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# Pilgrim

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### 2018 Motto

...for it is written, 'you shall be holy, for I am holy.'

*1 Peter 1:16*

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Farewell dear Siby Achen & Family.. God be with you always..  
Farewell Meeting- April 22, Sunday

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## Editorial .....

*Alive for ever and ever...*

How did your Lent go? Were you able to keep your decisions? Were you empowered? As we start April with the jubilation of the resurrection of Jesus, has the Spirit of the Living Lord transformed and strengthened you to face the world? It is true – as we commemorate this unique event that happened 2000 years ago, the blessings galore continue to rain on those who keep His Word.

It wasn't eagerness that drove the women to the tomb early in the morning, but a sense of service to the departed soul who had been their hope. What they lacked initially – hope, has become our breath of life ever since the stone was rolled away. In the present world, many devout followers of Christ fail to acknowledge the term Easter as it has a pagan origin. There have been a lot of debates and discourses regarding this. However, it can't be denied by anyone that Jesus Christ rose up on the third day. Though people have tried to hush it up, the power of resurrection has shattered the shackle of rumours. That is why we're bold to say, "Hallelujah, He's risen indeed." There have been many floating jokes, as this year Easter falls on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Whether you like it or not, Jesus is very much alive. *"Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever!"* (Revelation 1:17)

The power of resurrection will remain your portion if you are willing to partake in the experience of Paul who confronted Jesus. May the risen Lord motivate and strengthen you to live as a true disciple.

Samuel Anselm Samuel  
Editor

## Achen's Message



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord who has conquered death, has resurrected and is living forever!

“He is not here; He is risen!” – How blessed is the resounding message of the Resurrection day! Resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us the confidence of hope and the joy of renewal in our life circumstances. While we are eager to gain “knowledge” about the historic Jesus, resurrection invites us to have faith in Christ who has conquered the sting of death and the confinement of the grave. Being the sons and daughters created in the image of God, we are called to follow Jesus in every aspect of life; overcoming daily the confinements that may place a veil between us and our Heavenly Father. May the Resurrection of Christ fill our lives with rays of hope, and strengthen us to overcome any force that may pull us down in despair. Like the early apostles, let us encounter the “Resurrected Lord” in our lives.

The new Executive Committee members have been dedicated, and they have assumed responsibilities. May almighty God guide them through and grant them wisdom to carry forward the witness and mission of the Church as stewards by their potentials gifted by God.

The Women’s Fellowship Sunday was observed meaningfully. Sincere gratitude to Mrs. Susan Joseph, the Director for the leadership given to Women’s Fellowship. Thanks to Mrs. Annette Hans for assisting the Vicar and Mrs. Elizabeth Verghis for the message. The Congregation appreciates the participation of the women members who offered the Lay Ministry.

We are re-starting “Malayala Lokam” after awhile from April. Thanks to all persons who have come forward to volunteer as teachers. It is vital that we grow in life valuing the best in our own culture and understanding our roots. All children, youth and young families who are interested in learning our mother – tongue are welcome to this program.

By God’s grace and God willing, having completed a term of 3 years and 10 months in God’s ministry here in Toronto since 2014 June 24, we are moving back to Kerala to continue the Lord’s Ministry. As it was informed, my family and I have received the call to join the All Saints’ CSI Church, Bharanickavu, near Mavelikara for ministry through the Diocese. Rev. Anish Mathew George and family who is serving St. Paul’s CSI Church, Valanjavattom will be succeeding our ministry in Toronto. Please keep Achen and family in your prayers.

We are grateful to the Congregation for the support, love, care and concern shown to us. The prayers extended by you could sustain us through. It has been a great privilege to serve all of you. We are humbly reminded of the “Ebenezer” episode in I Samuel 7:12 – “Thus far the Lord has helped us.” It was an honour to be a part of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto in our ministry here as well. Our tenure in Toronto served as a learning opportunity in our ministry. Good memories are surely to follow us on our departure.

May God almighty continue to keep the Congregation in His favour and mercy. Love your sanctuary and worship Almighty with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul and with all your strength. Let there be love shared among all and fellowship increased within all.

May the reality of resurrection challenge us and bring in us growth in our faith, make us firm in the foundation of the Word and deepen in us the assurance of our salvation.

With prayerful regards and wishes,  
Siby Achen.



### BIRTHDAYS

04	Mathew Modayil Kuruvila	17	Joseph K David
04	Rachel George	17	Kiran Masih
06	Angelina Raichel Ajoy	20	Tim Eapen
09	Jiya Ajay	21	Jacob P. John
10	Jamal Masih	21	Manoj Joseph Kurien
11	Miriam Chacko	21	Mini George
12	Regi Koshy	21	Nisha Thomas
15	Diani Mathai	22	Abraham Chacko
15	Rini Miriam Jacob	22	David Joseph
15	Mary Alexander	24	Nathan Jinoj
16	Ruth Philip Joseph	29	Benjamin Ninan
17	Jacob Cherian		

### ANNIVERSARIES

08	Aji V. Mathews & Sophy Aji Mathews
16	Toms Jacob & Joshy Ani Mathew
22	Joseph K. David & Jeena Joseph
22	Hans Thomas Varghese & Annet Thomas
24	Reji Kumar P. B & Preethamole R

<b>April 1 Easter</b>	<b>Resurrection: Celebrating the Joy of Salvation</b>		
	Old Testament	Exodus 14:5-31	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	1118:14-29	Read by
	Epistle	Colossians 3:1-11	Men's Fellowship
	Gospel	Matthew 28:1-10	
<b>April 08 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>	<b>Encounter with the Risen Lord</b>		
	Old Testament	Genesis 32:22-32	<b>Malayalam Service</b>
	Psalm	40	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 9:1-18	Suby Mathews & Family
	Gospel	John 20:24-29	
<b>April 15 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>	<b>Identifying Risen Lord in the Work Place</b>		
	Old Testament	Ruth 2:1-18	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	15	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 9:36-43	Alex Oommen & Family
	Gospel	John 21:1-14	
<b>April 22 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>	<b>Community Formation around Resurrection Experience</b>		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 25:1-9	<b>Malayalam Service</b>
	Psalm	126	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 4:32-37	Jacob P John & Family
	Gospel	Luke 24:13-35	
<b>April 29 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter Matins</b>	<b>Believing in Christ: The Resurrection</b>		
	Old Testament	II Kings 4:27-37	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	90	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 26:12-23	Youth Fellowship
	Gospel	John 11:17-28	

# Women's Sunday





### **Monthly Fasting Prayer**

Fasting prayer for the month of April will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Please come and be blessed.

### **Special Thanksgiving Prayer**

Siby Achen and Shalu Kochamma are inviting all members for a special thanksgiving prayer on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 2:00 pm . The thanksgiving prayer will be held at CSI Church, Toronto.

### **Farewell – Reverend George Jacob and family**

As you all know, our beloved Achen, Kochamma, Maria and Rachel will be leaving Canada on April 24, 2018 after serving our congregation for nearly four years. A farewell meeting has been planned for Sunday, April 22, 2018. The function will start at 10:00 am with the Holy Communion Service followed by communal meeting and lunch. All are invited for this special function. Please plan to attend.

### **Cottage Prayer Fellowship**

Shalom area prayer will be at the residence of Jinoj Titus & Rajitha Jinoj on April 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Jordan area prayer will be at our church hall on April 13, 2018 at 7:30 pm. It will be hosted by Hans Thomas Varghese & Annet Thomas.

Gilead area prayer will be at the residence of Abhilash Raj & Smitha Titus on April 21, 2018 at 6:30 pm. The new address is 116 Haizelton Ave, Hamilton ON L9B 0E9.

### **Spring Clean Up**

It's spring time again and it's time to clean up - our church spring clean up has been scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2018 starting at 10:00 am. Come and treat yourself to a day of workout, music, food and fun. For more information please contact Abhilash Raj.

### **Church Executive Committee Meeting**

A meeting of the Church Executive Committee will be held at the Vicar's office on April 08, 2018 at 12:30 pm.

### **Upcoming Events**

Saturday, May 12, 2018	Youth Picnic
Saturday, May 26, 2018	BBQ, Car wash, Garage Sale
Saturday, June 09, 2018	Church Retreat

### **Rev. Anish M. George Padickamannil**

Rev. Anish M. George Padickamannil holds a Bachelor of Arts from Catholocate college Pathanamthitta, MG University. During his studies, he won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize for wind instrument — western music at the university level. He also holds a Diploma in Computer Hardware from NCERT and a Bachelor of Divinity from Bishops college Kolkata, Serampore University. He is the grandson of Rev P.M. Easow, and son of Mr. P.M. George and Susannamma George. Prior to his ministerial work, he worked as a hardware technician in Bangalore and Mumbai. He also worked as Asst. Manager of AI Steel Industrials, SSI unit for Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB). His ministry started as the choir master of his mother church, St Andrews CSI church Kumplampoika and as the evangelist of CSI Church, Thalachira. He began his full-time ministry as the warden of CMS Industrial School, Kottayam from 2005. In 2006, Madhya Kerala Diocese appointed him as the Secretary of CSI Christian Institute, Alappuzha. The diocese transferred him to CSI Church Parel, Mumbai in 2007 as an evangelist . After getting his theological degree, he served as the Chaplain of CSI Ascension Sevananilayam from 2012 to 2014. From 2014 to 2017, he served as the Vicar of St James CSI Church Bangalore. Presently, he is working as the vicar of St. Pauls CSI Church, Valanjavattom, Thiruvalla and its 5 outstation churches. He also serves as the Local manager of CMS LP School, Melpadom. God continues to use him as a convention speaker, song writer and music composer.



*Our New Vicar & Family*



*Rev. Anish M. George  
Jucy Kochamma  
Aneasow  
Sthuthi  
Mahathw*

*Inauguration of Raffle Sale by Mr. Koshy George  
for the development of CSI North American Council*



*Honoring Mr. Christy Abraham  
& Mrs. Susan Joseph*



## **YOUTH @ THE SALVATION ARMY**

*Joshua Moothedom*

Being blessed of the Father is the highest honour anyone can receive, and here is an account of how the youth grew into doing the will of God.

### **The purpose**

When our Lord and savior returns, he will not ask us how much we have given towards offertory or ask about the bank balance. He will not ask if we went to church on Easter and Christmas. Neither will He ask if we were influential in the church. But He will call His sheep and tell them:

‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

When we were in the Salvation Army, this was our focus. We wanted to show the world how Christ lived in us, and what it truly means to be His sheep.

### **The lesson**

At Salvation Army, we noticed different kinds of people: people that were very polite, people that were very rude, and people that just did not care and were only there for the food. The thing about serving the way Christ intends is that you learn to see things through His eyes. There are so many times when we are just like those people. We may be polite when we are blessed, we may be rude when burdened, and we may not care when we have enough for our needs.

### **The result**

The youth believed that the Salvation Army was the best way to practice their faith because it moved their hearts to see things the way Christ wanted them to see. God has given each of us blessings so much that He hopes it overflows to the world around us. This endeavor helped us to appreciate others and experience God’s love. We were able to grow in our faith and become more like the children of God.

### **The present**

The light that we received at the Salvation Army is still burning in us, moulding us and preparing us to meet with the Lord at His Second Coming. It is our humble prayer that people see this light and be encouraged. All praise and honour to the King of Kings.

### Youth Thattukada

*Jefin Abraham Mathews*

The Bake sale (The Youth Thattukada) was conducted by the Youth on March 4, 2018. There was an impressive variety of homemade items such as sandwiches, falafel, egg puffs, cutlets, banana fry, fruit salad and falooda. By the grace of God, it was a huge success, and we were able to generate \$1378 (including contributions and donations). We are very thankful to all the members of the church for their whole-hearted support and participation.



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Rev. Jennifer Ann Andison



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Choir Director	Mr. Chris George	Social & Entertainment Director	Mr. Abhilash Raj

**Thank You Dear Achen & Kochamma for your valuable prayers & support..  
 May The Lord guide you in the new place.. May you be a blessing to many..  
 Love and Prayers from the Church Family..**



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