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2022 Motto

“No More Silence..”

“മിണ്ടാതിരിക്കരുത്..”

Acts 18: 9

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# Blessed New Year 2022

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## **Editorial**

*Gear up!*

How many years have gone through without much global impact? When we come to the threshold of a passing year, it is quite customary for the people to think about resolutions. As 2021 slowly recedes, the COVID clutches seem to loosen. On the other hand, it is tightening its grasp through a variety of emissaries. Man has applied restrictions and boosters to escape this devastating situation. As we move into 2022, let's be better prepared.

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. (John 4:23)

The Word of God admonishes us to purify ourselves and not be silent. The commandment of the Lord, "make disciples of all nations" resonates throughout. Time is running out! Procrastination will not help. Are we ready?

***No more silence!***

Nature's bounty rang in cold  
Hopes and dreams were fully blast  
Steeped in COVID bound to last  
Rise 'n build shall make us bold

Social distance plans arrest  
Quarantine to fight the cause  
Masks and circles like the tawse  
Shots and boosters buy you rest

Vaccines grew to give license  
Promise exit, hopes abloom  
Word of God so gently boom  
No more silence, no more silence!  
(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

Acts 18: 9 says no more silence. This subject has been taken as our moto this year. God has given us the new year 2022. Let us thank God for that. The last two years have been full of crises for the whole world. But God kept us comfortable. God healed many of us even though we were infected with the covid-19 virus. As we read through chapters 8 through Ezekiel, we must note some of the things God repeatedly says. Diseases, plagues and crises are what God gives as warnings.

If these were given to the children of Israel then, God is giving us some warnings today. Acts 18: 9 The counsel that God gives to Christians who are followers of Jesus is very relevant. The world tried to dissuade Paul. He was physically abused and jailed. But this words 'No More Silence' is the message of God through angel who appeared to Paul and encouraged him. Paul dares to preach the gospel in the midst of a nation that has not turned to God in spite of many crises. We are all in the midst of a crisis.

You must all accept this as God's warning. We must not remain silent on this occasion to show Jesus to the world. Perhaps, like Paul, we have crises. But God will protect us. So let the phrase, No More Silence, become a blessing in our lives.

Our Christmas carol service was very well conducted. This year, our choir members were able to sing songs in person. Congratulations to all the choir members and all those who worked hard for this. Special thanks to the choir director Chris George and choir master Daniel Thomas.

Christmas Day Worship was conducted with Holy Communion service. Many in our church are afflicted with covid 19. So we decided to conduct worship virtually. Everyone should remember each other in prayer. A new wave of Covid 19 is spreading this whole world. So we need to strengthen one another in prayer. Likewise, we should not remain spiritually silent. We should be able to inform about Jesus as much as possible. May God help each and every one of us for that.

May God bless us all.

Rev Anish M George Padickamannil

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### Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship

The Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship will take place on every Thursday 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 Thursday 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 Zoom.

### On-line Giving (Interac e-Transfer) - [donate@csichurchtoronto.org](mailto:donate@csichurchtoronto.org)

Please make ALL your contributions (offertory, missions, membership, donations etc.) to CSI Church Toronto using [donate@csichurchtoronto.org](mailto:donate@csichurchtoronto.org).

### Board Meeting

The next online board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 8:30 pm

### Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) - February 27, 2022

Annual General Body meeting of the CSI Church, Toronto will be held on Sunday, February 27, 2022, immediately after the divine worship service.

### Cottage Prayer

**Jordan** area prayer will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 7:00 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Sanju Cherian, Christopher & Rejini Gajraj and Elizabeth (Daisy) Mathai. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

**Gilead** area prayer will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2022, at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Christy & Elizabeth (Shirley) Abraham. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

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<b>January 02</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas	<b>Revelation for Salvation</b>		
	Old Testament	Exodus 3:1-14	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	27	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 16:6-10	Christopher Gajraj & Family
	Gospel	John 12:20-32	
<b>January 09</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	<b>Be Holy</b>		
	Old Testament	Deuteronomy 7:1-11	<b>Malayalam Service</b>
	Psalm	5	Read by
	Epistle	Ephesians 5:18- 20	Bobby Cherian & Family
	Gospel	John 17:13-17	
<b>January 16</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	<b>One Body and One Baptism</b>		
	Old Testament	Amos 9:5-12	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	115	Read by
	Epistle	Ephesians 4:1-6	Joseph P Mathew & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 16:13-20	
<b>January 23</b> Ecumenical Sunday	<b>United in Love</b>		
	Old Testament	Deuteronomy 4:1-10	<b>Malayalam Service</b>
	Psalm	30	Read by
	Epistle	I Corinthians 1:10-18	Jophy Jacob Philip & Family
	Gospel	John 15:11-17	
<b>January 30</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	<b>Praise the Lord (worship)</b>		
	Old Testament	Exodus 9:1-7	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	81	Read by
	Epistle	Revelation 5:1-14	Youth Fellowship
	Gospel	John 2:13-22	





**BIRTHDAYS**

04	Ninu Ann Varghese	17	Juby George Thomas
04	Ryan Thampi	20	Angelin Freeda Paul
04	Jis Maria George	22	Aji V. Mathews
05	Sonia Mathews	23	Abraham P. George
06	Daniel Phil	24	Sneha Elizabeth Sunny
06	Kingson Jacob	25	Reeni Philip
06	Mary	25	Tanisha John
06	Ruben Thomas Paul	28	Ryan Mathews
07	Sharon Lawrence Idaraji	28	Aparna Sabu
09	Joy Abraham	29	Neha Chemmanoor
09	Jency Jose	29	Megan Thomas
10	Aezekiel Mathews	29	Abiel Thomas Nainan
10	Riddhi Ghosh	30	Ezra Sam
12	Binssy Mathew	30	Nainan P. Thomas
12	Thalvina Varkey	31	Selvarajan Thampy P



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 David Thomas & Rachelamma Thomas
- 02 Nittu Mathew Jacob & Anu Mariamma Easo
- 03 Manoj Joseph Kurien & Asha Joy
- 03 Santosh Cherian & Jenny Varghese
- 04 Bobby P. Cherian & Jithela Yohannan
- 05 Mathew Joseph & Mary Joseph
- 07 Jophy Philip & Smitha Victor Sam
- 08 Michael Govada & Neashini Govada
- 09 Paul Daniel Frederick Asokan & Angelin Freeda Paul
- 12 Kingson Jacob & Juby George Thomas
- 13 Joy Chemmanoor & Mini George
- 16 Sudeep Oommen & Sarah Oommen
- 21 Raj Hariharan & Sonijya Raj
- 21 Jacob P. John & Mary Jacob
- 23 Jithin Sathyaraj Kanaath & Minu Samraj
- 26 Shibu Paul Pulikaparambil & Shiny Paul
- 27 Joseph Thomas & Raimole Joseph

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