

Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia
4937 Church Avenue,
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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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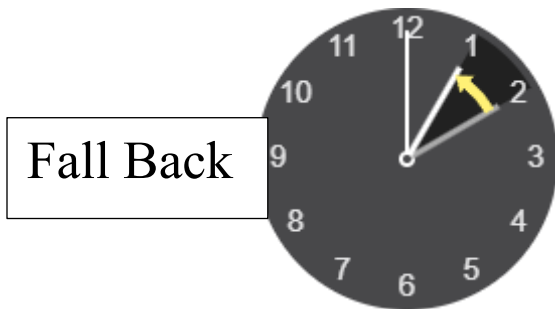
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Important Days of the Church Calendar

| Date | Event |
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| 11/02/2025 | Sunday school Sunday |
| 11/09/2025 | Unity Sunday |
| 11/23/2025 | Thanksgiving Sunday |
| 11/29/2025 | House to House Caroling |
| 12/13/2025 | House to House Caroling |
| 12/20/2025 | Christmas Carol Guest Speaker: Rev. Lijo George Vicar, CSI Christ Church in PA |
| 12/25/2025 | Christmas Day |
| 12/31/2025 | Watchnight Service |

Daylights Saving Time Ends on Sunday November 2nd.



On first Sunday in November, move your clocks back one hour and enjoy an extra hour of sleep.



From Achen's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
We begin the month of November with the beautiful celebrations of All Saints' Day (November 1st) and All Souls' Day (November 2nd). All Saints' Day (November 1st) is a day to remember and celebrate the lives of all the saints in heaven — those officially recognized by the Church and those unknown to us who lived faithful, holy lives.

The Website 'Britannica' write about Halloween as part of a Christian triduum, "Halloween also marks the beginning of All hallow tide, a Christian triduum (Latin: "period of three days") dedicated to remembering the dead that begins with All Hallows' Eve (October 31) and is followed by All Hallows', or All Saints', Day (November 1) and All Souls' Day (November 2). (<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Halloween>, accessed on 10/29/2025)

After the Reformation, most of the Protestant churches, emphasized the All Saints Day. All Souls' Day (November 2nd) was a day dedicated to praying for the souls of the departed — those who have died but are still being purified before entering heaven. This belief is connected to the Catholic doctrine of Purgatory, a state in which souls are cleansed of the effects of sin before they see God face to face.

However, during the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century, reformers such as Martin Luther and John Calvin rejected the idea of purgatory and the related practice of praying for the dead. They believed that after death, a person's eternal destiny — either heaven or hell — is immediately determined by their faith in Christ alone, not by any process of purification or by prayers offered afterward. Because of this theological difference:

- The Catholic Church observe All Souls' Day to pray for the faithful departed.

- Protestants, who generally do not believe in purgatory or prayer for the dead, do not celebrate All Souls' Day in a liturgical or formal way.

That said, many Protestant communities do honor and remember the dead in other ways. For example, some observe All Saints Day (Nov 1 st) with a service, some observe All Saints' Sunday (the Sunday after November 1st) to remember all believers who have died in faith. Others hold special memorial services or moments of thanksgiving for loved ones who have passed away.

However, understanding these differences are significant for us. The All Saints Day is the day for us to prayerfully remember the lives of our dear ones who have departed from us. It reminds us that we, too, are called to be saints by living with love, kindness, and faith in our everyday lives.

As the month continues, we also begin to look toward Advent, which starts at the end of November. Advent is a time of waiting and preparing our hearts for Jesus—both for His birth at Christmas and for His coming again. It's a season filled with quiet joy, prayer, and hope.

May we continue to support one another in prayer and love as we move closer to the joyful celebration of Christmas.

Rev. Sandeep Jacob

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 Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

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| Mr. Maxwell Gifford & Mrs. Vivija Maxwell | 11/20 |
| Mr. Mathew Mangalath & Mrs. Gracy Mangalath | 11/21 |
| Dr. Davis Samuel & Mrs. Novina Samuel | 11/26 |
| Mr. Chase John Koshy & Mrs. Renjini John Koshy | 11/27 |
| Mr. Idicula Jacob & Mrs. Aleyamma Jacob | 11/30 |



**House to House
Carol Rounds**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

Carol Service at Church:
Saturday, December 20, 2025



**Welcome Santa and his Friends
to your home...**

On November 29 & December 13
Philadelphia Phila Suburbs & NJ

Birthday Greetings:

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

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| Master Nathan Samuel | 11/01 |
| Master Rohan Samuel | 11/01 |
| Mr. Glenn Mathew John | 11/02 |
| Mrs. Elsen Mathew | 11/03 |
| Mrs. Susie George | 11/04 |
| Mrs. Jiji Verghese | 11/06 |
| Mrs. Achamma Andrews | 11/06 |
| Mr. Steve Thomas Geo | 11/07 |
| Miss Aishwarya Chacko | 11/10 |
| Mr. Abhinav Philip Prasad | 11/13 |
| Mr. Kizhakayil Mathew | 11/14 |
| Miss Josephine Bousqust | 11/14 |
| Dr. Mrs. Betty Elsa Jacob | 11/16 |
| Mr. Vipin Maxwell | 11/16 |
| Master Jithin Jacob | 11/25 |
| 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 2025

November 02 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion - Malayalam

Theme: World Sunday School Sunday
What This Child Going to Be

1 Lesson Judges 13: 1 - 14

Psalm 119: 9 – 16

2 Lesson Ephesians 6: 1 - 4

Gospel: Luke 1: 57 - 66

Lay Ministry: Sunday School Teachers

November 09 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

(Holy Communion – English)

Theme: Unity Sunday – Vine and Branches

1 Lesson: Ezekiel 37: 15 - 23

Psalm 133

2 Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 27

Gospel: John 15: 1 - 8

Lay Ministry: Youth Fellowship Members

November 16 Sunday for the Girl Child

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam

Theme: Sunday for the Girl Child

Affirming the Worth of the Girl Child

1 Lesson: Numbers 27: 1 - 11

Psalm 71: 1 - 12

2 Lesson: Acts 21: 7 - 14

Gospel: Mark 5: 35 - 43

Lay Ministry: Mr. Kizhakayil Mathew & Family

Lectionary for November/December 2025

November 23 **Thanksgiving Sunday**

Holy Communion Service in English

Theme: **Peace in the Context of Violence**

1 Lesson: 1 Samuel 24: 1 - 12

Psalm 52

2 Lesson: Romans 12: 14 - 21

Gospel: Matthew 5: 38 - 48

Lay Ministry: **Sunday School Children**

November 30 **First Sunday in Advent**

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam

Theme: **Celebrating the Good News**

1 Lesson: Exodus 2: 1 - 10

Psalm 30

2 Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 10

Gospel: Luke 1: 46 - 56

Lay Ministry: **Mr. Anish Mathew & Family**

December 07 **2nd Sunday in Advent**

Theme: **Word of God: Inspired to Inspire
(Bible Sunday)**

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: **Mr. Koshy K. Varghese & 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