

2019 Motto Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Ephesians 5:14

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Editorial

Thankful turkey on the table ...

Have you ever wondered why there should be a thanksgiving? What relevance does it have in our lives? Well, Thanksgiving is a holiday in Canada and the US. That is a time of fellowship around turkey, mashed potatoes, squash, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Some people thank others again and again for favours received. Mostly, people are thankful for many things like good health, loving family, nice job, exciting weekends, caring parents, glorious freedom etc. They celebrate this day in a spectacular, secular way. Some educational institutions discuss this topic, and make their students come up with a list of things they are thankful for. It is good to count our blessings, but let's not forget the One from whom all blessings flow. What are you thankful for? Who are you thankful to?

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness, and broke away their chains. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind. (Psalm 107:13-15)

Thanksgiving should be time of reflection. If we are unable to see the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who offered Himself as the atoning sacrifice, we allow the secular thoughts to seep in and thereby give up our minds and lives to be contaminated. Thanksgiving becomes a reality when we are grateful to God for all the blessings, and we return those blessings to others, reflecting the mind of Christ. As we plan for the thanksgiving, let this song flow out in gratitude

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,

Who wondrous things hath done, in Whom this world rejoices;

Who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way,

With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.....

Happy Thanksgiving!

Samuel Anselm Samuel Editor **Achen's Message**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

"Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the CORD had regard for Abel and for his offering "(Gen 4:4)

This month is the harvest festival of our church. It is an important Christian celebration. As Christians, we need to know the significance of this celebration.

We need to glorify God and thank Him for His unconditional love. Also, we need to submit ourselves to Him. The act of submission is significant, and it is clearly revealed through the life of Abel. He submitted himself to God, and God accepted his offering. Cain submitted material things to God and failed to get appreciation from Him. Cain failed to understand God, and he also failed to understand that God examines hearts (Jer. 17:10).

Also, it is important to know how to give thanks to God. Our thanks offering should come from the bottom of our hearts. For it is written in the scripture that all things belong to God "The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it" (Psalm 24:1). It is important to remind ourselves that our money, our abilities, the power and whatsoever is from God. So, when you give offering to the church or to the poor or for any gospel work, you have to give it whole heartedly. Then, God shall see your motives and reward you richly in accordance to your deeds. The Bible teaches us the importance of thanksgiving through the lives of Abel – who offered his prized possession to God, Abraham – who offered his only son Isaac and King David – who offered thanksgiving offering after every victory.

So my dear brothers and sisters, we need to understand that we are nothing and so also our abilities. Without God, we can't do anything. So this year, when you come to the church for rejoicing in the harvest celebrations, submit yourself to God. Then you can give thanks for the good health and all past healings. Also thank God for the recovery from your financial troubles and for the times when our failures became successes.

Also, we need to remember that many people have been wiped away from this world due to different causes, but by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ our loved ones are safe and protected. With this realization, let us give thanks to our Lord and our God Jesus Christ and pray for more protection and strength for the coming years.

So, let us celebrate this harvest festival by offering ourselves to God and then by our material offerings. And through these offerings, God will bless you and reward you greatly.

Men's Fellowship served food to the homeless at Scott Mission. I appreciate the director, Mr. Santhosh and team.

Mission Sunday was celebrated gratefully on September 8th. Chris Moothedom delivered a powerful sermon. Then the director, Daisy Mathai explained about our mission works, especially about Odisha mission using a PowerPoint presentation.

Our choir Sunday was blessed with amazing performance of our church choir. Choir members' rededication ceremony was powerful by the grace of God. Choir Sunday message was delivered by Ev Sabu Variyapuram (Denish E Joseph). I appreciate the choir director, Chris George and the choir master, Daniel Thomas. After the service, Onam lunch was arranged in the basement.

Women's Fellowship retreat was a success. The famous convention preacher, Ev. Sabu Variyapuram was the main speaker of the retreat. I appreciate all the members who participated and worked behind this. I express my sincere thanks to the director, Mrs. Preetha Philips and the president, Mrs. Jucy Varghese.

CSI NA council vice president, Rev. William Abraham visited our church on September 22nd.

Please pray for the youth retreat, youth Sunday and harvest festival. Pray for all other activities.

My God bless you all by this verse.

Yours in Christ

Rev Anish M George Padickamannil







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	Youth and Relevant Spirituality of Hope			
	Old Testament	Isaiah 42:1-9	English Service	
October 06	Psalm	16	Read by	
Youth Sunday	Epistle	2 Timothy 1:6-14	Youth Fellowship	
	Gospel	Luke 15:20-32		
	Disability: Care and Honour			
October 13	Old Testament	2 Samuel 9:1-13	Malayalam Service	
18 th Sunday after	Psalm	146	Read by	
Pentecost	Epistle	Acts 9:32-35	Selvaraj & Family	
	Gospel	Mark 3:1-6		
	Thanksgiving for Harvest			
October 20	Old Testament	1 Chronicles 29:10-20	English Service	
	Psalm	65	Read by	
Harvest festival	Epistle	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Executive Committee	
	Gospel	John 6:26-35		
	Celebration of God's Sovereignty, Justice and Peace			
October 27	Old Testament	Exodus 7:1-7	Malayalam Service	
20 th Sunday after	Psalm	89:1-18	Read by	
Pentecost	Epistle	Romans 13:1-7	Suby Mathews & Family	
	Gospel	John 18:33-38		







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.

Monthly Fasting Prayer

Fasting prayer for the month will be held on Saturday, October 05, 2019 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Please come and be blessed.

Bible Study – "The 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 is leading the Bible studies. Please plan to attend one of the Bible studies according to your schedule.

Youth Sunday - October 06, 2019

Sunday, October 06, 2019 will be observed as Youth Sunday

Board Meeting - October 06, 2019

A meeting of the board members will be held on October 06, 2019, immediately after the social hour at the board room.

Thanksgiving & Harvest Festival - October 20, 2019 "Gratitude is the memory of a glad heart"



Our Church Thanksgiving Service and Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, October 20th. As a Church family, this is another opportunity to thank our Lord for the countless blessings that He has showered in each of our lives.

It is our tradition for each earning member, to offer One Day's Income at the altar during the Thanksgiving Service. Please do come prayerfully with your offering.

Church Annual Harvest Festival will take place immediately after the Thanksgiving Service. Please bring your contributions (a minimum of 3 suitable items) to the "Great Hall" downstairs. Please plan to come early and be a part of this great event once again this year.

Christian Men's Retreat - October 19, 2019

The 1st Annual "Christian Men's Retreat" hosted by the Men's Fellowship of CSI Church, Toronto will take place at our Church on October 19, 2019. Rev. Moncy Varghese of the St. Mathews Marthoma Church, Milton and Rev. Sunil Mathew of the Canadian Marthoma Church will be the main leaders for the retreat along with Rev. Anish M George Padickamannil and priests from the ecumenical congregations. Registration fee is \$10 per person.

For registration and more information, please contact Bobby Cherian at 647-809-4690 or Santhosh Cherian, director of Men's Fellowship.







Youth Retreat - October 25, 26 & 27, 2019

The Youth Retreat will be held on Oct 25th, 26th, and 27th at the Muskoka Bible Center, 8 Pioneer Ave., Huntsville, ON., P1H 2J3. Rev. Anish M. George Padickamannil and Mrs. Ani Chacko will lead the retreat. The theme for the retreat is "Set Apart for God, by God".

For more details, please contact Joshua Moothedom, director of Youth Fellowship.

Cottage Prayer

Jordan area prayer will be at the residence of Joseph P. & Sonia Mathews on Friday, October 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend.

Upcoming Events

World Children's SundayNovember 03, 2019KCECF Carol ServiceNovember 16, 2019If 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*



Men's Fellowship



Men's Fellowship Volunteer work at Scott Mission

Santhosh Cherian Men's Fellowship Director

As a part of Toronto CSI Church mission values and community outreach program, Men's fellowship team members went to Scott Mission, Toronto, to do a volunteer work on August 31, 2019. There were 7 members who participated in this volunteer work. We were divided into different groups and assigned to help their staff in the kitchen to cook lunch for the visitors. Later, we also helped in serving food for visitors, as well as in the clean up afterwards. It was a great experience for the team members to serve and help Scott Mission charity work. My sincere thanks to Rev. Anish M George Padikamannil, Samuel Anselm Samuel, Bobby Cherian, Anil Raj, Tinu Varghese John and Jenny Cherian for rendering their valuable time and making this work very successful. God bless you all.

My Experience with Scott Mission

Bobby Cherian

"From the rising of the sun to its going down the name of the lord is to be praised" Psalm 113:3 "It was yet another joy for me to be part of Men's Fellowship's yearly volunteering in Scott Mission. This was my first experience in Canada to have one day with the Scott Mission team and serve the needy. It gives me a chance to know more about the mission and their concern for the people who are in need. In the near future, I won't miss any such kind of volunteering in Scott Mission or any other mission which Men's Fellowship organizes. I also request all to experience the joy and happiness which I have received during the volunteering in Scott Mission.





"Stay connected in the kingdom of God."



Hosted by CSI Church Toronto

On October 19th 2019 Time: 9 am to 5 pm Venue: CSI Church Toronto (1315 Kipling Ave, Etobicoke,ON M9B 3N7)

Speakers:

Rev. Moncy Varghese (St. Mathews Mar Thoma Church, Milton) Rev. Sunil Mathew (Canadian Mar Thoma Church, Markham)

Registration Fee - \$10 Please contact - Bobby Cherian - CSI Church, Toronto Ph: 647-809-4690





YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Joshua Moothedom

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." (I Corinthians 1:10)

The beautiful thing about a church is the extension of God's sovereignty through the faith in Christ, to the followers of Christ. The ability to govern oneself without any limitations is not an easy task, let alone as a group. But as the Word of God says, (Phil 4:13) "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

With Christ in our hearts and His commandments in our minds, our youth have progressed to be beautifully cohesive. The spirit of unity was always within the youth. To briefly describe the summer:

Our youth participated in a BBQ fundraiser to help our Youth Retreat. The purpose of the retreat was always known to us - to be united in our faith and with this unity, help expand the Kingdom of God. We worked together not for our individual selves, but for the growth of the other. Together the fundraiser was a success, because we were able to bring our Church family together for a wonderful afternoon.





The Youth also held their Famine this year where they fasted for 30 hours. To have the young youth participate for the full 30 hours was such an encouraging sight for the church. Together, the youth also held a clothing drive where they collected 7 boxes of clothing for the Salvation Army.





The participation in the Vessels of Worship concert held by our sister church youth was a great privilege. Bible studies also have built us. All of these activities are products of the unity the youth shared.





The unity of the youth group is what the next generation looks at. A Church Family may seem trivial to a lot of people, but in a society where family structures are being torn down, it is our Biblical values and unity that help build a fruitful community. To pass that fruitfulness to the outside world, is another responsibility all together.

The youth have created their own committee group to tackle challenges and difficulties together, the different managements needed on each aspect of an event can be tackled together with collective minds working on it. Along with our difficult schedules, we do our part, and we endure in the climb trying to be the perfect and efficient group God wants.

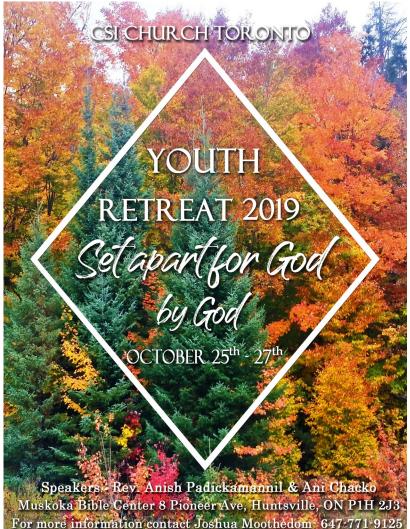
With Christ, anything is possible. This summer our youth learned that God's sovereignty can be an attribute adopted by our youth. And together we thank our heavenly Father, for a church family that put this vision in our hearts.

The unity and sovereignty we share as a church is the source of our strength. We implore the Church family to continue in their support and love to build our youth. On Sunday, October 6, we will be having our second fundraiser - a bake sale to help fund the Youth Retreat. We sincerely hope that the church will offer their unstinting support towards this cause. A big thank you in advance.

The Youth Retreat will be held on Oct 25th, 26th and 27th. The speakers for the retreat will be our dear Anish Achen, and one of our church family members, Ani Chacko. They will be leading the Bible studies for the retreat. The theme for the retreat is "Set Apart for God, by God." Through this retreat, the youth wish to be reminded of their duties and responsibilities that God has ordained, and as Christians, how to be set apart from the world than to be conformed.

Additionally if the weather permits, we will have outdoor activities. God willing everything goes well as we plan to further expand his Kingdom.

The location for the retreat is at the Muskoka Bible Center located at 8 Pioneer Ave, Huntsville, ON P1H 2J3

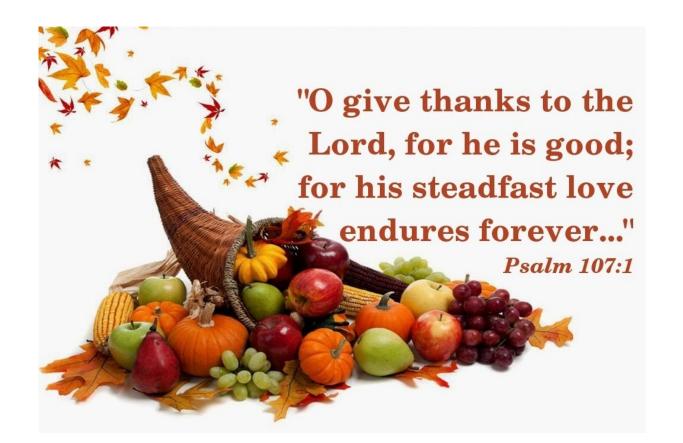


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