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“No More Silence..”

“മിണ്ടാതെയിരിക്കരുത്..”

Acts 18: 9

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Editorial

Being humble...

Do you like to be at the top of the world? Do you like to inherit the earth? Fret no more; you can accomplish your dream if you become good imitators of Christ, who is the exemplar of humility. Christ came into this world to fulfil the will of His father. He took the fall because He considered each one of us above all. Philippians 2: 7 – 8 says, *“He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in the appearance of a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on the cross!”* The great I AM further displayed this when He washed the feet of His disciples.

Humility is often considered as the mark of weakness. Being fed by egoistic nature, everyone tries to cultivate and hold cultural and ethical values, but conveniently keeps away the humility part. It cannot be acquired from any school or store. It is the hallmark of a wise man/woman who has received the heavenly wisdom. This Christian virtue allows people to consider others more significant than they are. Just as God rewarded Christ for the humility, the humble will be exalted, will be shown more grace, and will have 24/7 dedicated hot-line access to the Everlasting Father. The word of God validates the promise of rewards for the humble.

Humility is the best prescription for the problems in our society. We can put on humility when we surrender to God’s will, rather than our own. The Christ like attitude towards serving others will certainly build us towards a meaningful life. Once we imbibe this heavenly gift, we can pass it on to the posterity. This will add value to our lives, and help us inherit the earth.

Samuel Anselm Samuel

Editor

Achen's Message



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

Let us praise and thank God for all his continuing showers of blessings and mercies upon us all these years and especially during this summer. I hope we all had a good time of fun and fellowship during this season.

The month of September is important for Church of South India because it celebrates its birthday on 27th of this month. This is the 75th year of formation of our church. The formation of CSI on 27th September 1947 at St. George's Cathedral, Madras is marked as one of the great events in the History of Church. It is because different traditions who were worshipping the Lord in different ways, after long discussions agreed to continue their faith journey in a common way under the name CSI. At present we are the second largest Christian community in India other than the Catholic Church and is spread out in 5 south Indian states and around different parts of the globe as diaspora communities. Diversity is marked as the trademark of our church. People differ in language, colour, culture, food habits and social back ground but all are one in Christ. Its a united and uniting Church. Let us be proud in saying that we are part of this Church and uphold the motto of our church "that they all may be one..." Let us also strive for yet another attempt of uniting other same minded churches under one banner.

We are observing the Sunday of the aged in this month. The elders in the church are the backbone of the church. They are the people who toiled hard for establishing church by sharing their energy, time, and resources. I gratefully remember the services of the elders in our church and pray that the Almighty continue to bless them and strengthen them at this time of senility. It is our duty as church to stand with them and support them. The most important gift that we can give them is our time. I request the congregation, even among the busy schedule to find some time to share with the elders; to talk to them, to listen to them and make them feel that they are not alone.

We celebrate choir Sunday also in the month of September. Music plays a very important role in the worship of Church of South India. The songs have been used to introduce certain themes to the people and to have spiritual enrichment apart from praising and worshipping God. Participation in choir is an outlet for self-expression as a solo performer, director and accompanist; a means through he/she can put his/her musical talents and training to good use; and more important a means of serving God and church. I thank God for the glorious ministry of our church choir, choir master and the organists. May God help them to do God's ministry through music.

We are entering into a new academic year. I wish God's abundant blessings upon all the students and teachers of our church as they continue their journey for wisdom.

May God bless you all

In His Service

Binuachen



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.

Special Prayer for Students - September 04, 2022

There will be a special prayer for all students, teachers and school administration staff on Sunday, September 04, 2022.

Back to School Webinar - September 05, 2022

Inviting all students and teachers to join the "Back to School Webinar" on Monday, September 5 from 7pm to 8pm. All are encouraged to participate in the Q&A discussions, so our children can learn how to perform better in school and stay rooted in their faith. Please use Zoom Meeting link below:

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

Bible Study – “Book of Hebrews”



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 book of Hebrews. It also provides an opportunity for members to connect with and understand each other while continuing to build personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. Binu Achen will be leading the Bible studies. Please plan to attend the

Bible study through Zoom.

Choir Sunday - September 11, 2022

Sunday, September 11, 2022, will be observed as Choir Sunday. Choir members will take part in the lay ministry.

Board Meeting

The next online board meeting will be on Sunday, September 11 2022, at 8:00 pm

Mission Sunday - September 18, 2022

Sunday, September 18, 2022, will be observed as Mission Sunday. Mission committee will take part in the lay ministry.

CSI Sunday (Platinum Jubilee) – September 25, 2022

Sunday, September 25, 2022, will be observed as CSI Sunday.

Meet & Greet - September 25, 2022

The church would like to welcome new members during the service on Sunday, September 25, 2022. Please come and be part of this joyous occasion.

Ona Sadhya - September 25, 2022

Onam lunch will be served on Sunday, September 25, 2022, during social hour. All members are reminded to wear traditional Kerala outfit (Mundu & Jubba and Kerala Saree)

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September 4 13 th Sunday after Pentecost	Peace in the Context of Violence		
	Old Testament	1 Samuel 24:1-12	English Service
	Psalm	52	Read by
	Epistle	Romans 12:14 - 21	Abraham Varghese & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 38-48	
September 11 Choir Sunday	Music of the Redeemed of the Lord: Proclamation of Witness		
	Old Testament	Exodus 15: 1-13	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	107:1-16	Read by
	Epistle	Revelation 14:1-15	Choir Members
	Gospel	Luke 1: 68- 79	
September 18 Mission Sunday	Mission: From Everywhere to Every where		
	Old Testament	1 Kings 17:1-16	English Service
	Psalm	107:1-15	Read by
	Epistle	Galatians 2:1-10	Mission Fellowship
	Gospel	Matthew 13 :47-52	
September 25 Seniors' Sunday	Caring and Accepting the Elderly		
	Old Testament	Genesis 46:28-34 & 47:1-10	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	21	Read by
	Epistle	1 Timothy 5:1-10	Senior Members
	Gospel	Luke 2:25-35	



BIRTHDAYS

01	Jacob M. John	18	Hancy Sudhakaran
01	Levia Grace	19	Thejus John
01	Bijoy Bhutia	19	Rohit Mathew Oommen
01	Anu Roshan Thomas	19	Karen George
02	Sarah M. John	20	Reji Kumar. P.B
05	Jezlyn George	20	Akshay Alex Cherian
07	Elizabeth Verghis	21	David Meshach
07	Ancy Jacob	21	Mathew Chacko
07	Felix Abraham Varghese	21	Aiswarya Francie Challat
08	Priya Rachel Abraham	22	Eva Bose
08	Toby Jacob	22	Alen Jacob Mathew
08	Jain Daniel	23	Aleesha Shan
10	Jithin George	24	Annika Cherian
11	Judie Austin	24	Sophy Aji Mathews
13	Raj Hariharan	24	Noah Solomon Govada
13	Varghese John	24	Kaitlyn Claire Austin
13	John Mathew	27	Alen Paul
13	Shiny Paul	27	Anju Anna Jacob
13	Sravan Kumar Onteru	28	Elizabeth Mathai
14	Joanne Rachel Joe	28	Suja Sara Koshy
14	Rachel Cherian	28	Smitha Baby Thomas
15	Venerable K. Sam Thomas	29	Reebu Mariam Jeffin
17	Mithul Binny Itty	30	Richu Koshy Thomas



ANNIVERSARIES

- 02 Jubin Varghese George & Manasi George
- 03 Jinoj Titus & Rajitha Jinoj
- 10 Mathew Chacko & Meera Jacob
- 10 Selvarajan Thampy & Eva Bose
- 11 George Mathew & Siji Joseph
- 11 John Cheriyan Mathew & Vismaya Mary Villees
- 11 Bejosh Mathew & Hazel Soman
- 16 Rennie Philips Joseph & Preetha Philips
- 17 Leon Sundaresan & Neethuraj Taji
- 23 Jeevan Fenn Varughese & Sarah Titus
- 24 Mridul Mathew Kuruvilla & Mary
- 28 Aaron Fredrick & Mini Fredrick



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Cottage Prayer

Shalom area prayer will be on Friday, September 09, 2022, at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Abraham P George & Elsy George. Please join the virtual fellowship.

Jordan area prayer will take place at the residence of Santhosh Cherian and Jenny Cherian on Saturday, September 10, 2022, at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend.

Jordan area prayer will take place at the residence of Raj Hariharan & Sonijya Raj on Friday, September 30, 2022, at 7:30 pm. Please plan to attend.

Volunteers wanted

We are currently looking for volunteers to fill in the positions of an editor and sub-editors of our monthly newsletter - **Pilgrim**. Interested members are requested to respond before October 1, 2022 using the link: [Pilgrim Response Form](#)

If you wish to be included in the parish e-mail list to receive special notices, please send your e-mail ID to the Secretary at secretary@csichurchtoronto.org

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