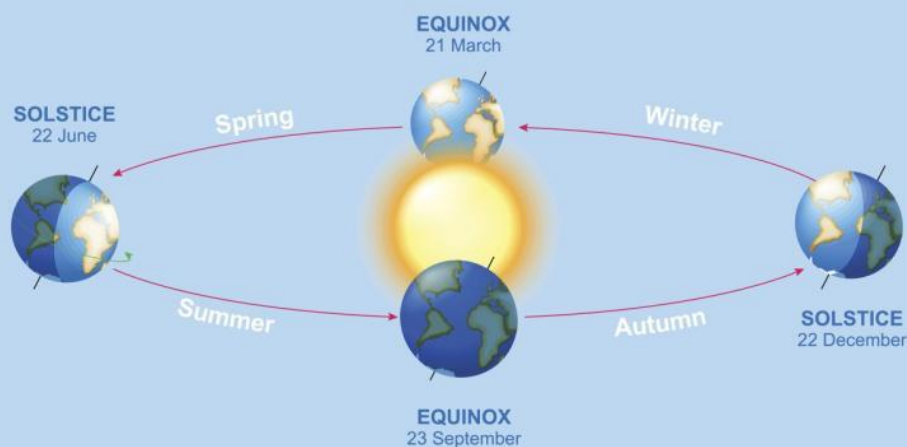
Mr. George Varkey, First cousin of our member Mr. D. K. Joy and a member of CSI Church in Kodukulanji, left us to be with our Lord and Saviour on the New Year's Day. His funeral was held the following day in Mangalore.



Mrs. Kunjukunjam Thomas (75), former parishioner of our Church and mother of our former member Mrs. Raji John, left us to be with her Lord on Jan. 2nd. She was laid to rest at Forest Hill Cemetery (Lamb) on Jan. 6th, 2018 after the Funeral service held at CSI Christ Church in PA.

How is the Date of Easter Decided?

EARTH'S SEASONS



The method for determining the date of Easter is complex and has been a matter of controversy. Put as simply as possible, the Western churches (Catholic and Protestant) celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox (The moment the Sun crosses the celestial equator- the imaginary line in the sky above the Earth's equator- from South to North).

But it is actually a bit more complicated than this. The spring equinox is fixed for this purpose as March 21 and the "full moon" is actually the paschal moon, which is based on 84-year "paschal cycles" established in the sixth century, and rarely corresponds to the astronomical full moon. These complex calculations yield an Easter date of anywhere between March 22 and April 25.

Birthdays in February

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

02/10	Mr. Jacob Russal Samuel	02/11
02/17	Miss. Aubrey Maria Thomas	02/18
	Dr. Benjamin George (Thampi)	
	Mrs. Elizabeth Anish Mathew (Soji)	
02/23	Mr. Ivan Pattermthanam	02/25
02/24	Mr. Tony Mathew	
	Dr. Lena Cherian	
02/25	Mrs. Annamma Mathew (Lizzy)	
02/27	Mrs. Annie John (Teena)	03/04



*"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26"*

• WEEKLY PROGRAMS •



* **Teleconference prayer meeting** will be held every Wednesday **from 9:00 PM**. Please join us with prayers by dialing **1-302-202-1116** and entering Conference **code 714031**



* **Weekly Prayer meeting** will be held in our Parsonage every Friday from 7 PM.



* **Bible study for Women's Fellowship** will be held on every **first and third Sundays**. All Women's fellowship members are requested to attend.



A Season to Remember
Him
Through Sacrifice.

Give away instead of
giving up for Lent in 2018



Youth & Young Adult Ministry

CSI Youth and Young Adults (YaYA) Conference

The 2018 CSI Youth Conference to be held at Tuscarora Inn & Conference Center, Mount Bethel, Pennsylvania, from July 5th to 8th, 2018. This conference will begin on Thursday, July 5th 2018, with an inaugural worship service led by our Moderator, Most Reverend Thomas K. Oommen. The conference will end on Sunday, July 8th 2018, where the youth will unite with all participating churches for the Joint Holy Communion service organized by the Council, again under the auspices of the Moderator.

The early registration rate for the Youth Conference is \$180 per person until February 1, 2018. Regular registration is \$200 per person until April 5, 2018. Late registration is \$230 per person after April 5, 2018.

Registration Website: <https://csiyaya.com/conference2018/>
Please direct all questions to: Lisa Kurien, the Region 1 Youth Representative, at lisaxo115@gmail.com; or to Bryan Mathew, the North America Youth Representative, at bryanmathew2189@gmail.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT	TIME
02-14	Ash Wednesday Service	7 PM
03-25	Palm Sunday	11 AM
03-29	Maundy Thursday	7PM
03-30	Good Friday	8AM
04-01	Easter	11 AM
05-25 to 05-27	Annual Gospel Convention	
07-05 to 07-08	CSI Youth Conference 2018	