

Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia
4937 Church Avenue,
Feasterville-Trevese, PA 19053

Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.

1st & 3rd – Malayalam Holy Communion
2nd & 4th – English Holy Communion
5th – Malayalam Matins

Teleconference Prayer – Wednesday @ 8:30 PM

Fasting Prayer – Every Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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From Achen's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Happy New Year. As we step into the month of January 2026, I wish grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. My heart is filled with gratitude to God for guiding our congregation through the past year and blessing us with the gift of a new one. January reminds us of new beginnings—new hopes, renewed commitments, and a fresh opportunity to draw nearer to God.

January also invites us to reflect on our resolutions. Along with our new year personal decisions, let us resolve to grow in:

Prayer - to make time each day to be in the presence of God.
Community - to support, encourage and love one another.

Service - to use our gifts to strengthen our parish family and help the poor.

Spiritual growth - to participate more actively in parish life.

This month, the Church celebrates The Epiphany of the Lord, reminding us of the wise men who journeyed far, guided by faith. Their journey inspires us to deepen our faith and to follow the light of Christ even when the path seems uncertain. May we, like them, offer our gifts—our time, talents, and love—to the Lord and to one another.

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We also joyfully begin our parish activities for 2026 this month. Let us make this year a journey of faith—walking with Jesus, listening to His voice, and living as His people. May our parish be a light of hope to all around us.

Wishing you a blessed and grace-filled New Year 2026!

Rev. Sandeep Jacob

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. Saju Issac Mathew & Mrs. Bindu Mathew	01/08
Mr. Ninan Mathew & Mrs. Omana Mathew	01/22
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

What Is Epiphany? Bible Meaning and Holiday Traditions:

What is the Meaning of "Epiphany"?

Epiphany means "appearance or manifestation." Throughout the world, Christians celebrate it on January 6 - 12 days after Christmas Day. Many countries refer to it as "[Three Kings Day](#)." On this day, Western Christianity recognizes Christ's manifestation to the Gentiles. The Gentiles were represented when The Magi visited the child Jesus and showed how God's gift of the Good News is for everyone. [Eastern Christianity](#) observes Jesus' baptism on this day. His baptism revealed his identity to mankind. Epiphany celebrates God revealing himself to the world in the East or the West.

Origin and History of Epiphany

In the first century, the earliest Christians set aside one day a week as the Lord's Day. We observe this day on Sunday. In the second century, they established Lent, Easter, and [Pentecost](#). Lent was a period of time set aside for penitence and the training of new Christians.

In the third century, the early Church leaders established Epiphany. This holiday celebrates and recognizes Christ's birth, baptism, the adoration of magi, and the first miracle at Cana. It wasn't until the end of the fourth century that early Christians began observing Christmas and Advent. Christmas became the time to celebrate Jesus' birth. Advent is the four-week period of time before Christmas. It is used to prepare hearts to receive Jesus.

As we can see, Epiphany originated from the earliest Church leaders and has a spiritual meaning. The Church Year begins at Advent. From then, through [Pentecost](#), Christians concentrated on the life and work of Christ. For the rest of the year—Pentecost to Advent—the church year focuses on the teachings of Christ and their applications to the Christian life. The ultimate purpose of the church calendar ensured that Christians covered the entire breadth and depth of the Gospel in the course of a year. The six-month period from Advent to Pentecost covers all six major events: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost.

Epiphany is a time of revelation. Jesus revealed himself to the Israelites and the Gentiles, represented by the Wise Men. God doesn't play favorites but receives all whose hearts long for him. May we open our hearts to receive revelation from God this year. May we rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn. May we reveal the reason for which we have hope and celebrate the epiphany of the Lord in our lives.

BirthDay Greetings:

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

Mrs. Nitina Mohan	01/01
Miss Leni K. Verghese	01/05
Mr. Mohan Mathew	01/08
Miss Zoeh Acha John	01/14
Mrs. Annamma Jacob	01/14
Mr. Jubin A. Jacob	01/15
Mr. Chase John Koshy	01/18
Miss Hannah Acha John	01/23
Mr. Cherian Abraham	01/23
Mrs. Vivija Maxwell	01/24
Miss Reebea Ivan	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.



Lectionary for January 2026

January 04 2nd Sunday after Christmas Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)

Theme: Unveiling God's Love for All

1 Lesson: Genesis 12: 1 – 7

Psalm 136

2 Lesson: Romans 8: 31 - 39

Gospel: John 15: 9 - 17

Lay Ministry: Mr. Chase Koshy & Family

January 11 1st Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion Service (English)

Theme: Baptism of Jesus: Affirmation of Identity and Mission

1 Lesson: Exodus 3: 1 - 15

Psalm 98

2 Lesson: Galatians 4: 1 - 7

Gospel: Mathew 3: 11 - 17

Lay Ministry: Youth Fellowship

January 18 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)

Theme: Break the Chain: Finding Freedom from Addictions

1 Lesson: Daniel 1: 8 - 21

Psalm 1

2 Lesson: Colossians 3: 1 – 11

Gospel: Mark 5: 1 - 21

Lay Ministry: Church Committee

Lectionary for January 2026

January 25 **3rd Sunday after Epiphany**
Holy Communion Service (English)
Theme: **Unity in Faith and Action**

1 Lesson: Joshua 4: 1 - 11
Psalm 67

2 Lesson: Acts 4: 32 - 37
Gospel: Mark 6: 32 - 44
Lay Ministry: Mr. Ivan Pattermthanam & Family

February 01 **9th Sunday before Easter**
Holy Communion Service (Malayalam)
Theme: **Sabbath Leads to the Fullness of Creation**

1 Lesson: Genesis 1: 31 – 2:3
Psalm 24

2 Lesson: Hebrews 4: 2 - 11
Gospel: Mark 3: 1 - 6
Lay Ministry: Mr. Mathew Abraham & Family

February 08 **8th Sunday before Easter**
Holy Communion Service (English)
Theme: (Healing Ministry) Compassion: Loving and Suffering

1 Lesson: Exodus 4: 10 - 17
Psalm 103: 1 - 10
Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12: 1 - 10
Gospel: John 9: 1 - 7
Lay Ministry: Youth Fellowship Members

Importance days of the Church Calendar

Date	Event
01/06/2026	Epiphany
01/18/2026	Annual General Body Meeting
02/18/2026	Ash Wednesday
03/05/2026	
03/22/2026	Passion Sunday
03/29/2026	Palm Sunday
04/02/2026	Maundy Thursday
04/03/2026	Good Friday
04/05/2026	Easter Sunday
05/10/2026	Mother's Day
05/14/2026	Ascension of our Lord
05/24/2026	Pentecost Sunday
05/31/2026	Trinity Sunday
06/21/2026	Father's Day
09/07/2026	Education Sunday
09/21/2026	Choir Sunday
09/27/2026	CSI Formation Day
09/28/2026	Senior Citizen's Sunday
10/05/2026	Laity Sunday
10/18/2026	Church Day
10/25/2026	Reformation Sunday
11/01/2026	
11/08/2026	
11/15/2026	
11/22/2026	Thanksgiving Sunday
12/13/2026	
12/20/2026	
12/25/2026	Christmas Day
12/27/2026	Family Sunday
12/31/2026	Watchnight Service