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2014 Motto

'Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit,' ...

Zechariah 4:6

'സൈന്യത്താലല്ല ശക്തിയാലുമല്ല, എന്റെ ആത്മാവിനാലത്രേ,'...



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Editorial

The soothing morrow.....

Have you ever been faced with the cruel reality of being overburdened? Have you been weighed down by a multitude of concerns? Feeling confused? Probably, these are some of the questions that have a great impact in our lives. But be of good cheer. Here is a cure! It's free! No questions asked. He's the great *I AM*. He's available 24x7. Just give Him a call. Be assured that we'll receive the perfect rest.

'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.' (Matt 11: 28-30)

People who work really hard deserve a comforting rest. Normal, physical rest that we take daily cools the burdens, but may not suffice the huge work that we need to do. Our souls, as well as our bodies, need to be comforted. The promise given by Jesus is not for the lazy who don't care to do any work. Rather, comfort, solace, rest and tranquility are for those who labor relentlessly. It can be the rest from our busy schedules or the eternal rest that awakens to the eternal bliss.

The open invitation to go to Him is followed by a special, explicit condition. We need to take His yoke upon us. The yoke may be the harness that keeps the draught animals together, may be a frame for carrying balanced load on shoulders, or may be the bond of relationship like the yoke of marriage. In every case, it is something that keeps things together. It may stand for the commandments of our Lord. Once we near His presence, the yoke becomes clearer. It resembles a registration requirement like creating a username. Unlike a normal yoke that becomes a burden, this one is light, and it defies gravity. Being an option, it doesn't amount to bondage.

As He is the paradigm of humility and gentleness, the personal invitation to learn acts as a bonus during our sojourn. The great God who came down to take up the cross, the teacher who washed his disciples' feet, and the lamb before Pilate – all prove His nature. It is really a comforting news that all who come will get rest. So why tarry?

Samuel Anselm Samuel

Editor

Achen's Message



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to all in the holy name of the Triune God!

I am so happy to be one among you to thank our Heavenly Father, as He has led us faithfully as a faith community through another year, in the diaspora. I thank all who have made strenuous efforts to build this congregation. Now that we have completed 28 years of worship and witness, it is my sincere wish and prayer that the good Lord may continue to lead us and strengthen us to be a blessing to our surroundings.

I am much indebted to Rev. George John and Rev. Ravi Kalison for ministering the congregation in my absence. I am delighted to share that Rev. Shaji M Johnson took time to visit and encourage me. I convey his regards to all of you.

The Almanac of the year invites us to meditate vital themes of faith journey like “the Pentecost” and the “doctrine of Trinity”. When we look at the happening of Pentecost, it reminds us of God’s faithfulness in keeping His promises (Joel 2:28, 29; Acts 2). So let us be keen in trusting our Heavenly Father. Also the promise contains an act of inclusiveness. The once “non-privileged” youth, females and slaves are also included to receive the power of Holy Spirit and carry out the mission. So in faith, with courage and a wider perspective, we shall uninterruptedly carry out the mission of our Master.

Scholarly men and women of faith sometimes use a term namely, “*mysterium tremendum*”. It simply means tremendous mystery. The doctrine of Trinity is one such. It is a reality; yet much beyond all human perceptions and constructs. Let us humbly accept the doctrine in faith. Let us accept our God as a Triune God who is united in essence, but manifested differently with no hierarchy or differences.

We also think of our responsibility as stewards in preserving our environment during this month. How beautifully has it been handed over to us by the Master Creator so that generations could enjoy LIFE in all its fullness! That expectation failed as the “crown of creation” i.e. humanity, tried to rule over the creation for his/her own benefits. They could not rise to the standard of stewardship. All the resources went unbalanced and unexpected blows resulted. It is pertinent to take our role as the stewards of creation in our faith journey. Let us be “GREENER” in our attitude.

I am grateful to each one of you as you continue to carry me and my family in your fervent and persistent prayers. May the Almighty bless our journey of faith as we continue to be with Him.

With prayers,

Hope to meet you soon.

Rev. George Jacob

Birthday

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*Celebrating
90 years
of Blessings!*

Please join

Ammachy

*(Ponnamma Thomas)
in celebrating this
momentous occasion*

11:00 am

Sunday, June 8, 2014

CSI Church, Toronto

1315 Kipling Ave

June 01 Women's Sunday	Wisdom & Knowledge: Gifts of God		
	Old Testament	Proverbs 2: 1 - 12	English Service
	Psalm	119: 9 - 16	Read by
	Epistle	James 3: 13 - 18	Women's Fellowship
	Gospel	Luke 2: 41 - 52	
June 08	Come Holy Spirit, transform the whole creation		
	Old Testament	Ezekiel 36: 24 - 36	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	29	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 2: 1 - 13	Mr. Joseph Thomas & family
	Gospel	John 20: 19 - 23	
June 15	We believe in the Triune God		
	Old Testament	Ezekiel 1: 4 - 28	English Service
	Psalm	98	Read by
	Epistle	2 Corinthians 13: 11 - 13	Mr. Idikula Kurian & family
	Gospel	Matthew 28: 16 - 20	
June 22	Worship: Celebration of peoples' faith		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 6: 1 - 8	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	148	Read by
	Epistle	Revelation 4: 1 - 11	Mr. Jophy Philip & family
	Gospel	John 4: 16 - 26	
June 29 Matins Service	Discipleship as witness		
	Old Testament	2 Kings 2: 1 - 15	English Service
	Psalm	119: 33 - 48	Read by
	Epistle	Titus 2: 1 - 15	Youth Fellowship
	Gospel	John 3: 22 - 30	

BIRTHDAYS

01	Leonard Fredrick	19	Sheeba R. Thomas
01	Jefin Abraham Mathews	19	Alex Oommen
02	Oommen Cherian	21	Liji Varghese John
11	Ponnamma Thomas	21	Tianna Lelia
11	Mary Joseph	21	Noah Jacob
15	Ajin Annie Varguise	27	Christopher Gajraj
15	Rejini Gajraj	28	Shawn Cherian
19	Akshay Koshy		



ANNIVERSARIES

07	Joseph P. Mathews & Sonia Mathews
21	Christopher Gajraj & Rejini Gajraj



Monthly Fasting Prayer On June 14th Saturday

This month, our monthly fasting prayer has been moved to June 14th Saturday. Please note this change and plan to attend the prayer.

Women's Sunday

We will be observing June 1st Sunday as Women's Sunday. Our women's fellowship members will be actively taking part in the worship service. All are invited for this special Sunday.

Matins service on June 29th

Our Youth fellowship members will be leading our Matins service on June 29th Sunday.

Happy Birthday to Ammachi

Our Ammachi, (Mrs. Ponnamma Thomas) is celebrating her 90th birthday on June 11th. On behalf of our Church, I wish Ammachi a very Happy Birthday. May the Almighty God bless Ammachi in the new year. We wish her good health and happiness for the years to come.

Thank you Ammachi for your prayers and support to our church for the last 28 years. Please continue to pray for us and for our Church.

Church Picnic

This year, our Church Annual Picnic will be held on July 19th. Please mark this date and plan to attend the picnic. More details will be published in the July Pilgrim.



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