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## 2020 Motto

'Let us rise up and build'

'നാം എഴുന്നേറ്റ് പണിയുക'

Nehemiah 2:18

### Pulpit Exchange

### @Canadian Mar Thoma Church

- January 12, 2020

### @CSI Church, Toronto

- January 26, 2020

### Sunday School Exam- January 19

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## Editorial

*The next step ...*

Have you checked your 2019 experiences in all the realms of your lives? Have you made resolutions for 2020? It is good to have a moment of introspection as we stand on the threshold of 2020 and count the abundant blessings we received in 2019. Those blessings will surely surpass all the troubles we've been through and will become an incentive towards our onward march in 2020. The new year will ring in a plethora of blessings if we –

*'Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name.'* (Psalm 100:4)

2019 has passed with its joys and sorrows, good times and bad times, rock-bottoms and pinnacles, and challenges and cakewalks. Nevertheless, it had impacted our lives, whether it showed us an ugly face or a pleasant face. Many of us would have been looking forward to a new dawn. We also hope and pray that 2020 will unfold blessings galore. To make this happen, we need to do a little bit of homework. Though we may be strong enough to achieve this task, it is a good idea to get the help and support of the Comforter. The belief that we are His people and the sheep of His pasture, will be our motivation. This will in turn unlock the hidden treasures and will throw open the floodgates of heaven. Let thanksgiving be our banner as we rise up and build in 2020. The assurance of His steadfast love will be the fuel for this year as we take the next step.

### ***Twenty – Twenty***

Mercies ring in blessings new  
Fresh it flows on young or old  
Rich or poor have this anew  
Keeps them warm in icy cold.  
Twenty – twenty looking bright  
Focus eyes on Him they nailed  
Lamb of God – the perfect light  
Rock and refuge when assailed.

Rise up, build – the motto says  
Thanking God in His own gates  
Child of God can walk His ways  
Year ahead shall bless our gaits.

*(Samuel Anselm Samuel)*

Wish you all a blessed, prosperous and happy New Year.

Samuel Anselm Samuel

Editor

## Achen's Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Happy New year. May this year bring you happiness, prosperity and new achievements.

This year, our theme is "Let us rise up and build" (Nehemiah 2:18). In 586 BC, Jews were in exile in Babylon under King Nebuchadnezzar. During that time, the Jews were not allowed to go to Jerusalem. But later in 539 BC, the prophecy given in Isaiah 45 was fulfilled. Cyrus, King of Persia captured Babylon, and in King Cyrus' reign, Jews were allowed to return to Jerusalem. From the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, we can see that the people who returned had a vision to rebuild the temple and the wall. It was not simply the vision of Ezra and Nehemiah, but it was the vision of the community. They gathered everyone to build the temple and the wall. Their vision and will power helped build their nation. Nehemiah told, 'Come, let us build the Wall of Jerusalem' v.17. These words united the people to say, 'Let us rise up and build.' They stood together and built the wall within a year with the help of king Artaxerxes.

It is a call for us to unite everyone to build our personal lives, families, church, community and nation. Moreover, we have to build the kingdom of God. This theme is the continuation of last year's theme: 'Awake, o sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.' Think..... How I can rise up and build?

We had a blessed Christmas Carol service on December 7. I appreciate all choir members for their hard work. Especially, I appreciate Daniel Thomas, our Choir Master and Chris George, our Choir Director for their leadership. I would like to thank Priya Abraham and Jefin Mathews. I also would like to thank Joshua Moothedom, our Youth Fellowship Director and the youth team. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Rejini Gajraj, our Sunday School Director and Shalini Enoch and Sunday school team for their hard work. Rev Fr. Mathew Thomas Kodumon, Vicar, Orthodox Church Ajax was our chief guest. I would like to thank achen for his wonderful message. I would like to thank our instrumentalist team, sound system and PR team, especially Abraham Varghese, Jijo Varghese, Hans Thomas and Bijoy Bhutia for their contributions in this Carol service.

Our house to house Carol service was successful. I appreciate Sanju Cherian and Shini Samuel for their leadership. I would like to thank all those who attended this service.

According to the general body meeting's decision, our sound system has been installed. Many people helped with the contributions. This system was installed by James. I appreciate Varghese V. John, our Public Relations Director, and Anil Raj Daniel, Abraham P George and the PR team for controlling the system and audio-visuals. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Rennie Philip and team for the hard work they put to arrange the light system. I also appreciate the Women's Fellowship for having decorated the church.

On December 22 as part of episcopal visit, our area Bishop Rt. Rev Jenny Andison visited our church with her daughter Kate, and she led the worship service. On behalf of our church, I would like to express my sincere thanks to bishop.

In January, we have a pulpit change with Canadian Mar Thoma Church. On January 12, 2020, we will go to Canadian Mar Thoma Church, Markham and will do the CSI service. On January 26, 2020, Rev. Sunil Mathew and Mar Thoma church members will come to our church and do the Mar Thoma service. All are requested to come and attend both the services.

May God bless you all in this New Year 2020

Rev. Anish M George Padickamannil



**BIRTHDAYS**

04	Ninu Ann Varghese	23	Abraham P. George
04	Ryan Eipe Thampi	24	Sneha Elizabeth Sunny
05	Sonia Mathews	25	Reeni Philip
06	Daniel Phil	25	Tanisha John
09	Joy Abraham	28	Ryan Mathews
10	Aezekiel Mathews	28	Aparna Sabu
10	Riddhi Ghosh	29	Neha Chemmanoor
12	Binssy Mathew	29	Megan Thomas
17	Juby George Thomas	30	Selvarajan Thampy Puthenkulangara
22	Aji V. Mathews		

**ANNIVERSARIES**

01	David Thomas & Rachelamma Thomas
02	Nittu Mathew Jacob & Anu Mariamma Easo .K
03	Manoj Joseph Kurien & Asha Joy
03	Santosh Cherian & Jenny Varghese
04	Bobby P. Cherian & Jethila Yohannan
05	Mathew Joseph & Mary Joseph
07	Jophy Philip & Smitha Victor Sam
11	Joy & Mini Chemmanoor
12	Ajish K. John & Chinju Mathew
16	Sudeep & Sarah Oommen
21	Raj Hariharan & Sonijya Raj
21	Jacob P. John & Mary Jacob
26	Shibu Paul Pulikaparambil & Shiny Paul
27	Joseph Thomas & Raimole Joseph

God's Revelation to All			
<b>January 05</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas	Old Testament	Isaiah 60: 1-7	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	98	
	Epistle	Hebrews 1: 1-12	Hans Thomas & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 8: 5-13	
Honouring the Body as a Temple of God			
<b>January 12</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  At 10 am  At Canadian Mar Thoma Church	Old Testament	Ecclesiastes 6: 1-12	<b>Malayalam Service</b>
	Psalm	1	
	Epistle	I Corinthians 3: 6-13	Church Committee
	Gospel	Matthew 5: 12-30	
Called to Unity			
<b>January 19</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	Old Testament	Ezekiel 37: 15-23	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	133	
	Epistle	Ephesians 4: 1-6	Sam Daniel & Family
	Gospel	John 15: 1-12	
Participation in Nation Building			
<b>January 26</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	Old Testament	Joshua 3: 9-17	<b>Malayalam Service</b>
	Psalm	53	
	Epistle	Acts 9: 20-25	Mar Thoma Church Committee
	Gospel	Mark 1: 21-34	

Episcopal Visit

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**Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship**

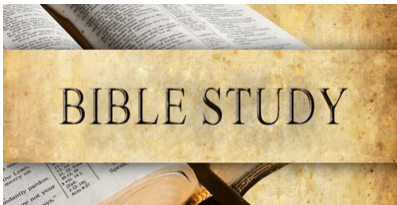
The Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship will be held in the Sanctuary every Wednesday from 10:00 am till 12:00 noon. Please come and join us for this fellowship.

**Monthly Fasting Prayer**

Fasting prayer for the month will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2020 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.



**Pulpit Exchange – Sunday January 12, 2020 & January 26, 2020**

A combined worship service of the CSI Church, Toronto and the Canadian Mar Thoma Church will be held on Sunday January 12, 2020 at 10 am at the Canadian Mar Thoma Church, 159 Sandiford Dr, Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON L4A 0G4. The CSI liturgy will be used for the Holy Communion Service. Please note that there will be no worship service at the CSI Church, Toronto on this Sunday.

A second combined worship service of CSI Church, Toronto and the Canadian Mar Thoma Church will be held on Sunday January 26, 2020 at 10:30 am at the CS Church, Toronto. The Mar Thoma liturgy will be used for the Holy Communion Service.

**Board Meeting – January 19, 2020**

A meeting of the board members will be held on January 19, 2020 immediately after the social hour at the board room.

**Sunday School Exam - January 19, 2020**

Sunday School exam will be held on January 19, 2020 starting at 9:00 am. For more information, please contact Rejini Gajraj, Director of Sunday School.

**Cottage Prayer**

Jordan area prayer will be at the residence of Elizabeth Mathai on Friday, January 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend.

**Upcoming Events**

- Sunday School Anniversary            February 09, 2020
- Annual General Body Meeting        February 23, 2020
- Family Night                                March 27, 2020

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](mailto:torcsichurch@gmail.com)





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## Carol Service





# Audio System Dedication



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