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## CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA

MALAYALAM CONGREGATION OF GREATER NEW YORK



*Motto: Year of Service*

**Sunday School: 9:30 AM**

**Sunday Worship Service: 10:45 AM**



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*Dearly beloved in Christ,*

*Greetings in the matchless name of  
our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.*

The season of Fall near to us, the **season** of the year between summer and winter, during which the weather becomes cooler and many plants become dormant. We are entering into a new season with new expectations and targets.

The song is a gift of God and it is particularly important in CSI worship. The second Sunday of September we observe as Choir Sunday. I praise and thank God for the glorious ministry of our SEAFORD CHOIR and choristers. The ministry of a choir member is something special and need special dedication. As a dedicated group, choristers bear **big responsibility to lead the worship through singing**. It needs a spirit filled singing, as Paul says to Ephesians 5:19. Spiritual singing stems with from being with God's Spirit and Word. And a main result of being filled with the spirit and the word is to be break forth in joyful singing. It can convey meaningful message. When a spirit filled singing brings Joy in singing, our songs become the songs of God's deliverance and salvation (Exod 15:1-18), Songs of God's Blessings (Psalm 103:1-2), Songs of celebrating anticipated victories by faith (2 Chron 20:21), Songs of God's sufficiency in our suffering (Acts 16:25) and Songs of God's glorious attributes and Gods mighty deeds. **The harmony of the choir in worship represents the harmony and unity of the congregation itself**. It is the choir who leads the congregation into worship and helps the people to realize the

presence of God in the worship service. The presence of choir itself is an encouragement for both the congregation and the celebrant. I wish and pray that our good God continue to bless our choir abundantly to fulfill their ministry in a fruitful way.

The month of September is important for a member of **Church of South India because its formation day falls on September 27**. The emergence of the Church of South India from and out of several conflicting denominations and sects into one united Church was acclaimed as the second greatest miracle in the history of the Church, next only to the event of Pentecost which gave birth to the Church itself. Different Church groups from the West, which even to this day, do not have much in common, were able to leave behind their distinguishing differences, in order to forge themselves as one Church, with a distinct new identity as an independent Indian Church in the Independent India. Now we have 24 Dioceses with more than 45 Lakhs people located in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Jaffna. As members of CSI, let us uphold our great legacy of love and unity which is more relevant in this breaking world.

I urge your prayerful participation in our annual convention on 18-20<sup>th</sup> of September. I pray to God almighty that let this convention be a blessing to all.

*Wishing a happy season of Fall!*

May God bless you all.

***In His Service Yours  
Shalu Achen***



## **NEWS & EVENTS**

### **WORSHIP SERVICE AT THE CHURCH**

God enabled us to resume the Holy Communion worship service at the Church with a limited number of members from Sunday, August 16 onwards by strictly following the CDC guidelines. Hope and pray that the Covid-19 pandemic will be completely vanished from this world very soon and all of us will be able to gather at the church for worship and fellowship as we did till this March.

### **VBS**

The Vacation Bible School program was conducted through Zoom video conferencing on August 6, 14 and 15. Thanks to Ms. Sruthi John, Mr. Chris Thomas, Sunday School teachers and other youth leaders for coordinating this program effectively even though it was spread in to two weeks due to the weather problems.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

We will host this year's Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Though we cannot conduct the traditional auction and other celebrations at the Church, you can still contribute the amount you assigned for this event by check payment or by making online payments. Please contact our Treasurer, Mr. George David for information on how to do the online payment.

### **CHOIR SUNDAY**

We will celebrate Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> as Choir Sunday. Our choir members will take active part in the worship service on that day.

### **CHURCH CONVENTION**

The Annual Revival Convention of our church is scheduled for September 18 to 20 (Friday - Sunday). The Rev. Joby Joy Mullackal, Vice-President of the Council of CSI Congregations in North America and Vicar of Immanuel CSI Church, Elizabeth, NJ will be the main speaker for this year's convention.

There will be special tele-prayer meetings for preparing us for the Convention, on September 15, 16 & 17 (Tuesday-Thursday) from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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

### **TELE PRAYER MEETINGS**

Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. – September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & October 6.

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### **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

The Wednesday Women's Fellowship Bible Study will be held as Tele-prayer meetings on September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & October 7 at 10:00 a.m. (Use above telephone #).

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **SPECIAL THANKS**

Special thanks to Mr. Tim Kinatukara for donating an Office Desk for the use in the Church Office/Conference room.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

**Happy Birthday!**

#### **September**

08	Jimmy Joseph	Elmont
08	Jerry Joseph	Elmont
09	Preethy Mathew	Manhasset Hills
11	Marissa Mathew	Dix Hills
12	Praveen David	Flushing
12	Jeswin Samuel	Garden City
13	Vibin Mathew John	Elmont
16	Sosamma George	Deer Park
16	Rebecca Joy	Syosset
17	Binoy Daniel	Dix Hills
18	Jisha Samuel	Garden City
19	Mercy Jacob	East Meadow
19	Shibu Jacob	New Hyde Park



20 George David  
 21 Dr. Saju Mathew  
 21 Jeffrey Thomas George  
 23 Sharon Sarah George  
 26 Sanjay Jacob  
 26 Rohin Saju Mathew  
 28 Jeffrey Kurian  
 29 George Muriyattil  
 29 Joann Elizabeth Koshy  
 30 Thomas Abraham

Manhasset Hills  
 Manhattan  
 Staten Island  
 New Hyde Park  
 New Hyde Park  
 Manhattan  
 Hicksville  
 New Hyde Park  
 Plainview  
 New Hyde Park

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**Happy Anniversary!**



### September

07 Mr. & Mrs. Shaji Varghese  
 11 Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Chandy  
 14 Mr. & Mrs. Jayan P. Kurian  
 15 Mr. & Mrs. Varughese Paul  
 19 Mr. & Mrs. George T. Mathew

New Hyde Park  
 Roslyn Heights  
 Hicksville  
 Deer Park  
 Williston park

### October

02 Mr. & Mrs. Abraham David

Floral Park

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**September 13**

**Choir Sunday**

**(English)**

*Please & Worship through devoted Life & Ministry*

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Exodus 15: 1-21

Psalm 122

Revelation 19: 1-16

Luke 19: 36-40

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**September 20**

**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**(Malayalam)**

**Convention Sunday**

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Joshua 24: 11-17

Mr. Jeswin Samuel

Psalm 41

Ms. Marissa Mathew

Hebrew 12: 1-13

Mrs. Jane Susan Chandy

Mark 10: 45-52

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**September 27**

**CSI – Formation Day**

**(English)**

**Unity in Witnessing**

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Ezekiel 37: 15-22

Mr. Shibu Jacob

Psalm 122

Ms. Sharon Sarah George

Ephesians 4: 1-6

Mr. Binoy Daniel

John 17: 20-26

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**October 4**

**Senior Citizen's Day**

**(Malayalam)**

**Fruitfulness of the Elderly**

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Genesis 17: 1-8

Mr. Koruthu C. Kinatukara

Psalm 92

Mr. Jeffrey Thomas George

Philemon 8-22

Mr. Thomas T. Oommen

Matthew 7: 13-20



# 2020 Calendar

January 01	New Year's Day Service
January 03-05	Youth Winter Retreat
February 08	Elected Officials Retreat
February 16	Annual General Body Meeting
February 23	S.S. Mid-Term Exam / Teachers Retreat
February 26	Ash Wednesday
March 01	Women's Sunday/A.F. Defensive Driving Course
March 06	Women's Fellowship - Day of Prayer
March 14	Y.F. Winter Fellowship Meeting/ GEMS Retreat
March 21	Sunday School One Day Trip
March 28	Youth – Real talk I
April 04	Region 1&2 A.F. & W.F. Retreat ( <i>Postponed</i> )
April 05	Palm Sunday
April 06-08	Passion Week Special Services
April 09	Maundy Thursday
April 10	Good Friday
April 11	Youth Real Talk II
April 12	Easter
April 18	Y.F. Region 1 Retreat ( <i>Postponed</i> )
April 25	S.S. Region 1&2 Retreat ( <i>Canceled</i> )
May 10	Mother's Day
May 17	Youth Bake Sale ( <i>Postponed</i> )
May 29-31	Church Family Retreat ( <i>Canceled</i> )
June 06	Sunday School Picnic ( <i>Canceled</i> )
June 07	Mission Sunday
June 13	A.F & W.F. One Day Retreat ( <i>Canceled</i> )
June 14	S.S. Final Exam ( <i>Canceled</i> )
June 20	Youth Summer Fellowship Meeting
June 21	Father's Day
June 27	Sunday School Annual Competitions( <i>Canceled</i> )
July 09-12	Youth National Conference ( <i>Canceled</i> )
July 19	V.B.S Finale / S.S. Anniversary ( <i>Postponed</i> )
July 19	Elders Breakfast ( <i>Canceled</i> )
July 25	Church Picnic ( <i>Canceled</i> )
July 26	Mid-Year G.B. Meeting
July 29	Youth One Day Trip
August 01	Inter Church Volleyball Tournament ( <i>Canceled</i> )
August 02	Laity Sunday
August 6,7,8	V.B.S
August 07-08	CSI Council N.A. Annual Meeting ( <i>Canceled</i> )

August 08	Y.F. Coffee House ( <i>Canceled</i> )
August 22	S.S. Regional Competitions ( <i>Canceled</i> )
September 06	Harvest Festival
September 13	Choir Sunday
September 13	First Day of Sunday School / Teachers Retreat
September 18-20	Church Convention
September 26	A.F. / W.F. One Day Trip ( <i>Canceled</i> )
September 27	CSI Day
October 09	All Night Prayer
October 10	Youth Fall Fellowship Meeting
October 11	Youth Sunday
October 18	SS Operation Christmas Child / YF Bake Sale 2
October 24	Church Family Night
November 08	Sunday School Sunday / S.S. Bake Sale #1
November 14	Sunday School Fall Fest
November 28	Youth Get Together
November 29	Thanksgiving Sunday
December 4,5,11,12	Christmas Carol Rounds
December 19	Christmas Carol Service / S.S. Program
December 20	Legislative General Body Meeting
December 20	Parish Day
December 25	Christmas Day
December 26	Tri-State Joint Carol Service
December 31	Watch Night Service

# **ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**September 18 - 20**

**Speaker: REV. JOBY JOY MULLACKAL**

**(Vice President, CSI Council of North America)**

**Time: 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM *(Fri & Sat)***

**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM *(Sunday)***

*Hear the enlightening messages !!*

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