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Happy Easter..

2019 Motto

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Ephesians 5:14

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Malayala Lokam Sunday - April 28



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Editorial

Jesus is risen! Hallelujah!

Have you ever felt being in shackles? Are you looking for a free, powerful life this Lenten season? Are you awaiting the power of resurrection in your lives? In Thiruvananthapuram, the capital city of our God's own country, Kerala, I chanced on a strange defiance of law. In the middle of the city, there is a clear sign that says no right turn at the traffic lights. But the traffic flows to the right when the signal to go straight lights up. This in turn jeopardizes the crossing pedestrians. The police are right there, but unmindful and oblivious of this unlawful move. Two policemen who were regulating traffic at this place didn't even know what the sign meant! Likewise, sometimes we don't want to follow rules and regulations because either we'd like short cuts or we're not clear of what to follow. Some of us have derailed from the path to eternal life. We've done such things knowingly or unknowingly, thinking that it is our right to do so. Romans 13:12 says, *"The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."*

Lent is a time of reflection for many people. They analyze their ups and downs and their relationship with the Redeemer. Lent helps everyone to ponder on the pain and suffering that Lord Jesus went through just for mankind. It also is a harbinger of hope – the promise of a powerful life that consummates in a glorious, eternal life. This season also makes us look at the rules and regulations we've formed and kept, and it helps us to realign those with abundant grace. As we pass through this transformation and the phase of self-confinement, the power of resurrection will shatter the tombs that hold our beliefs. It will in turn transform each one of us to be ambassadors of the King of Kings. Let us make ourselves ready for this freedom from bondage.

The confidence in the resurrected Lord forms the basis of our success in life. Let's be rejuvenated and possessed with the power of resurrection. Shall we all boldly say, "Hallelujah, Jesus is risen indeed!"

God bless.

Samuel Anselm Samuel

Editor

Achen's Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The angel said to them "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. (Mark :16:6)

We are going to celebrate another Easter. Before Jesus was born, Babylonians celebrated a festival in the name of goddess Ishtar. But as Christians, we celebrate Easter in relation to the Passover or Pascha in Greek. Passover is the festival of the remembrance of the liberation of Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. By the blood of the lamb, God delivered the people from the killing of the first born. Through the leadership of Moses, they were rescued from Egypt. Like that, God gave His only son as the lamb to this world and rescued everyone in this world from the slavery of sin and death (John 3:16).

God created this world from emptiness. He made it without the darkness of sin and death. But later it came into the world. The darkness of sin conquered human's life and destroyed the hope of life in God. But God's steadfast love is very deep and vast. So He sent His only son to the world as a lamb. Most of the world rejected Him. When Jesus was crucified, everybody thought that another human leader was also finished. But on the 3rd day he rose again. The cross and the tomb are empty. It is the symbol of emptiness. Sin and its darkness were washed out by the blood of the lamb of God. From the emptiness, God recreated the world. If you are emptying your mind, God will fill it with the Holy Spirit. In this Easter, through the lent you can empty your mind and pray to get the fullness of his spirit. With the empty mind we can celebrate the Easter differently.

According to the decision of our general body, with the help of the church committee and Sunday school teachers, I discussed the Sunday school timing issue with the Sunday school parents on March 3rd, 2019. On the basis of their need, the General Body will come together to consider changing the church timing to 10.30 am. The General Body meeting will take place on April 7th, right after the worship. All church members are requested to participate in the meeting.

We had the Ash Wednesday service with Holy communion at 7:30 pm on March 6. Many church members attended the service. We have the Lenten intercessory prayer every Wednesday from 7.30 to 8.30 pm.

For the convenience of learners, we changed the timing of Bible study from Thursday to Wednesday from 8.30 to 9.30 pm, after the Lenten worship.

This year, the 32nd North American CSI Family & Youth Conference will be held at Houston CSI church. The conference leaders will visit our church on April 7th. We have to help them by our presence in the conference. So please take initiative for more participation. Church will arrange a 12-seater-van for the upcoming conference.

Treasury of knowledge (Njana Nikshepam) is the official magazine of CSI Madhya Kerala Diocese and the first news paper in Kerala. If you need, please inform me.

Our mission collection has started. Please give your contribution to our mission director.

May God bless you in this season

Advanced Happy Easter

Yours in His service

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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	27	Mahathw P. Anish
17	Jacob Cherian	29	Benjamin Ninan

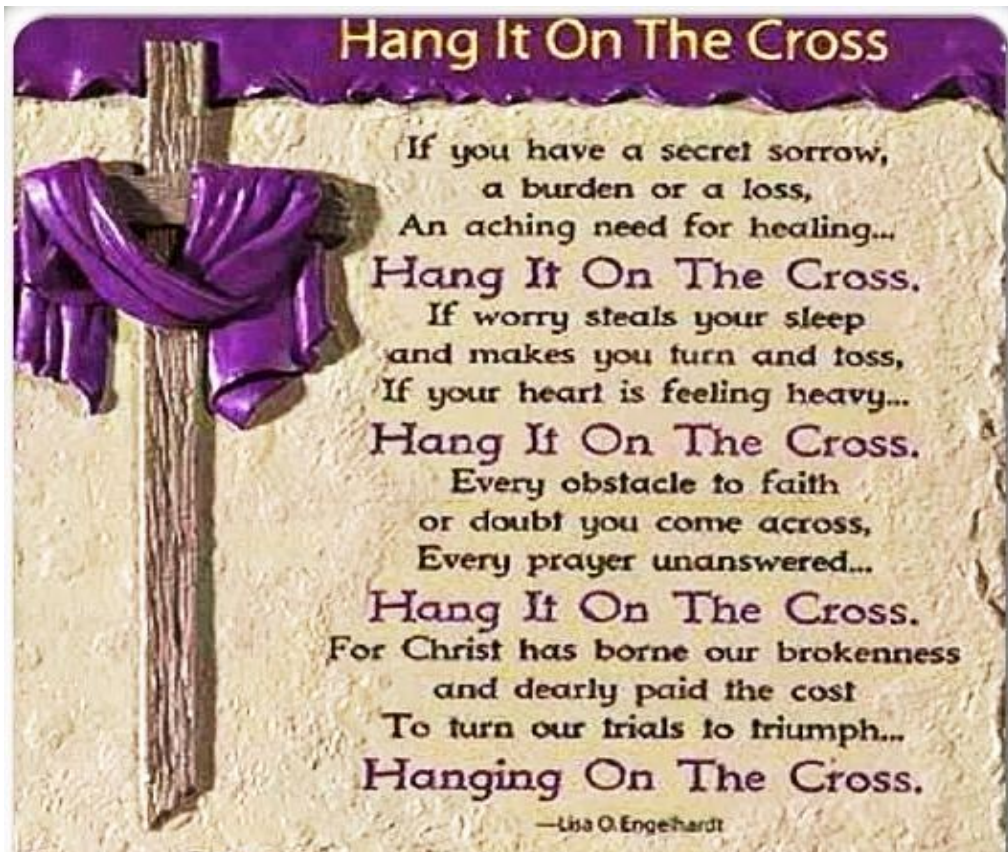
ANNIVERSARIES

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



<p>April 07 2nd Sunday before Easter</p>	Cross and a new Paradigm to Discipleship		
	Old Testament	Genesis 26:12-33	English Service
	Psalm	92	Read by
	Epistle	2 Corinthians 11:21-31	Sam Daniel & Family
	Gospel	Mark 10:46-52	
<p>April 14 Palm Sunday</p>	HOSANNA: Lord Save Us		
	Old Testament	Zachariah 9:1-12	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	118:19-29	Read by
	Epistle	1 Timothy 4:6-16	Church Committee
	Gospel	Luke 19:29-40	
<p>April 18 Maundy Thursday</p>	Eucharist: Communion of suffering humanity		
	Old Testament	Exodus 12:1-7	English Service
	Psalm	116	Read by
	Epistle	1 Corinthians 11:23-34	Nittu Mathew Jacob & Family
	Gospel	Mark 14:15-22	
<p>April 19 Good Friday</p>	Cross: Accomplishment of Salvation		
	Old Testament	Exodus 14:15-22	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	22	Read by
	Epistle	Hebrew 13:8-17	Church Institutions
	Gospel	John 19:23-30	

<p>April 21 Easter</p>	Resurrection :Celebrating boundless transformation		English Service	
	Old Testament	2 Samuel 22:1-20		
	Psalm	16		Read by
	Epistle	1 Corinthians 15:20-28		Church Committee
	Gospel	Mark 16:1-11		
<p>April 28 1st Sunday after Easter</p>	Transforming the Oppressive Structures		Malayalam Service	
	Old Testament	2 Chronicles 34:29-33		
	Psalm	19:7-14		Read by
	Epistle	Acts 8:26-40		Malayala Lokam
	Gospel	Luke 24:13-27		





Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship

The Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship is held in the Sanctuary every Wednesday from 10:00 am till 12:00 noon. Please come and join us for the fellowship.

Lenten Prayer

There will be prayer in the sanctuary on every Wednesday at 7:30 pm during the season of Lent. Please plan to attend.

Monthly Fasting Prayer

Fasting prayer for the month of April will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Please come and be blessed.

Bible Study – “The Second Coming of Jesus Christ”



To accommodate all members, the Bible study is taking place on every Thursday from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm and on every Sunday from 9:00 am to 9:40 am. The Bible Study provides an in-depth learning on the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. It also provides an opportunity for members to connect and learn with each other while continuing to grow their personal relationship with God. Anish Achen will be leading the Bible studies. Please plan to

attend one of the Bible studies according to your schedule.

General Body Meeting - April 7, 2019

A meeting of the members of the CSI Church, Toronto will take place on April 7, 2019 immediately after the divine worship service in the sanctuary. All members are required to attend this special meeting. Agenda: Change in Sunday Worship time

Maundy Thursday - April 18, 2019

Maundy Thursday worship service with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist will be on April 18, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Good Friday - April 19, 2019

Good Friday service will be on April 19, 2019 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary

Malayala Lokam Sunday - April 28, 2019

Malayala Lokam Sunday is on April 28, 2019. The students and teachers of Malayala Lokam will take active participation in the worship service. All are encouraged to come in their Kerala outfits.

Cottage Prayer

Jordan area cottage prayer will be held at the residence of Aaron Frederick on Saturday, April 13, at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend.

Gilead area cottage prayer will be held at the residence of Abraham K. Varghese on Saturday, April 20, at 6.30 pm. Please plan to attend.

Upcoming Events

Church Anniversary & Gospel Convention May 12, 2019

If you wish to be included in the parish e-mail list to receive special notices, please send an e-mail to Secretary at torcsichurch@gmail.com



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Church of South India in North America 32nd CSI Family and Youth Conference 2019



The 32nd CSI Family and Youth Conference hosted by St. Thomas CSI church of Greater Houston will be held from **July 25th through 28th, 2019** at the Hyatt Regency Intercontinental Airport, Houston, Texas.

Theme: Desert Blossom (based on Isaiah 35: 1 & 2)
Venue: Hyatt Regency Houston Intercontinental Airport
 425 North Sam Houston Parkway East
 Houston, TX, USA 77060
Leaders: Most. Rev. Thomas K. Oommen
 Dr. Mrs. Susan Thomas
 Rt. Rev. Dr. John Perumbalath
 Rev. Joby Joy
Date: July 25th – July 28th, 2019.

Highlights:

- Registration fee of \$25 waived for registrations before March 31, 2019.
- Youth are given free accommodation for one night (July 24th)
- Youth discount of \$25 for non-working youth (between the ages of 13 and 25)
- Sports and Games starting early on 25th Thursday, starting from 9:30 am
- Sight seeing opportunities on July 25th
- Quiz competition based on the book of Joshua (NIV version)

For more information visit our website: <https://csiconference2019.org/>

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