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2021 Motto

“Prepare to meet your God”

“നിന്റെ ദൈവത്തെ എതിരേല്പാൻ ഒരുങ്ങിക്കൊൾക”

Amos 4:12b

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Editorial

The transcending mercy....

Have you ever been satisfied with what you have? Have you ever coveted the blessings of others? Many people are overcome with jealousy because they can't stand the prosperity of others. Many parents knowingly or unknowingly instill this quality in their children from a very young age. Comparing and contrasting become the hallmark of a normal family life. Our society has become competition oriented as it believes in the "survival of the fittest". The chaos it creates, corrupts the minds of people. This world would be a heaven if everyone believed in one's own blessings and talents!

And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' (Matthew 20:11-12)

The workers received everything according to the contract, and yet they grumbled. They couldn't stand the fact that those who came in at the eleventh hour also received a denarius. Our standards might stamp this as discrimination as we're obsessed with mundane equality. When we talk about equality, we fail to understand the message of the potter and the clay, and that we receive everything according to His infinite mercy. *For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.* (Deuteronomy 10:17). We need to start counting our blessings than counting others'. "Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action – Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake." wrote Tagore. Let the Holy Spirit help us to see the mercy of our Lord in our lives and transform us into the body of Christ.

Samuel Anselm Samuel
Editor

Achen's Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The theme of our church this year is from Amos 4:12. We think about this theme in connection with the thirty-fifth anniversary of our church. Amos' call 'to prepare to meet your God' still exists today. The Bible reminds us to do good in this world and wait for Jesus. The Word teaches us that good works must be done in Jesus' name. That is why we as a church have decided to do 35 good deeds for the society. Let us prepare to meet the God who comes to redeem the church in the clouds.

As a believer, we also have a responsibility to prepare others for this. It is the work of God. We are the tools of God. We must never forget that. For this, God strengthens us through His Holy Spirit.

May is the month that celebrates our church anniversary. Thanks be to God who has cared for us for the past 35 years. The church has grown to this level after overcoming many difficulties. God worked through many of you behind it. May God bless every hand that strengthens the church.

Everyone should attend our church annual convention, which will be held on 7, 8 & 9 that coincides with our 35th anniversary. The virtual convention will be held through Zoom. You should all pray for that. Rev. Samji K Sam, Vicar of Mundiappalli CSI Parish, will preach during the first two days. On the closing day, the convention will be held along with the Sunday worship. On that day, Rt. Rev. Malayil Sabu Koshy Cherian, who is the Bishop of CSI Madhya Kerala Diocese, will preach.

Covid-19 virus is spreading all over the world. Our motherland India is going through a crisis. As the believers of Jesus, we have a responsibility to pray for this world. We must also take the initiative in helping the poor in our country. A chain prayer is being started under the leadership of our Mission Board and everyone should participate in it.

Congratulations on the programs conducted by the Sunday School on Easter Day. I would like to thank the Sunday School children, Parents, teachers & Sunday school director, Rajani Gajaraj.

The anniversary held last month under the leadership of the Malayalam world was very beautiful. Congratulations to the teachers, parents & Kids. Congratulations to last year's administrator, Mariamma Thomas and the new administrator, John Cherian Mathew.

Last month, we were able to restart the communion service. But once again the lockdown has been announced and we are unable to continue it now. So all, strengthen one another in prayer and pray for the work of our church.

God bless you all

Rev Anish M George Padickamannil

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<p>May 02 4th Sunday after Easter</p>	Believing in Christ: The Resurrection		
	Old Testament	2 Kings 4: 27- 37	English Service
	Psalm	90	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 26: 12 – 23	Abraham Joy & Family
	Gospel	John 11: 17- 28	
<p>May 09 5th Sunday after Easter Anniversary 10:30 AM</p>	Christ's Invitation to be an Expression of Mission		
	Old Testament	Ezekiel 34: 25 – 31	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	47	Read by
	Epistle	1 Peter 2: 1- 10	Church Committee
	Gospel	John 20: 19- 23	
<p>May 16 6th Sunday after Easter</p>	Waiting upon the Holy Spirit		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 40: 25- 31	English Service
	Psalm	51	Read by
	Epistle	Act 1: 1- 11	Shibu Paul & Family
	Gospel	Luke 24: 44- 49	
<p>May 23 Pentecost</p>	Come Holy Spirit, Renew Us		
	Old Testament	Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	104: 24 - 35	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 2: 1-13	Williams Selvanose & Family
	Gospel	John 16: 1 – 11	
<p>May 30 1st Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday</p>	We Worship the Triune God		
	Old Testament	Genesis 1: 1- 28	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	2	Read by
	Epistle	2 Cor. 13: 11- 14	Youth Fellowship
	Gospel	John 1: 1- 18	



Important announcement from the PR Director, Sanju Cherian

We are switching over from Go to Meeting to Zoom for ALL our online meetings going forward including Sunday Service. Please follow these instructions to login to the meeting.

Those who do not have Zoom should install Zoom on their devices. Go to Zoom.us and install the app on your desktop OR download from your play store or App store to your Android or Apple phone.

Please use below CSI Church, Toronto Zoom Link to join Sunday worship service and all other major activities of the Church.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98561067127?pwd=MUhgVW5wRWNVa3JxbzIBNDI4TFdQdz09>

Meeting ID: 985 6106 7127

Passcode: 597117

Important announcement from the Treasurer, Samuel Anselm Samuel

On-line Giving (Interac e-Transfer) - donate@csichurchtoronto.org

The current email ID for e-transfers - csichurchtoronto@outlook.com has been replaced with [do-nate@csichurchtoronto.org](mailto:donate@csichurchtoronto.org) with immediate effect.

Starting today, please make ALL your contributions (offertory, missions, membership, donations etc.) to CSI Church Toronto using donate@csichurchtoronto.org. Inconvenience is deeply regretted.

Message from one of our members, Chris George - Help for COVID-19 Vaccine Booking

The rising number of COVID cases and the current third wave have emphasized the need for everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Countries with higher vaccination rates than Canada have been able to start opening up and returning to some normalcy, while Ontario has just moved into lockdown for another month. If any church members have any questions about the available COVID-19 vaccines or would like help with booking their vaccination, please do not hesitate to contact me at 6479398424. If you need detailed medical advice, please first talk to your family doctor. Aside from this, I can help to the best of my ability.

Church 35th Anniversary & Annual Gospel Convention: May 07 - 09, 2021

Church Anniversary and Annual Gospel Convention will take place from May 07 - 09, 2021. Meetings on Friday (May 07) and Saturday (May 08) will begin at 7:00 PM and the closing meeting on Sunday will begin at 10:30 AM. Please invite your friends and families for this special **Virtual Worship**.

Please see below convention details for the three days.

07-May-21	Friday	Rev. Samji K. Sam	India	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
08-May-21	Saturday	Rev. Samji K. Sam	India	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
09-May-21	Sunday	Right Rev. Dr. Sabu K Cherian	India	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM



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**.



Men’s Fellowship Retreat – May 29, 2021

Men’s Fellowship retreat will take place on Saturday, May 29, 2021 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Rev Joseph Samuel, United Theological College, Bangalore will lead the retreat. Please join the **virtual retreat**.

Board Meeting

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

Cottage Prayer

Shalom area prayer will be held on **Sunday**, May 02, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Bobby Cherian & Jithela Yohannan. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

Jordan area prayer will be held on **Friday**, May 14, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Mathew & Mary Joseph. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

Gilead area prayer will be held on **Saturday**, May 15, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Benjamin & Ani Chacko. 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 secretary@csichurchtoronto.org

SELF SURRENDER

MARY ALEXANDER

I move aside and give God the way
To move into me and prevail strong;
His Spirit will rise and my self will die,
In His power He will shine and show
More of Him and less of me.

I move aside and give God the way
To move into me and prevail strong
His Spirit will rise and my SELF will die.
In His power He will shine and show
More of Him and less of me.

For Christ to stay, I will just be a home,
His meekness and power will project through me;
The 'old man' in me will be subdued
To bring in the 'New Man',
Within my NEW HEART.

Where Jesus, my Lord, will be seated high,
His Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen,
Only to praise and my Lord to be lifted.
In all my thoughts Christ will reign,
In His holiness, all sin to be subdued.

I will be filled by His living water,
To flow from me unto others;
Christ will use my tongue to speak,
And encourage others with His
Redeeming, and matchless grace.

AMEN and PRAISE OUR GOD FOREVER!!!



BIRTHDAYS

01	Minu Samraj	16	Joann Jacob
01	Molamma Ninan	18	Rapti Ghosh
03	Annamma Chacko	20	Mini Fredrick
04	Siji Joseph	20	Preethamole .R
06	Elijah Johnson	21	Johanne Mathew
06	Annet Thomas	22	Abhilash Raj
06	Hannah Jessy Cherian	23	Santhosh Zac Koshy
06	Christina Rose David	24	Evan Sandeep Ninan
07	Benny Winston Mesiahdhas	25	Daisy Pothan
07	Smitha Victor Sam	25	Neena Kuruvila
08	Andrew Paul	27	Jenny Cherian
08	Asher Sam	27	Preetha Philips
08	Tony Koshy Abraham	28	Sam George
09	Asha Joy	28	Sanal N. David
09	Toms Jacob	28	Abner Vinu
09	Manasi Varghese George	29	Simi K. Sunny
10	Hayden Leon	30	Ann Abraham
11	Williams Silvanose	31	Samuel Chacko
11	Swarup Itty	31	Hazel Soman
14	Hudson Leon	31	David Raja Slng
15	Jezlyn George		



ANNIVERSARIES

- 09 Joy Abraham & Ann Abraham
- 10 Thomas Mathai & Nisha Thomas
- 17 Sandeep Charuvil Ninan & Aparna Sabu
- 18 Tim Eapen & Ninu Ann Varghese
- 21 Mathew Abraham & Surekha Jacob
- 23 Shaji Levison Moothedom & Daisy Pothen
- 24 P.J. Skariah & Annamma Skariah
- 26 John Mathew & Sheeba Thomas
- 26 Anil Raj Daniel & Steephamol S.S
- 27 Mathew Modayil Kuruvilla & Elizabeth Kuruvilla
- 28 Regi Koshy & Smitha Baby Thomas

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