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2022 Motto

“No More Silence..”

“മിണ്ടാതെയിരിക്കരുത്..”

Acts 18: 9

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Editorial

The King of Glory – The Lord Almighty....

Man is the crown of all creation. Does that sound a note of satisfaction? We generally try to please people in authority, don't we? This may be to gain sustenance, a promotion, or to be 'in good books'. Don't you think our heavenly master and redeemer requires adoration and praise? We're called to give glory unto our creator. *Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.* Psalm 29:2.

How much should we ascribe to our Lord? Well, it depends on popular beliefs and people's perceptions about God. It may vary because most of the time, we tend to limit the omnipotent God in our own handgrips. The angels are designed to give glory due to His name, evermore praising and glorifying in all holiness. It is not an easy task for us. By nature, we can't glorify God because of our fallen state. We need to be washed by the blood of the Lamb of God and be covered by the grace of God to withstand the absolute glory. Moses had to be hid in the cleft of a rock and covered by the hand of God while the glory of the Lord was passing by. The transformation that came over to Moses as he spent some time in the presence of the Lord is astounding. People saw that his facial skin was shining. For our lives to be glorious, we need to reflect the glory of the Lord.

When we behold the glory of the risen Lord, and ascribe all glory to Him, everything that surrounds us will lose ground and fade away. When we continuously spend time in His presence, we're escalated to that higher realm of holiness. Let's be holy as the word of God exhorts us to be holy. Let the glory of the Lord surround us and enable us to ascribe unto the Lord the glory due His name, and help us worship the Lord in truth and in spirit.

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 the wonderful ways through which He is leading our Church. I thank Him for His miraculous guidance and interference for the successful completion of our Harvest festival. And I express my heartfelt thanks to all who toiled hard for its success. Also, I do appreciate the participation of the congregation in the harvest festival through online and in person.

We are entering into the penultimate month of this year. And we are preparing ourselves to enter another season of Advent. In the Church calendar for the month of November we observe four important Sundays with important themes to meditate: Sunday school Sunday, Unity Sunday, Girl Child Sunday and Advent Sunday.

As we celebrate as world Sunday school Sunday, I would like to appreciate our Sunday school director, teachers, and volunteers for their sincere efforts. My humble request to the parents of Sunday school students is to send your kids regularly to Sunday school which will help them to lead a life rooted in Christ.

The time has come for the churches to find various platforms of unity so that we as Church can address the challenges put forward by the modern world. We are losing our testimony before other people because of the differences and competitions among different denominations in the Church which is considered as the body of Christ. So, we must make use of any opportunity for coming together to worship and glorify the name of the Lord.

The third Sunday of this month we observe as the Girl Child Sunday. C S I is the first church that separates a Sunday for the Girl child. The aim of this is to create awareness that a girl child is also a gift of God, and she has all the rights to enjoy the life and the life in its abundance. We are observing this Sunday in the context of female foeticide, sexual abuse, child labour and denial of basic rights to girl child in India and other parts of the world even in this twenty first century. The upliftment of the girl children from such pathos is the mission of the church. The observance of Girl Child Sunday enables us to respect, honour and protect our girl children and let it be a model for others.

May God bless you all

In His Service Yours

Binu Achen



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 – “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.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be on Sunday, November 13, 2022, at 8:00 pm .

Women’s Fellowship Retreat

WF retreat will be held on November 05, 2022 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. Reverend Ro-ji M Abraham and Ancy Roji Mathews of the Canadian Mar Thoma Church will be the main speakers for the retreat. Please contact WF Director, Preetha Philips for more details.

Thanksgiving & Harvest Festival - “Gratitude is the memory of a glad heart”

Our Church Thanksgiving Service and Harvest Festival was held on October 23rd Sunday. By the Grace of God, the Thanksgiving Service and Harvest Festival went extremely well, a great success. BRAVO! The board express their sincere thanks and gratitude to all the members for your support, participation, and contributions.

Children’s Sunday – November 06, 2022

Sunday, October 30, 2022, will be observed as Children’s Sunday. Sunday school teachers and children will take part in the lay ministry.

KCEF Carol Service - November 19, 2022

KCEF Toronto Christmas carol service will take place in person on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at 4:30 pm at The Canadian Mar Thoma Church, 159 Sandiford Drive, Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON, L4A 0Y2.

Cottage Prayer

Shalom area prayer will be on Friday, November 18, 2022 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Alex and Susan Oommen. Please join the virtual fellowship.

Gilead area prayer will be held at the residence of Jacob Cherian and Biby Abraham on Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Please note that this will be an in-person prayer meeting.

Jordan area prayer will be on Sunday, November 27, 2022 at 7:00 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Ajay and Chinnu Thomas. Please note that this will be an in-person prayer meeting at 20 Wild Indigo Crescent, Brampton, ON.

November 6 World Sunday School Day	What This Child is Going To Be?		
	Old Testament	Judges 13: 1-14	English Service
	Psalm	119: 9-16	Read by
	Epistle	Ephesians 6: 1-4	Sunday School
	Gospel	Luke 1: 57-66	
November 13 Unity Sunday	Vine and Branches		
	Old Testament	Ezekiel 37: 15 - 23	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	133	Read by
	Epistle	1 Corinthians 12: 12-27	Abraham George & family
	Gospel	John 15: 1- 8	
November 20 Girl Child Sunday	Affirming the Worth of the Girl Child		
	Old Testament	Numbers 27: 1-11	English Service
	Psalm	71: 1-12	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 21: 7-14	Girls
	Gospel	Mark 5: 35 - 43	
November 27 Advent Sunday	Celebrating the Promises of God		
	Old Testament	1 Samuel 2: 1-10	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	66	Read by
	Epistle	Hebrew 11: 29-40	Ajoy & family
	Gospel	Luke 1: 39-45	



BIRTHDAYS

02	Steepphamol S.S	18	Jared Chacko
03	Ani Chacko	18	Chanchal Shaji
03	Bijino A.S	19	Chris George
04	Christina Fredrick	20	Biby Esther Abraham
06	Asher Mathew Jacob	20	Paul Daniel Frederick Asokan
08	Alby Williams	21	Amelia Ancy Jacob
08	Benony A.S	25	Surekha Jacob
09	Nikhil Joseph	26	Prem Narayan
10	Paul Samuel	26	Milly Johnson
10	Jithela Yohannan	26	Nesy Victor
10	Jacob John	27	Mary Jacob
10	Dawn Abraham Sabu	27	Shona Sam
11	R. Linus Sherwin	27	Leanne Chacko
13	Reji Johnson	29	Matthew Gajraj
14	Ashley Lional Ajay	29	Sonijya Raj
14	Mathew Abraham	29	Tarun Mohan
15	Elizabeth Kuruvilla	30	Smitha Titus
16	Balaji I. Kuruvilla	30	Susan Mathew
17	Tomcy Thomas		



ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Sanjay Charuvil Ninan & Jency Jose
- 11 Sanal N. David & Mithul Nimmy Manuel
- 18 Abraham K. Varghese & Shalini Mary G. Enoch
- 19 Ajoy Lional & Rejy Elizabeth
- 22 Rakesh Thampi & Neena Kuruvilla
- 25 Nibu Varguise & Ajin Annie Varguise
- 26 Abraham P. George & Elzy George
- 30 C. Mathew Thomas & Rebeccamma Thomas

Upcoming Events

- Carol Service December 17, 2022
- Confirmation Service December 18, 2022
- Christmas Service December 25, 2022
- New Year's Service December 31, 2022

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