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2019 Motto

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

Ephesians 5:14

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Editorial

Lead, kindly light....

How quick are you in doing your work, solving a problem or easing a difficult situation? Do you expect the same speed and efficiency from others? Agility is the key to success in our present-day world. Our performances are usually gauged by the rate of responsiveness. The faster the response time, the better. People might even revel on the fact that they are extraordinary. Wait a minute! *"Let no one deceive himself. If any of you thinks he is wise in this age, he should become a fool, so that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness" (1 Corinthians 3:18-19)* When we're filled with the wisdom from above, whatever we do will get us results. But the time taken for the realization might vary and the outcome maybe what we may not like. David says in Psalm 25:4-5, *"Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long."*

Man is prone to believing his own intellect and wisdom. The ego in him suppresses the voice of God and forces the mundane voices to take control. Though the results of his actions may look great, they may not always be aligned with the will of God for man. Man lacks spiritual understanding and is morally blind and ignorant. As he can't discern the way, he needs to look up to "The Way". It will also help us understand the ways of God, His mercy, love and salvation. If we don't want to grope in the dark, let our prayers be *"Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom, lead thou me on."* This will enable us to live the life we are designed for. May the Lord help us to be aware of our weaknesses and enable us to rely on Him for guidance in this pilgrimage.

Samuel Anselm Samuel
Editor

Achen's Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

St. Luke is considered to be a vigilant historian. He documented the birth of Jesus and various incidents which were sensitive in the historical context of the Roman Empire. His writings highlight how Jesus was taken up to heaven in His resurrected body, in the presence of eleven of His apostles after 40 days of His resurrection, at the place called Bethany. St. Luke also highlights the event of Ascension with special emphasis on the existence of eyewitnesses "before their very eyes" (Acts 1:9).

The Ascension of resurrected Jesus has always been a mystery, for it is beyond the understanding of human senses and experiences. It takes us into the realms of the supernatural. The Ascension of the resurrected Jesus happened very plainly and swiftly after He gathered and delivered His farewell message to His disciples with the scriptural explanations. Then He lifted up His hands and blessed them. After that He raised Himself up supernaturally, and clouds covered him from the sights of all those gathered there (Luke 24:50).

Now the question to ponder on: Why did Lord Jesus stay on the earth for 40 days after His resurrection? During these 40 days, the resurrected Jesus met thousands of people in His resurrected body and strengthened them through healing and preaching. He also met His beloved disciples. These meetings confirmed the news about His resurrection and thereby removed their doubts about it. By His ascension many acknowledged His power and His authority. It was an act to revive many, physically and spiritually.

The Lord's Ascension, like Easter, is an important day to be celebrated. But majority of Christians failed to understand the importance of this day. Doubts and difficulties are common scenarios in our Christian life. We try to solve these issues by relying on our wisdom or we seek guidance and advices from others. These approaches will only worsen the issues and may instead lead to other problems.

The permanent solutions to all our problems can be sought from our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ. For this, we need to have constant encounter with our Lord Jesus, which will strengthen us and give us enough courage to face these problems that confront us.

Lenten services, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter worships have blessed us all. But sometimes, the participation of the church members was very low. I know, in the future worships, you will solve this problem.

North American Family Conference will start on July 24th at Houston CSI church. The conference leaders visited our church on April 7th, 2019. CSI moderator will come to our church for confirmation before or after the conference. Next month, we will get the date of confirmation from the Bishop's office.

Mission collection has started. Each family should contribute at least \$240, a year. You can also contribute it in installments.

Fasting prayer will be held in the sanctuary on 4th May 2019.

March 31st was celebrated as Women's Fellowship Sunday. Mrs. Mary Alexander shared the Bible message, Women's fellowship members and leaders sang a special song during the worship under the leadership of Mrs. Shirley Abraham. I appreciate the Women's Fellowship director, Mrs. Preetha Philips for her co-ordination.

Our church convention will be held on May 10th, 11th and 12th. New Jersey CSI church presbyter in charge, Rev. Joby Joy will be the main speaker. Joby achen is a famous preacher. This is a good opportunity to study Bible deeply. So please pray and come.

May God bless you.

Rev. Anish M George Padickamanni

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BIRTHDAYS

03	Annamma Chacko	20	Mini Fredrick
06	Elijah Johnson	20	Preethamole .R
06	Annet Thomas	22	Abhilash Raj
07	Smitha Victor Sam	23	Santhosh Zac Koshy
08	Andrew Paul	25	Daisy Pothen
09	Asha Joy	27	Jenny Cherian
09	Toms Jacob	27	Preetha Joseph
09	Manasi Varghese George	27	Seethal Thamby
10	Vivek Kumar S	28	Sam George
10	Hayden Leon	28	Abner Vinu
11	Swarup Itty	29	Simi K. Sunny
14	Hudson Leon	30	Ann Abraham
18	Rapti Ghosh	31	Samuel Chacko

ANNIVERSARIES

09	Joy & Ann Abraham
10	Thomas Mathai & Nisha Thomas
18	Tim Eapen & Ninu Ann Varghese
21	Vivek Kumar S & Premax C.P
23	Shaji Levison Moothedom & Daisy Pothen

<p>May 05 2nd Sunday after Easter</p>	Re-reading the scripture with the risen Lord		
	Old Testament	2 Chronicles 34:29-33	English Service
	Psalm	19:7-14	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 8:26-40	Siby Jacob & Family
	Gospel	Luke 24:13-27	
<p>May 12 3rd Sunday after Easter</p>	Commissioning by the Risen Lord		
	Old Testament	Jeremiah 9:1-10	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	47	Read by
	Epistle	1Timothy 4:6-16	Church Committee
	Gospel	John 20:19-23	
<p>May 19 4th Sunday after Easter</p>	Believing in Christ :The Truth		
	Old Testament	Exodus 34:1-9	English Service
	Psalm	119:89-96	Read by
	Epistle	Ephesians 4:7-16	Shaji Moothedom & Family
	Gospel	John 17:6-19	
<p>May 26 5th Sunday after Easter</p>	Mission with Christ's Spirit		
	Old Testament	2 Kings 2:9-16	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	105:1-11	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 7:54-60	Sanju Cherian & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20	

Women's Sunday

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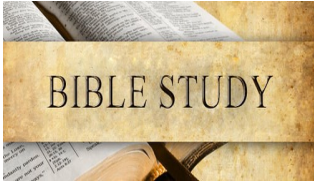


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Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship

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.

Bible Study – “The Second Coming of Jesus Christ”



To accommodate all members, the Bible study is taking place on every Wednesday from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm and on every Sunday from 9:30 am to 10:15 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.



Men's Fishing Trip - May 04, 2019

The CSI Church, Toronto Men's Fellowship's 2nd annual fishing bonanza will take place at Rice Lake, Ontario on May 04, 2019. A day of fellowship, fishing, food, games and fun. For more information, please contact Santhosh Cherian, Men's Fellowship Director.

Church Anniversary & Annual Gospel Convention - May 10 - 12, 2019

Our 33rd Church Anniversary and Annual Gospel Convention will take place from May 10 - 12, 2019.

The Gospel convention will begin on May 10. Meetings on Friday (May 10) and Saturday (May 11) will start at 7:00 pm and the closing meeting on Sunday along with the Holy Eucharist will start at 10:00 am. Rev. Joby Joy, Vicar of CSI Congregation, New Jersey will be the main speaker for the gospel convention. Please invite your friends and families to this special function.

Spring Clean Up - May 25, 2019

Church spring clean up is scheduled for Saturday, May 25, 2019 starting at 10:00 am. Come and treat yourself to a day of workout, music, food and fun. Gourmet BBQ is organized by the members of the church. For more information, please contact Jacob John (Suresh), Social and Entertainment Director.

At the Feet of Jesus - May 31, 2019

The above fellowship will take place on Friday, May 31, 2019 from 8:00 pm to Midnight in the Church Sanctuary. Come prayerfully, acknowledge God's work in your life, witness unto Him and praise Him, intercede for various concerns of the Church and the world. Please be encouraged to invite your dear ones and friends.

Cottage Prayer

Shalom area prayer will be at the residence of Nittu Mathew Jacob and Anu M Easo on Saturday, May 25 at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend.

Jordan area prayer will be at the residence of Rennie & Preetha Philips on Friday, May 24 at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend.

Gilead area prayer will be at the residence of Jeff and Shona Sam on Saturday, May 18 at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend.

Upcoming Events

MF Sunday June 16, 2019

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

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