

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

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

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - Malayalam Holy Communion  
2<sup>nd</sup> - English Holy Communion  
4<sup>th</sup> - English Holy Communion  
5<sup>th</sup> - Malayalam Matins

Teleconference Prayer - Every Wednesday @ 8:00 PM

Fasting Prayer - Every Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia  
September 2024



THE INAUGURATION OF THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA,  
ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, MADRAS, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1947



THE SOLEMN DECLARATION OF UNION

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## Important Days of the Church Calendar

Date	Event
09/01/2024	Choir Sunday/Education Sunday
09/08/2024	Women's Sunday
<b>09/07/2024</b>	<b>Sunday School Competition</b>
09/08/2024	Women's Sunday
09/27/2024	CSI Formation Day
09/29/2024	Senior Citizens Sunday
10/06/2024	Laity Sunday
10/20/2024	Youth Sunday/Emmanuel Church Day
10/27/2024	Reformation Sunday
11/03/2024	World Sunday school Sunday
11/10/2024	Unity Sunday
<b>11/23/2024</b>	<b>House to House Caroling</b>
<b>12/01/2024</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Sunday</b>
<b>12/07/2024</b>	<b>Ecumenical Christmas Program</b>
12/08/2024	Bible Sunday
<b>12/14/2024</b>	<b>House to House Caroling</b>
<b>12/22/2024</b>	<b>Christmas Carol at 6 PM</b>
12/25/2024	Christmas Day
12/22/2024	Family Sunday
12/31/2024	Watchnight Service



### From Achen's Desk

Praise the Lord, God bless the Emmanuel Family. Once again it is my pleasure to address the Emmanuel Family through this month's newsletter.

Today we remember the formation of The Church of South India and its faith journey after seventy-six years of long ministerial in The Indian soil. The Indian Church leaders as well as the missionaries working in South India were convinced that division was the greatest hindrance to more effective evangelization of the country. By the providence of God, the four historical traditions namely Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational, united into one body by offering their respective heritage unimpaired for the common good. Let us pray for a quick solution to today's problems. God bless us all.

United in worship helps us to face challenges in our day-to-day life. St. Paul explains the work of the spirit in human life. The Christian life is essentially life in the spirit, a life which is animated, directed and enriched by the Holy spirit. Without the Holy Spirit true Christian discipleship would be impossible. Christian worship should bring the anxieties of the people before God, rather it seems to be irrelevant for daily life of believes. United in worship gives us an inspiration for missionary enterprise. The Gospel St. Luke explains the event of Jesus sending out the twelve. Jesus commands them to follow extreme simplicity which goes beyond

both the normal requirements of a journey and the dress of the Cynic wandering preacher. Healing and preaching indicate that the kingdom of God is not simply a spiritual enterprise, but one that looked forward to the full renewal of human in both body and soul. Worship is the central act of the life and mission, witness and service of the church. Let us re-dedicate ourselves for the growth of our unity, worship and witness. Best wishes from CSI Church.

Yours Loving  
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### *Wedding Anniversaries:*

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

Rev. P. J. Jose & Mrs. Susan John	09/2
Dr. Vivek George Koshy & Dr. Nileena George	09/14
Mr. Jacob Russal and Dr. Mrs. Soby Jacob Russal	09/19
Mr. Prasad Philip and Mrs. Seeja Prasad	09/23
Mr. Mathew Abraham and Mrs. Rejini Abraham	09/26



***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**

### **CSI Formation Day (September 27, 1947)**

Four different church traditions were brought together in the CSI; Anglican (Episcopal), Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist. All these churches had been established in India through the missionary work of churches in Europe, America, and Australia, which had started their work in India at different periods from the beginning of the 18th century.

The Church of South India Scheme was the first practical attempt of its kind towards a union, based on the following points enunciated in the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral:

- The Holy Scripture of the Old and the New Testaments as containing all things necessary to salvation and as being the rule and ultimate standard of faith.
- The Apostles' Creed as the Baptismal Symbol and the Nicene Creed as sufficient statement of the Christian faith.
- The two sacraments ordained by Christ Himself — Baptism and the Supper of the Lord — ministered with the unfailing use of Christ's words of Institution and elements ordained by Him.
- The Historic Episcopate locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying need of the nations and people called of God into the union of His Church.

The Church of South India union ceremony happened at St George's Cathedral in Madras on 27 September 1947, a month after India achieved its independence from the United Kingdom. It was formed from the union of the SIUC, (South India United Church itself a union of churches from the Congregational, Presbyterian, and Reformed traditions); the southern provinces of the (Anglican) Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon; and the Methodist Church of South India. The inaugural service was presided by Bishop Rt. Rev. C. K. Jacob, of the Anglican diocese of Travancore and Cochin. As part of it, nine new bishops, drawn from all the traditions, were consecrated to serve with five Anglican bishops already in the office.<sup>[18]</sup> Each new bishop was ordained with the imposition of hands by the presiding bishop, along with two more Anglican bishops (Rt. Rev. A. M. Hollis and Rt. Rev. G. T. Selwynthe) and six presbyters from the uniting Churches, also laying hands.<sup>[18]</sup> This reconciliation of the Anglican views with those of the other uniting denominations, on the doctrine of apostolic succession, realized in the formation of the Church of South India, is often cited as a landmark in the ecumenical movement.

Source: Wikipedia

## Birthday Greetings:

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

Master Jonah Issac Mathew	09/01
Miss Lesa Thomas	09/03
Dr. Jacky Reny	09/10
Mr. Saju Issac Mathew	09/16
Mr. Marc Ivan	09/16
Mrs. Deepa Ninan	09/16
Dr. George Vivek Koshy	09/19
Mrs. Achamma Koshy	09/19
Mrs. Jiji Ivan	09/19
Mrs. Reena George	09/21
Mr. Jacob Korah	09/24
Mrs. Susan Mathew	09/27
Miss Everleh Kay Jacob	09/27
Mr. Jaisen Jacob	09/29



*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 September 2024

September 01      **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Choir Sunday

**Theme:**      **Jesus the Guru**

Malayalam Holy Communion Service

**1 Lesson:** Proverbs 4: 1 - 19

**Psalm**      141

**2 Lesson:** Acts 22: 1 - 5

**Gospel:**      Luke 4: 31 - 44

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Choir Members

September 8      **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Theme:**      **Women Partners in God's Liberative Act**

Women's Sunday

**1 Lesson:** Zechariah 13 1-9

**Psalm**      130

**2 Lesson:** 1 John 1: 5-10

**Gospel:**      Mark 1: 40-45

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Women's Fellowship

September 15      **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Theme:**      **My Peace I Give to You**

Malayalam Holy Communion

**1 Lesson:** Zachariah 8: 12 - 19

**Psalm**      119: 161 - 176

**2 Lesson:** Romans 5: 1 - 5

**Gospel:**      John 16: 16 - 33

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Mr. Noby Nainan & Family

## Lectionary for September/October 2024

September 22      18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**Theme:**            Christian Response to Poverty  
                         English Holy Communion

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson    Amos 8: 4 – 7  
Psalm         145  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson    James 2: 1 - 7  
Gospel        Luke 16: 19 - 31

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Mrs. Achamma Andrews & Family

September 29      19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**Theme:**            The Wisdom of the Elderly  
                         Senior Citizen's Sunday

**1 Lesson:**    Genesis 24: 1 - 14  
**Psalm**         92  
**2 Lesson:**    2 Timothy 1: 3 - 14  
**Gospel:**       Luke 1: 5 - 7

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Senior Citizens

October 06    20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**Theme:**            Ministry of the Laity  
                         (Laity Sunday)  
                         Malayalam Holy Communion

**1 Lesson:**    1 Samuel 25: 14 - 28  
**Psalm**         23  
**2 Lesson:**    1 Thessalians 4: 1 - 12  
**Gospel:**       Luke 10: 25 - 37

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Laity Fellowship

## Lectionary for September/October 2024

October 13    21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**Theme:**            Differently Abled: Dignity & Dependence  
                         English Holy Communion

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson    Exodus 4: 10 - 17  
Psalm         103: 1 - 33  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson    Acts 3: 1 - 10  
Gospel        Matthew 17: 14 - 21

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Sunday School Children

October 20    22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**Theme:**            Youth in Search of Meaningful Life  
                         Youth Sunday

**1 Lesson:**    Genesis 39: 1 - 23  
**Psalm**         17  
**2 Lesson:**    Hebrews 12: 1 - 11  
**Gospel:**       john 1: 43 - 51

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Youth Fellowship Members

October 27    23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**Theme:**            Church: Reformed and Reforming  
                         (Reformation Sunday)  
                         English Holy Communion

**1 Lesson:**    Deuteronomy 26: 4 - 11  
**Psalm**         109: 21 - 31  
**2 Lesson:**    Acts 2: 43 - 47  
**Gospel:**       Matthew 13: 33 - 35

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Youth Fellowship Members