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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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At the Feet of Jesus- August 30

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Editorial

Our shield and stronghold...

Have you ever experienced uncertainties in life? Have you felt – ‘I have tried to hold on to a faith-filled life, but couldn’t resist the sweeping current’? Everyone goes through the ebbs and flows of life many a time. There are times when our faith is at stake. We may have stumbled, but it is comforting to know that we are not alone. It is not the end-all of everything. All is not lost. Be of good cheer. Gird up your loins!

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” (Luke 22:31-32)

Jesus told Peter that He had prayed for him, as He very well knew Peter’s strengths and weaknesses. When Peter denied Jesus three times, and the rooster crowed, Peter couldn’t control his emotions. He went out and wept bitterly. But he returned, just because of the High Priest’s prayer. Further, his faith was rooted in Jesus. He was even ready to die with Jesus. Trees in wildfire-prone areas develop thicker bark, and thick bark does not catch fire or burn easily. It also protects the inside of the trunk. When wildfires devour most of the forest life, trees like West Yellow Pine store life under the protective shield of thick bark. These trees regenerate by re-sprouting because they have an extensive root system. It is time that we analysed our roots!

Do not be disheartened if you had a fall. *“Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)* May our Lord and Redeemer Jesus Christ help us to resurge like the phoenix, and sprout like the trees destroyed by wildfire.

Samuel Anselm Samuel
Editor

Achen's Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Romans 7:19 says for I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. As a believer, we must understand about sin. Again Paul is teaching, 'Now I do what I do not want it is no longer I who do it but Sin that dwells in me' (V 20). All humanity is understood to be involved in the disobedience of Adam. All of humanity is somehow wounded by Adam's disobedience. The fall of Adam has affected the human moral nature. All human moral weaknesses, including pride, lust and greed, can be put down to Adam's sin.

Paul considers sinners to be sick. Moreover, sinners are unable to diagnose their illness (V 24). St. Augustine interprets that "the humanity has no control over its sinfulness. It is something which contaminates life from birth, and dominates life thereafter". In this uncontrollable situation, Paul advised that Christ is the divine physician (V 25). Isaiah also explains this illness as a hereditary disease, which is passed down from one generation to another. Isaiah prophesied, 'with his stripes we are healed.' (Is:53:5.)

Same situations and solutions are described by Paul and Isaiah. Jesus Christ came to this world to bring forgiveness to all people in this world. As a believer, you have to understand sin and reject it. If you are in sin, please pray to Jesus Christ and submit all your sins in front of him. He will renew your life and restore your life by his grace.

We had at blessed confirmation service on July 20th. By the grace of God, the most Reverend Thomas K Oommen, CSI Moderator led the confirmation service. Our church committee members and council members received Thirumeni and Susan Kochamma on July 17th at Pearson International Airport. I would like to thank all those who sponsored food and helped with the arrangements of confirmation service. I congratulate Abraham Chacko, Ashley Lionel Ajoy, Joshua George, Neha Chemmanoor, Rhea Grace Varguise, Rishvi Narayan, Rayan John Varghese and their God parents/parents.

Monthly fasting prayer and Friday intercessory prayer were conducted as usual.

Our church participated in St. Thomas day celebration of KCEF Toronto. As you know, I was the main preacher in that celebration.

Our VBS will be held on Aug 1 to 3, 2019 in our church at 9.30 am to 5 pm. Please pray for the VBS team to teach the Word of God powerfully.

May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ

Rev Anish M George Padickamannil

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BIRTHDAYS

01	Michael Gajraj	15	Saurabh Itty
01	Surya Joseph	15	Jinoj Titus
03	Suby Mathews	18	Nibu Varguise
07	Jacob Mathew Chemparathimoottil	22	Anu Mariamma Easo. K
07	Trisha Cherian	22	Aaron Pramod
08	Jonathan J. Verghis	23	Jubin Varghese George
09	Benjamin Chacko	23	Liam Varughese
09	Annamma Skariah	28	Mathew Joseph
10	Ajay Joseph	29	Leon Sundaresan
10	Sean Raymond	29	Jophy Philip
13	Sam Daniel. P		

ANNIVERSARIES

08	P. Mathew & Elizabeth Verghis
15	Jijo Cherian Varughese & Anushka Aley Abraham
17	William Silvanose & Suja Williams
18	Jacob Cherian & Biby Esther Abraham
26	Benjamin Chacko & Ani Chacko
29	K.P. Alexander & Mary Alexander
31	Ajay Joseph & Surya Joseph

August 04 8 th Sunday after Pentecost	Laity Sunday		
	Old Testament	Genesis 2:1-15	English Service
	Psalm	127	Read by
	Epistle	Ephesians 6:5-12	VBS Team
	Gospel	John 5:12-23	
August 11 9 th Sunday after Pentecost	Marriage: Lasting Life of Love		
	Old Testament	Genesis 29:1-20	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	128	Read by
	Epistle	Hebrew 13:1-6	Varghese V John & family
	Gospel	Matthew 19:3-9	
August 18 10 th Sunday after Pentecost	Baptism: Born From Above		
	Old Testament	Genesis 8:1-14	English Service
	Psalm	25	Read by
	Epistle	Colossians 3:1-11	Prem Narayan & family
	Gospel	John 3:1-8	
August 25 11 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sacrament of Holy Communion		
	Old Testament	Exodus 12:1-14	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	42	Read by
	Epistle	1 Corinthians 20:14-22	Anil Raj & family
	Gospel	Luke 22:7-20	

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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.

Half Yearly General Body Meeting - August 04, 2019

The half yearly General Body Meeting will be held on August 04, 2019 after the social hour. All members of the church are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Church Annual Picnic - August 10, 2019

The church annual picnic will take place at Byng Island conservation area, 4969 County Road 20, Dunnville, ON, N1A 2W8 on Saturday, August 10, 2019 starting at 10:00 am. The registration fee for the picnic will be: \$25.00 (family), \$15.00 (single) and FREE (students). If you haven't registered for this event, please do so as quickly as possible. For more information, please contact Mr. Zac Santhosh Koshy or Varghese P John (Shibu).



Board Meeting - August 11, 2019

A meeting of the board members will be held on August 11, 2019 immediately after the social hour at the board room.

At the Feet of Jesus - August 30, 2019

The above fellowship will take place on Friday, August 30, 2019 from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm 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.

Men's Fellowship Outreach - Scott Mission August 31, 2019

"Love in Action" - A Help for Our Community

Members of Men's Fellowship will be volunteering at Scott Mission (A Christian Ministry of Mercy and Love) at their Toronto location on August 31, 2019. If you are interested to participate in this noble ministry, please contact Santhosh Cherian, Director of Men's Fellowship.

Cottage Prayer

Gilead area prayer will be at the residence of Benjamin Chacko (Aby) and Ani Chacko on Friday, August 16, 2019 at 7:30 pm. Please plan to attend.

Jordan area prayer will be at the residence of Ajoy Lional and Reji Elizabeth on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend.

Upcoming Events

Education Sunday September 01, 2019

Choir Sunday September 15, 2019

Onam Lunch September 15, 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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Vacation Bible School (VBS) - August 01 - 03, 2019

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held from August 01 to 03,2019 (Thursday - Saturday) at our church hall. Three days of fun filled activities as our children learn the word of God.

Please note that this event will take place each day from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If you haven't registered your child yet for this event, please do so at the earliest.

Please contact Sunday school director, Mrs. Rejini Gajraj for more details.



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