

# PARISH NEWS

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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*

October is an important month in Church of South India and in the history of Christianity. We are more focusing on the youths of our churches and celebrating the second Sunday as Youth Sunday.

Youth hood is the most generous time in a person's life. This phase of life can be regarded as the best time to be molded either to be good or for bad. Today, Youth are considered as the best agents of change because they hold the key to the lifestyle of the world. Their life is a time of never-ending newness and learning, both about themselves and of the world around. No doubt they are the real 'today' and 'tomorrow'. But is every young person with a vision in life? Does every young person possess the values of Justice, love, and integrity? Is every young person seriously committed in being a responsible citizen? - are a few questions which also pop up when talking about young people.

The last Sunday of October is observed as Reformation Sunday, which commemorates the Protestant Reformation as well as Martin Luther. It was a movement against the corruption and other evil practices existed in the Catholic church. If a person – out of contrition for their sins and as a sign of repentance – made a financial gift to help with the building Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, then the church would furnish that person with a certificate acknowledging that gift and promising that they or their loved ones would be freed from a portion of the misery expected in the afterlife. In short, the church at that time taught that even those bound for heaven had to be cleansed of their earthly sins and this

cleansing (purging) in the afterlife took place in a place called Purgatory. The certificates offered by the church (called “Indulgences”) promised to lessen this time of cleansing for oneself or others who have already died. November 1st was an important day for the selling and buying of these indulgences, known as All Saints Day on the church’s calendar. The day before Martin Luther posted a list of 95 Theses – 95 reasons that he objected to this practice of selling indulgences. Along with other writings by Martin Luther, those 95 Reasons went viral.

Luther insisted that we are not forgiven because of anything we do like buying of Indulgences. Instead, we are forgiven because of who God is. We are loved and forgiven because God is full of grace and mercy. Luther and his followers were expelled from the church, that marked the beginning of protestant churches. Every Protestant church including CSI traces their roots back to this moment in history.

I express my sincere gratitude and thanks to all, for your prayers and participation in our Church Convention. A special word of thanks to all the prayer warriors of our church meticulously. We were blessed by the presence and messages of Rev Joby Joy achen in the convention. Achen’s message was really challenging and inspiring. I am sure that many of us were blessed by the powerful intercession of the Holy Spirit.

May God bless you all.

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

## NEWS & EVENTS

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

We celebrated this year's Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. This year it was considered as a special time for offering thanks to our loving and caring God for keeping us safe and healthy during this time of uncertainty caused by the Coronavirus pandemic that placed unimaginable challenges in our lives and lifestyle.

Though we could not conduct the traditional auction and other celebrations on that day, most of our members actively participated in the event through their offerings in the special envelopes provided. So far 70 families contributed, and we have collected \$26,500 to date. Those who are not yet made their contributions are requested to mail your envelopes or bring it to the church. Or contact our treasurer, Mr. George David if you prefer to make the online transaction.

### **CHOIR SUNDAY**

We celebrated Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> as Choir Sunday. Our choir members took active part in the worship service on that day. Thanks to Miss. Riana Kurien for doing the sermon.

### **CHURCH CONVENTION**

The Annual Revival Convention of our church was held on September 18 to 20. The Rev. Joby Joy Mullackal, Vice-President of the Council of CSI Congregations in North America and Vicar of Immanuel CSI Church, Elizabeth, NJ was the main speaker. Achen inspired us through his messages on the theme "*but for me it is good to be near God*". This year for the first time, the Convention was also viewed live by many all over the world on Zoom and YouTube.

Thanks to our Vicar, the Rev. Shalu T. Mathew, the Convener, Mr. Thomas Daniel and the Joint Convener, Mr. Oommen Kuruvilla for their leadership and successful coordination of this year's Convention. Special thanks to the Convention Choir team for making the event a time for worshipping and praising God.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **YOUTH SUNDAY**

We will celebrate the Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> as Youth Sunday. Our Youth Fellowship members will take active part in the worship service on that day.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We will be starting our Sunday School classes through Zoom video conferencing from Sunday, October 4 onwards. Please contact your Sunday School teachers for more information.

### **TELE PRAYER MEETINGS**

Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. – October 6, 13, 20, 27.

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

### **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

The Wednesday Women's Fellowship Bible Study will be held as Tele-prayer meetings on October 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:00 a.m. (Use above telephone #).

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **SPECIAL THANKS**

Special thanks to the following members:

- Mr. Thomas N. Varughese and family for donating two offertory vessels for the use in the Church worship service.
- Mr. Jophry Philip and family for preparing and donating a fruit basket for our Harvest Festival.

### **BIRTH**

Mr. & Mrs. John M. David (Hicksville) are blessed with a baby girl Alyza John David on Thursday, September 24, 2020.

*Congratulations John & Asha !!*

### **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

Mr. Chris N. Thomas (Queens Village) was granted full single membership to our Church on September 11, 2020.

*Welcome Chris to the CSI Seaford family as a fully paid member!*

## BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Birthday!



#### October

|    |                       |                |
|----|-----------------------|----------------|
| 06 | Kevin Philip          | Williston Park |
| 08 | John Mathew           | East Meadow    |
| 08 | Adam Thomas           | New Hyde Park  |
| 09 | Ryan Mathew Philip    | Flushing       |
| 11 | P.C. Jacob            | New Hyde Park  |
| 11 | Rohan G. Joseph       | Commack        |
| 14 | Leena Ann Mangalath   | East Northport |
| 15 | Neha Mariam Mangalath | East Northport |
| 16 | Saramma Samuel        | Brooklyn       |
| 17 | Biji Thomas           | Syosset        |
| 18 | Jinu Sarah Mani       | Staten Island  |
| 18 | Nitin George Koshy    | Glen Oaks      |
| 19 | Jessica Joy           | Syosset        |
| 19 | Maryann Mangalath     | Plainview      |
| 21 | Benson D. Thomas      | New Hyde Park  |
| 22 | Jemi Susan Jacob      | Floral Park    |
| 22 | Jacob Modayil         | Bellerose      |
| 22 | Dr. Ruby John         | Roslyn         |
| 25 | Thomas C. Daniel      | New Hyde Park  |
| 25 | David M.              | Flushing       |
| 26 | Mary Zachariah        | Elmont         |
| 27 | Benjamin Abraham      | Westbury       |
| 27 | Sachin Itty Jacob     | New Hyde Park  |
| 27 | Ann Samuel            | West Hempstead |
| 28 | Thomas N. Varughese   | Queens Village |
| 29 | Jessie Abraham        | Westbury       |
| 29 | Annamma Johnney       | Bellerose      |
| 29 | Marissa David         | Floral Park    |

#### November

|    |                 |                |
|----|-----------------|----------------|
| 01 | Beena M. Mathew | Tampa, Florida |
| 01 | Jocelyn Thomas  | New Hyde Park  |

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

## Happy Anniversary!



### October

|    |                               |               |
|----|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 10 | Mr. & Mrs. George Vengal      | Bayside       |
| 28 | Mr. & Mrs. Koshy M. Kunjummen | New Hyde Park |
| 28 | Mr. & Mrs. Ellal Paulose      | Connecticut   |
| 31 | Mr. & Mrs. Gikku W. Jacob     | New Hyde Park |



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### **October 11**

### **Youth Sunday**

**(English)**

**Spirituality of the Youth in the Contemporary World**

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Genesis 41: 37-43  
Psalm 111  
Philippians 3: 1-16  
Matthew 19: 16-22

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### **October 18**

### **Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**

**(Malayalam)**

**Peace and Conflict Resolution**

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|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Genesis 13: 2-12 | Mr. George Vengal |
| Psalm 16         | Mr. Kevin Philip  |
| Acts 6: 1-6      | Mr. John Mathew   |
| Matthew 20: 1-16 |                   |

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### **October 25**

### **Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost**

**(English)**

**(Reformation Sunday)**

**Rediscovering & Reliving the Faith**

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| 2Chronicles 34: 8-21 | Mrs. Jessie Abraham  |
| Psalm 46             | Mr. Benson D. Thomas |
| Revelation 2: 1-7    | Mr. Thomas C. Daniel |
| John 2: 12-22        |                      |



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**November 1**  
**(Malayalam)**

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**All Saints Day**

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Jeremiah 31: 31-34       | Mr. Gikku W. Jacob     |
| Psalms 150               | Mr. Sachin Itty Jacob  |
| Revelation 7: 2-4 & 9-17 | Mr. Koshy M. Kunjummen |
| Matthew 5: 1-12          |                        |

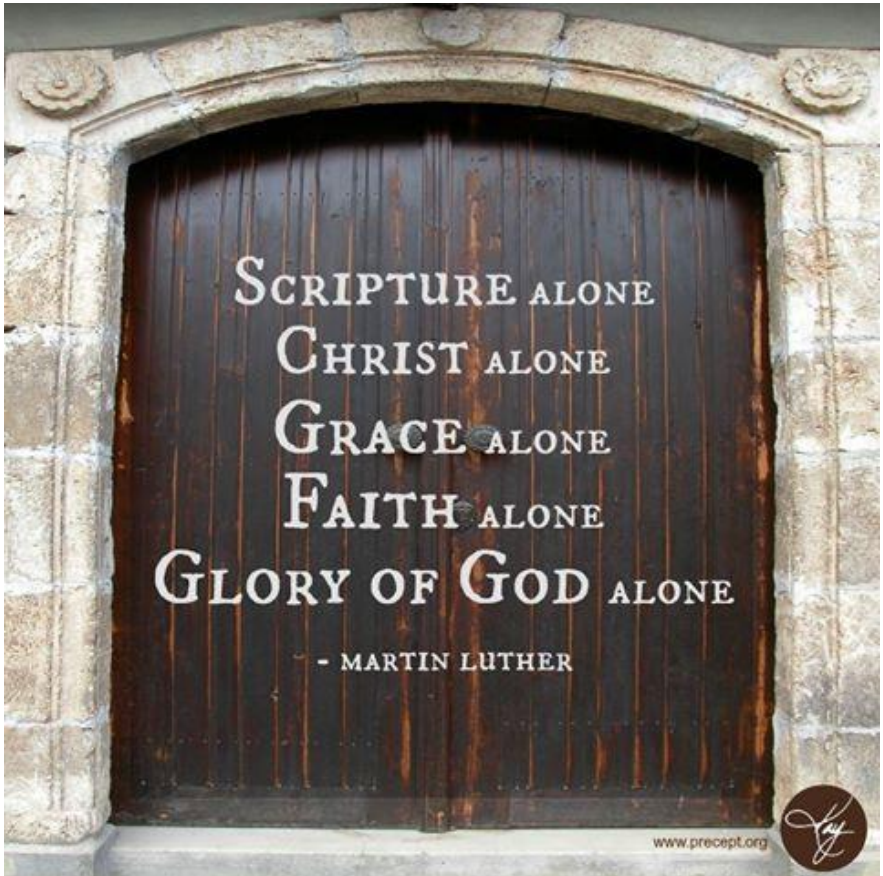


## 2020 Calendar

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|---------------|---|
| 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  |

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| 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 ( <i>Postponed</i> )                  |
| 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 ( <i>Postponed</i> )               |
| 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                                    |

# Reformation Day (October 31)



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