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Happy Easter..

2021 Motto

“Prepare to meet your God”

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Amos 4:12b

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Good Friday- April 02, 9:30 am

Easter- April 04, 10 am

Malayala Lokam Sunday- April 25

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Editorial

He is not here!

Have you ever wondered why life is not a bed of roses? Life appears in different shades to each person. It presents the ups and downs, mountains, valleys, plains, rugged rocks, rivers, lakes, and oceans. All these myriad faces of life can sometimes force people to have tantrums. Man was originally designed to rule over all these magnificent creations. But a single act of disobedience changed his nature and the nature of life around him. Having been severed from the presence of God, he realized that the forces of nature now have a devastating effect on his one-time smooth life when he walked with God. But the Lord wanted to display his love, care, and protection to this miserable creature.

Moses said to the Israelites, “know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His loving kindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments” (Deut. 7:8-9). When man lost all hope and gave up, the most loving and all gracious Father came down, went up to the cross, and suffered and died. But it did not end there. Though our lives pull us down, the power of resurrection and life that shattered the doors of death gives us strength to face any challenges and creates in us the hope of eternal life. “Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.” (Psalm 2:11-12) May His resurrection give us a meaning to our lives and help us to be in eternal bliss with our saviour and king.

Samuel Anselm Samuel
Editor

Achen's Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

We are celebrating another Easter. Easter is a day of victory and joy. Jesus began his work in his age of thirties. For three and a half years, the people, impressed by Jesus' voice, entered Jerusalem with great hope. But then they felt that their hope was finished when Jesus was arrested. An arrest in violation of the law that prohibited arrests at night. A trial full of contempt and ridicule. Cruel persecution ensued and then the horrible crucifixion took place.

Armathea Joseph, a relative of Jesus' mother, was an authority figure and was able to conduct the funeral quickly. The hope of the people who had celebrated the day before was sealed with stones. A few hours the enemies felt they had won. But on the morning of the third day, the stones which were sealed by the enemy were rolled away. God revealed that what happened on the cross was the ultimate victory. That victory is what we call Easter. Since then, Lord's Day or Sunday has become more important. Every Sunday worship shares this joy.

Maybe your hopes are sealed with the stones. The God who moves the sealed stones is our strength. May we place our hope in Almighty God. May each of us be able to trust in God.

The second Sunday of last month was celebrated as Women's Fellowship Sunday. The lay ministry was led by the members of Women's Fellowship. I would also like to thank all the members, especially Preetha Philip, Director, Women's Fellowship.

The Talent Show held in conjunction with the Sunday School Anniversary was a great blessing. May it give more courage to our future generations. Special thanks to the children, parents and teachers especially to Rejni Gajraj, the Sunday School Director who coordinated this. The service of consecrating the newly elected committee members was conducted in the most beautiful manner. I pray that God will strengthen everyone to do God's work by understanding God's call. I pray that God will reward all those who served on the old committee.

Passion week worship and Easter celebrations are going on. Let us welcome these days by relying on God's grace. Rev. Revi Kalison will be our chief guest on Easter Day.

Mr Babu Joseph, who was a member of our church, entered the eternal rest, and you all know the information. I thank God for dear Babuchayan's silent work for the church. On behalf of CSI Church Toronto, I would like to express our condolences and sorrows to his wife, Mrs. Susan Joseph and children Sheila, Shawn, Sneha and Pascal. I pray that God will strengthen them all.

We are entering the 35th year since the worship of our church began in this land. I seek your cooperation and prayers for the good work being done in connection with it.

God bless you all.

Happy Easter.

Rev Anish M George Padickamannil

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BIRTHDAYS

03	Jeena Joseph	17	Kiran Masih
04	Mathew Modayil Kuruville	17	Rebeccamma Thomas
05	Justy Joise	17	Neenu Anna Mathew
06	Angelina Raichel Ajoy	17	Rohan Bijo Philip
06	Tania Miriam Jacob	19	Jeffin Sunny George
07	Gershon Varughese Jijo	20	Tim Eapen
07	Sandeep Charuvil Ninan	21	Jacob P. John
08	Dona Deena Varghese	21	Mini George
11	Miriam Chacko	21	Manoj Joseph Kurien
12	Regi Koshy	21	Nisha Thomas
12	Jijo Cherian Varughese	21	Abel Williams
12	Sherin Philip Daniel	22	Abraham Chacko
14	Lintu George	22	David Joseph
14	Daniel Shijo John	24	Anisha Mariam Sugu
15	Diani Mathai	24	Nathan Jinoj
15	Rini Miriam Jacob	24	Sarah James
15	Mary Alexander	25	Sid
16	Ruth Philip Joseph	27	Mahathw P. Anish
17	Jacob Cherian	28	Joshua
17	Joseph K David	29	Benjamin Ninan



<p>April 01 Maundy Thursday</p>	Eucharist: The Re-membering Jesus		
	Old Testament	Exodus 12: 1-17	English Service
	Psalm	116	Read by
	Epistle	1 Corinthians 11: 23-34	Geogy Thomas & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 26: 17- 30	
<p>April 02 Good Friday 9:30 AM</p>	Cross: Death of Death		
	Old Testament	Numbers 21: 1-9	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	22	Read by
	Epistle	1 Corinthians 15: 50-58	Church Organizations
	Gospel	Matthew 27:1-56	
<p>April 04 Easter</p>	Resurrection: Celebrating the Joy of Salvation		
	Old Testament	Exodus 14: 5-31	English Service
	Psalm	118: 14-29	Read by
	Epistle	Colossians 3: 1-11	Church Committee
	Gospel	Matthew 28: 1-10	
<p>April 11 1st Sunday after Easter</p>	Encounter with the Risen Lord		
	Old Testament	Genesis 32: 22-32	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	40	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 9: 1-18	Ajoy Lionel & family
	Gospel	John 20: 24-29	



ANNIVERSARIES

- 05 Anoop James & Syama Prasad
- 08 Aji V. Mathews & Sophy Aji Mathews
- 11 Tony Koshy Abraham & Jisha Mary Alexander
- 13 Jeffin Sunny George & Jis Maria George
- 16 Toms Jacob & Joshy Ani Mathew
- 22 Joseph K. David & Jeena Joseph
- 22 Hans Thomas Varghese & Annet Thomas
- 24 Reji Kumar P. B & Preethamole R

April 18 2 nd Sunday after Easter	Identifying Risen Lord in the Work Place		
	Old Testament	Ruth 2: 1-18	English Service
	Psalm	15	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 9: 36-43	Hans Thomas & family
	Gospel	John 21: 1-14	
April 25 3 rd Sunday after Easter	Community Formation around Resurrection Experience		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 25: 1-9	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	126	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 4: 32-37	
	Gospel	Luke 24: 13-35	



Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship

The Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship will take place on every Tuesday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in the Church Sanctuary. Please join the fellowship through **Virtual Worship**

Bible Study – “The Coming of Jesus Christ”

The Bible study will take place on every Wednesday from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The Bible Study provides an in-depth learning on the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. It also provides an opportunity for members to connect with and understand each other while continuing to build personal relationship with God. Anish Achen will be leading the Bible studies. Please plan to attend the Bible study through **Virtual fellowship**.



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

Passion Week Services

Maundy Thursday	April 01, 2021	07:30 PM
Good Friday	April 02, 2021	09:30 AM
Easter Sunday	April 04, 2021	10:00 AM

Malayala Lokam Sunday – April 25, 2021

Sunday, April 25, 2021 will be observed as Malayala Lokam Sunday. Malayala Lokam teachers and students will be taking part in the lay ministry.

Cottage Prayer

Shalom area prayer will be held on **Saturday**, April 03, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Alex Oommen & Susan Alex. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

Jordan area prayer will be held on **Friday**, April 09, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Daniel & Mariamma Thomas. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

Gilead area prayer will be held on **Saturday**, April 17, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Jacob Cherian & Biby Esther Abraham. 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

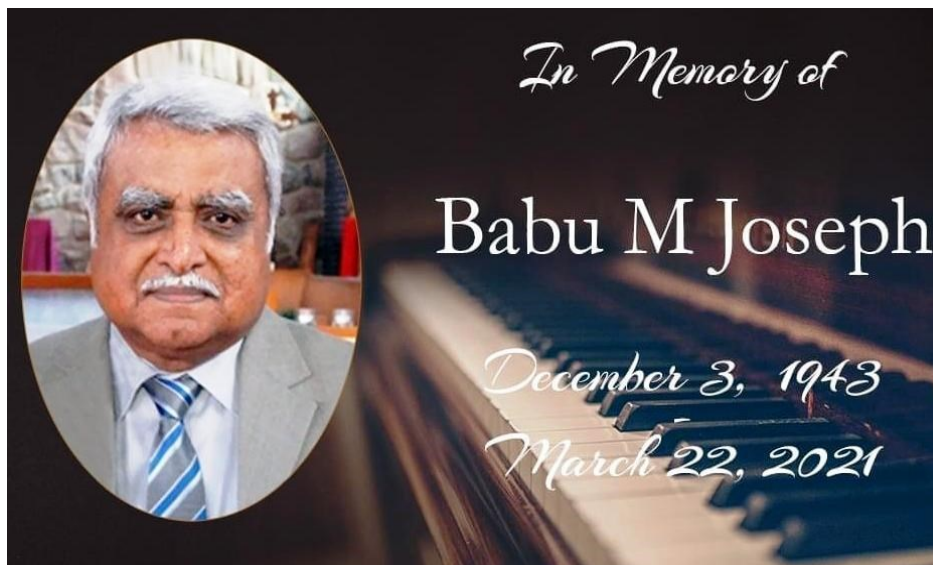
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Obituary

Mr. Babu M. Joseph went to be with the Lord on Monday, March 22, 2021 at the age of 78 in his home in Scarborough. Mr. Babu M. Joseph was the first organist and one of the founding members of our church. Funeral service was held on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

The members of the CSI Church, Toronto express their heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Susan Joseph, Sheila, Shawn, Sneha and Pascal. We remember with gratitude all his valuable services to our Church. May the Almighty God comfort all the family members.



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