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Season of Lent ...

2021 Motto

“Prepare to meet your God”

“നിന്റെ ദൈവത്തെ എതിരേല്പാൻ ഒരുങ്ങിക്കൊൾക”

Amos 4:12b

Sunday School Anniversary
- March 07

Women's Sunday - March 14

Palm Sunday - March 28

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Editorial

Hallelujah!

Have you ever felt good when someone praised you for having done something significant? It is quite normal to have a feeling of content or elation. But it becomes a problem when you rise to lofty heights and extol yourself. Pride, an offshoot of self-exaltation feeds your inner self and shuts down your vision. You try to self-identify with Satan, "*I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High*" (Isaiah 14:14), or with the antichrist, "*He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.*" (2 Thessalonians 2:4) This focus can be changed if we sing with David, "*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!*" (Psalms 57:5)

During this season of Lent and penitence, we have to focus our eyes on the crucified Lord. When we gaze consistently on the cross, we understand the suffering He went through in order to get us back to the fold. We will be able to self-identify, and it will in turn open a world of forgiveness and mercy. If only everyone did this now and for evermore! That will help us understand our worthlessness and insignificance and make us realize the glory of God. We become really privileged to see the glory of the Redeemer. Let this Lenten be a milestone in our lives. Let the Holy Spirit mould us into what we should be and help us shout Hallelujah.

Samuel Anselm Samuel
Editor

Achen's Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

Fasting is a time to make some spiritual gains. All we need to do through fasting is to increase our spiritual strength every year. It does not matter if you fast for 40 days every year. The real fast is to increase spiritual strength every year. This Lent should help us to be honest with God and to be more in touch with His will for our lives. Our desire for this world should be lessened by observing fasting. Gradually it should disappear. At the same time, there must be a strong desire to receive eternal life. That desire must increase day by day. Philippians 2:5 tells us to have the same attitude of Christ Jesus in us. Paul teaches ways to do that.

There must be unity, there must be one-mindedness, there must be humility, there must be mutual respect, and there must be recognition of the abilities of others. This is the nature of Christ. May these words encourage you to grow to the head of Christ. May God help you to be so useful during this time of fasting.

Our annual general body meeting was successful. I appreciate the newly elected church board members. May God bless them to work for the glory of God. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the current board members. May God bless them.

February 7th was a very blessed day for us. York Credit Valley Area Bishop, Rt. Rev. Jenny Andison made an Episcopal virtual visit to our church. The Bishop led the worship through the Go to meeting. Let us pray for the success of bishop's new ministry.

This month, the Sunday School Anniversary and Talent Show will be held virtually. Women prepare for Women's Sunday service. Remember you all in prayer.

May God bless you

Rev Anish M George Padickamannil

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BIRTHDAYS

02	Thankamma Mathew	17	George Mathew
02	Hans Thomas Varghese	18	Vaiga Thampy
02	Jayden Hans Thomas	18	Neil Joseph Mathews
03	Raimole Joseph	20	Vilayil I. Kurian
05	Joseph Thomas	20	Mathew George
08	Abigail Cherian	22	Elzy George
10	Vimal Philip	23	K. P. Alexander
10	Vinod Maliyekal	23	Chinnu Elizabeth Mathew
11	Sidhant Mathews	24	Jovet Abraham Sabu
11	Neil Jinoj Titus	25	Marylin M. Verghis
12	Joshy Ani Mathew	25	Emily A. Verghis
12	Jewel Mariam Toms	27	Bryan Philip Joseph
13	Jeevan Fenn Varughese	30	Susan Alex
16	Lenora Grace Sam Daniel	31	Rakesh Thampi

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Oommen Cherian & Mariamma Cherian
- 30 Sam Daniel P & Selva Daniel



March 07 4 th Sunday before Easter	True Worship that Liberates		
	Old Testament	Exodus 3:11 -18	English Service
	Psalm	137	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 16:25 - 34	Sunday School
	Gospel	Luke 13:10 - 17	
March 14 3 th Sunday before Easter	Women: God's Partners in the Liberation Work		
	Old Testament	Exodus 1:15 - 22	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	148	Read by
	Epistle	Romans 16:1 - 16	Women's Fellowship
	Gospel	Mark 15:37 - 41	
March 21 2 nd Sunday before Easter	Cross: A New Vision of the Messianic Age		
	Old Testament	Deuteronomy 18:15 - 22	English Service
	Psalm	73	Read by
	Epistle	2 Corinthians 1:3 - 11	Jerish Bradly & Hazel Soman
	Gospel	Luke 18:35 - 43	
March 28 Palm Sunday	Hosanna: New King in the Temple		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 56:1 - 8	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	24	Read by
	Epistle	1 Corinthians 3 :16 - 23	Jijo Cherian Varghese & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 21:1 - 17	



Lenten Prayer

There will be prayer in the sanctuary on every Wednesday at 7:00 pm during the season of Lent. Please plan to attend

Board Meeting

The board has decided to meet online every Sunday at 8:00 pm during the restriction period of COVID -19.

On-line Giving (Interac e-Transfer)

Please make your offering through on-line giving at csichurchtoronto@outlook.com

Sunday School Anniversary & Talent Show – March 07, 2021

Sunday School Anniversary & Talent Show will be held on March 07, 2021 immediately after the divine worship service. For more information, please contact Mrs. Rejini Gajraj, Director of Sunday School.

Women’s Fellowship Sunday – March 14, 2021

March 14, 2021 will be observed as Women’s Fellowship Sunday.

Annual General Body Meeting – February 28, 2021

The Annual General Body On-line Meeting was on held on Sunday, February 28, 2021. The Annual Reports, Financials for 2020 and Budget for 2021, were accepted and passed by the General Body.

The following members were elected to serve on the board for a period of two years:

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| 1. Vicar/President | Reverend Anish M. George |
| 2. Vice-President/Rector’s Warden | Zac Santhosh Koshy |
| 3. Secretary/People’s Warden | Daniel Thomas |
| 4. Joint-Secretary/Trustee | Abraham K. Varghese |
| 5. Treasurer | Samuel Anselm Samuel |
| 6. Joint Treasurer/Trustee | Tojan Joseph Abraham |
| 7. Director of Sunday School | Rejini Gajraj |
| 8. Director of Women’s Fellowship | Preetha Philips |
| 9. Director of Choir | Chris George |
| 10. Director of Social & Recreational Activities | Jacob P. John |
| 11. Director of Youth | Nithin Chemmanoor |
| 12. Director of Men’s Fellowship | Hans Thomas Varghese |
| 13. Director of Mission | Christopher J. Moothedom |
| 14. Director of Public Relations | Sanju Cherian |
| Church Auditor | Joseph P. Mathews |

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The Executive Committee Members of the CSI Church, Toronto

President	Rev. Anish M. George	Vice-President / Rector's Warden	Mr. Zac Santhosh Koshy
Secretary / People's Warden	Mr. Daniel Thomas	Women's Fellowship Director	Mrs. Preetha Philips
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Treasurer	Mr. Samuel Anselm Samuel	Youth Fellowship Director	Mr. Joshua Moothedom
Joint Treasurer / Trustee	Mrs. Elizabeth Verghis	Mission Director	Mrs. Elizabeth Mathai
Sunday School Director	Mrs. Rejini Gajraj	Public Relations Director	Mr. Varghese V. John
Choir Director	Mr. Chris George	Social & Entertainment Director	Mr. Jacob P. John

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Passion Week Services

Palm Sunday	March 28, 2021	10:00 AM
Maundy Thursday	April 01, 2021	7:30 PM
Good Friday	April 02, 2021	10:00 AM
Easter Sunday	April 04, 2021	10:00 AM

Cottage Prayer

Shalom area prayer will be held on **Saturday**, March 06, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Rinu John Mathew & Anju Anna Jacob. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

Jordan area prayer will be held on **Saturday**, March 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Sanju Cherian. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

Gilead area prayer will be held on **Saturday**, March 20, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by K. Philip & Mary Alexander. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

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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