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## CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA MALAYALAM CONGREGATION OF GREATER NEW YORK



*Motto: Year of Spirituality*

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Sunday Worship Service: 10:45 AM



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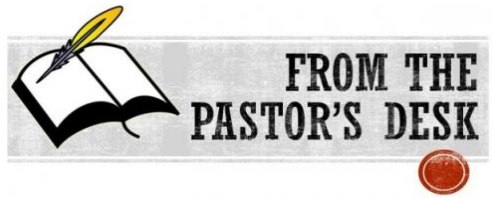
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***Dear People, who are getting your Camel ready,***

“One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see”

(John 9:25)

***How can you prove your faith is tangible or actual?*** Last month we have talked about healing. The man born blind faced that problem when the Pharisees interrogated him. They suspected everything that he said, plus the statistic that he had been born blind. Furthermore, I think that they wanted to scandalize Jesus who had given him this vision.

When facing a cynical world, we can't at all times demonstrate what we know is true, because divine truth is a matter of insight, not proof. How do you prove the beauty of a sunset? Now, you may say, “achen, it's so simple, click a picture”. Some things in life must be experienced to be understood. This blind man doesn't know who Jesus is. He only knows what Jesus did for him. He says, “I was blind, but now I see!” That was adequate for him, even if it didn't persuade the Pharisees.

When I pen this idea down, I may be having a very small knowledge about our Savior or may be my faith would be so delicate. But if Christ lives in my heart, nothing or none in this world can ever overthrow it.

Have you ever been healed or renewed by Jesus? If so, do what this blind man did and let the world know about His deed. People around you, might ask evidences, but you don't have to give it to any of them. ***Just tell them what Jesus has done for you!***

***Robin achen***

## **NEWS & EVENTS**

### **CHURCH CONVENTION**

Our Annual Revival Convention was held from October 11 to 13. Evangelist Dr. George Cherian (Missions India, Thiruvalla) was the Speaker for this year's convention. Thanks to our Achen, the Convener, Mr. George T. Mathew, the Joint Convener, Mr. Koruthu C. Kinatukara, the convention choir members and all those who worked hard to make the event a blessing to our congregation and to all those who attended.

### **YOUTH SUNDAY**

We celebrated Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> as Youth Sunday. Our Youth Fellowship members took active part in the worship service and also sang special songs on that day. Mr. Binoy Daniel shared the word of God.

### **CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT**

We set apart Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> as our Family Night. The program started with a Reptile Show presented by Mr. Erik who brought live Alligator, Snakes, Turtle, Lizard etc which was an exciting experience for the viewers especially for the children. Afterwards, our kids, youths and adults took the stage with their talents.

At this time, we acknowledge the effort and services provided by the Convener, Mr. Oommen Kuruvilla and the Joint Convener, Mr. Shibu Jacob. Everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner followed by the cultural programs.

### **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP BAKE SALE**

Our Youth Fellowship conducted a Bake Sale on October 27<sup>th</sup>, Sunday. They had collected \$947 by selling various food items.

### **REGION 1 & 2 WOMEN & LAITY RETREAT**

Women & Laity Fellowship of CSI NA (Region 1 & 2) had a One Day Retreat at the CSI Jubilee Memorial Church, NY on Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>. The Rev. K.I. Jose, Vicar of Salem Marthoma Church of Eastern Long Island was the main Speaker.

Our church won the first prize in the Quiz Competition which was

based on the First Book of Samuel. Congratulations to all the team members for achieving this title in a tight competition put forward by other participant churches.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY**

We will celebrate the Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> as Sunday School Sunday. Our Sunday School children will take active part in the worship service on that day.

### **ALL NIGHT PRAYER**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> All Night prayer will be held on from 10.00 p.m. Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> to 6.00 a.m. Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. This time would be used exclusively to praise our God for all the blessings that He gave us through this year. Let us see what seems to be tongues of fire and let it come to rest on us. On this day, let us be filled with the Holy Spirit.

### **THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

This year we are dedicating Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> as Thanksgiving Sunday. Let us thank God – the great provider and protector - for the wonderful ways He leads us in our life.

Special envelopes will be distributed to our members for the thanksgiving offering. Each member is requested to contribute at least a day's income as the thanksgiving offering. We will have a Community lunch as usual after the worship service.

### **ALMAYA-WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GET TOGETHER**

Our Almaya Sangatna and the Women's Fellowship will have their joint annual get-together at the Church on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow.

### **YOUTH GET TOGETHER**

Our Youth Fellowship is planning to have their annual get-together on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **CHRISTMAS CAROL ROUNDS**

This year we will have our Carol Rounds program on December 6, 7, 13, 14 and 20. The detailed schedule will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

## **AREA PRAYER**

There will be an Area Prayer meeting at the residence of Mr. Alexander Chandy on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 p.m.

*(Address: 161 Stratford North, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577)*

## **TELE PRAYER MEETINGS**

Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. – November 5, 12, 19 & 26

Tele-Conference Number: 605-468-8025 Access Code: 918802#

## **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

The Wednesday Fellowship Bible Study will be held at the Church on November 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 9:30 a.m.

## **OTHER NEWS**

## **DUES/FINANCIAL YEAR-END**

All members are requested to contact the Church Treasurer and clear all the dues on or before November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please note that dues consist of Annual Membership, Harvest Festival auction and Building Fund.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

### **Happy Birthday!**



### **November**

04	Oommen Mathew	Staten Island
05	Annamma Babu	Floral Park
06	Sanu Jacob John	Hicksville
07	Leeba Susan Babu	Floral Park
07	Sumitra David	Flushing
08	Jerry K. Philip	New Hyde Park
13	Chinamma Joy	Flushing
14	Christopher Oommen George	Staten Island
14	Kizhakayil I. Mathew	Dix Hills

15	Arya Miriam Mangalath	East Northport
16	Thomas Samuel	Elmont
19	Anupa Mariam George	Deer Park
19	Susan Thomas	New Hyde Park
19	Kayla Ann Mani	Staten Island
20	Ruby Rosen Philip	Flushing
20	Sarah Ann Mangalath	Plainview
24	Angelin Thomas	Queens Village
24	Mariamamma Varughese	Queens Village
24	Rachel Mary Koshy	Plainview
25	Rosie Thomas	Staten Island
25	Sonia Modayil	Bellerose
29	Rachel Varghese	Deer Park
29	Marissa Joy	Syosset
29	Alvin John David	Hicksville
30	Chris K. Oommen	Dix Hills
30	Aleyamma John	Elmont

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**Happy Anniversary!**



### November

04	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Samuel	Elmont
14	Mr. & Mrs. Ajay Abraham	Mineola
16	Mr. & Mrs. George Muriyattil	New Hyde Park
16	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Modayil	Bellerose
17	Mr. & Mrs. Philip M. Kunjummen	Williston Park
22	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew M. Kunjummen	New Hyde Park
23	Mr. & Mrs. Jibu Koshy	Plainview
24	Mr. & Mrs. George David	Manhasset Hills
27	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas C. Daniel	New Hyde Park
28	Mr. & Mrs. Babu Itty	Floral Park

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**November 10**  
**(English)**

**Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday School Sunday**  
*Be Holy*

Leviticus 19: 1-4

Ms. Arya Miriam Mangalath

Psalms 139

Ms. Esther Joy

1 Peter 1: 13-21

Mr. Othniel Mathew

Matthew 7: 21-23

Bible Bearer:

Mr. Caleb Roy

Kiss of Peace

Mr. Sushil Jacob & Ms. Riana Kurien

Offertory:

Ms. Stanzy John & Ms. Benita Daniel

Elements:

Mr. Jophry Philip

Mr. John M. David

**November 17**  
**(Malayalam)**

**Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Affirming the Worth of the Girl Child**

Numbers 27: 1-11

Mr. Oommen Mathew

Psalms 71: 1-12

Mr. Sanu Jacob John

Acts 21: 7-14

Mrs. Sumitra David

Mark 5: 35-43

Bible Bearer:

Mr. George Muriyattil

Offertory:

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Samuel

Elements:

Mr. Jayan P. Kurian

Mr. Thomas M. Kunjummen

**November 24**  
**(English)**

**Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Christian Response to Consumerism**

Genesis 3: 1-7

Mr. Jerry K. Philip

Psalms 37

Ms. Angelin Thomas

Philippians 3: 17-21

Mrs. Nija Koshy

Matthew 6: 25-34

Bible Bearer:

Mr. Philip M. Kunjummen

Offertory:

Mr. & Mrs. Mathew M. Kunjummen



Elements:

Mr. Oommen Kuruvilla  
Mr. Shabu J. Itty

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**December 1**  
**(Malayalam)**

**Advent Sunday**  
**Thanksgiving Sunday**  
**Celebrating the Promises of God**

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1Samuel 2: 1-10

Mr. Thomas C. Daniel

Psalms 66

Mr. Chris K. Oommen

Hebrews 11: 29-40

Mr. Kizhakayil I. Mathew

Luke 1: 39-45

Bible Bearer:

Mr. Jibu Koshy

Offertory:

Mr. & Mrs. Babu Itty

Elements:

Mr. Thomas J. Paickattu

Mr. George David



## 2019 Calendar

January 01

New Year's Day Service

January 4-6

Youth Winter Retreat

February 02

Elected Officials Retreat

February 17

Annual General Body Meeting

February 23

Choir Retreat

February 24

Sunday School Mid-Term Exam

March 01

Women's Fellowship - Day of Prayer

March 03

Women's Fellowship Sunday

March 06

Ash Wednesday

March 09

Youth Winter Fellowship Meeting

March 17

Youth Bake Sale #1

March 30

Sunday School One Day Trip

March 31

Women's Fellowship Bake Sale #1

April 14

Palm Sunday/Sunday School Bake Sale #1

April 15-17

Passion Week Special Services

April 18

Maundy Thursday

April 19

Good Friday

April 20

GEMS Meeting

April 21

Easter / SS Piggy Bank Collection & Egg Hunt

April 27	Region 1&2 Almaya & W.F. Retreat
May 12	Mother's Day
May 19	S.S. Painting Competition/YF Bake Sale #2
May 25	Youth Spring Fellowship Meeting
May 31-June 2	Church Family Retreat – Spruce Lake, PA
June 09	S.S. Final Exam / W.F. Bake Sale #2
June 16	Mission Sunday / Father's Day
June 16	S.S. Memory Verse Competition / Election
June 22	Sunday School Annual Competitions
June 29	Church Picnic
July 11-13	V.B.S / Sunday School Anniversary
July 14	Mid-Year G.B. Meeting
July 21	Sunday School Graduation / Elder's Breakfast
July 25-28	CSI Family & Youth Conference
August 04	Laity Sunday
August 17	Inter Church Volleyball Tournament
August 18	Youth Fellowship Bake Sale #3
September 08	Harvest Festival / Choir Sunday
September 15	First Day of Sunday School
September 29	W.F. Bake Sale #3
October 05	Youth Fall Fellowship Meeting
October 11-13	Church Convention
October 13	Youth Sunday / Y.F. Bake Sale #4
October 18	All Night Prayer
October 20	Sunday School Operation Christmas Child
October 26	Church Family Night
November 02	Sunday School Fall Fest
November 09	Almaya-Women's Fellowship Get Together
November 10	Sunday School Sunday / S.S. Bake Sale #3
November 30	Youth Get Together
December 01	Thanksgiving Sunday
December 6,7,13,14,20	Christmas Carol Rounds
December 15	Legislative General Body Meeting
December 21	Christmas Carol Service/S.S. Program
December 22	Parish Day
December 25	Christmas Day



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