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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*

As we enter another month in this year let us be thankful to our God for being merciful to us in the last ten months. Let us seek His blessings and mercies in our journey ahead. The two important occasions are coming on this month, Sunday School Sunday, and Thanksgiving Sunday.

The Sunday school or Christian Education plays a vital role in the disciple-making approach for the church through the effective teaching of biblical principles for godly living and ministry. The Bible says, **“Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray”** (*Proverbs 22:6*). Sunday school is the most effective form of church growth and discipleship. Sunday School guides our children to be a mature Christian. The Church observes the Sunday school as a key tool for effective discipleship strategy; has inevitably grown and in spiritual depth. It must also be noted that Sunday school is the most effective and available program and tool for churches to carry out the Great Commission. The command of Christ is to help believers mature spiritually by teaching them the Word of God (*Matt. 28:19*). It enhances the building of a healthy church. Unfortunately, the key tool for the healthy growth and spiritual stability of churches has been neglected these days.

THANKSGIVING DAY is the most important celebration of the United States of America. On this day the people of this great country remember the **"First Thanksgiving"** celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in **October 1621**. The psalmist composed: “I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the

nations” (*Psalm 57:9*). It indicates family union, appreciation, helping each other, and sharing each other as well as thanking God for all His blessings. The prophet preached: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted” (*Isaiah 12:4*). The chronicler of Israel’s history recorded: “Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!” (*1 Chronicle 16:34*). The apostle Paul wrote: “Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (*Colossians 3:17*) and “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (*1 Thessalonians 5:18*).

We should make a habit of including God in our expressions of gratitude. When we thank God, let it be from our hearts than saying it just in words. Sometimes we get too busy with our daily lives to remind ourselves how blessed we are. For example, we must be thankful for being healthy, having food on the table, for a house to live in, and all the physical blessings. While we thank God for our blessing, we should also remember who is not able to meet their daily needs.

Thanking the Lord is a reminder of the truth; the Bible teaches us that God is the source of every gift and is worthy of our attention and affection. We do well to make more explicit and specific what is too often implied and taken for granted.

Let me conclude and wish with the quote of Theodore Roosevelt, “*Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips and shows itself in deeds.*”

May God bless you all.

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

NEWS & EVENTS

YOUTH SUNDAY

We celebrated Sunday, October 11th as Youth Sunday. Our Youth Fellowship members took active part in the worship service. Ms. Jaime Mathew shared the word of God. Also, they sang a special song at the end of the worship service.

HARVEST FESTIVAL UPDATE

This is just an update on this year's Harvest Festival envelope collection. 77 members contributed so far through the special envelopes provided and we have collected \$28,650 to date.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY

We will celebrate the Sunday, November 8th as Sunday School Sunday. Our Sunday School children will take active part in the worship service on that day.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

This year we are dedicating Sunday, November 29th as Thanksgiving Sunday. It will be a special time for us to thank God through our praises and offerings, for keeping us safe and healthy, especially in this Covid 19 pandemic situation.

Special envelopes will be distributed to our members for the thanksgiving offering. As it was always reminded, each member is requested to contribute at least a day's income as the thanksgiving offering.

TELE PRAYER MEETINGS

Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. – November 3, 10, 17, 24.

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 November 4, 11, 18, 25 at 10:00 a.m. (Use above telephone #).

OTHER NEWS

HOLY MATRIMONY

Our member Mr. Jerry M. Thomas, son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Kunjummen and Ms. Blessy Thomas, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kannalil (Bellerose, N.Y.) were united in Holy Matrimony at our Church on Saturday, October 3, 2020.

Congratulations Jerry & Blessy !!!

OBITUARY

† Our member, Mr. M. David (Flushing, N.Y.), 78 years, passed away on Friday, October 23rd. He had a stroke in 2012 and had many health issues since then. As many of you know, he has been suffering from kidney failure for some time now. He was well remembered by us as the husband of our dear late Mrs. Sumitra David.

The funeral service was conducted at Leo Kearns Funeral Home, Rego Park, N.Y. on Tuesday, October 27. Please uphold his family members in your prayers.

† *Mr. Isaac T.K.* (Ernakulam, Kerala), 61 years, brother of Mrs. Mary Lukose (West Hempstead, N.Y.) was called to the heavenly abode on October 6th.

† *Mrs. Eliyamma Thomas* (Mumbai, India), 73 years, sister-in-law of Mr. George Itty (Staten Island, N.Y.) went to eternity on October 16th.

† *Mr. K.C. Abraham* (Kottayam, Kerala), 82 years, brother-in-law of Mrs. Saramma Samuel (Brooklyn, N.Y.) was called to eternity on October 19th.

Our heartfelt condolences to all the grieving families. May the divine peace of God be upon them in this difficult time.

DUES/FINANCIAL YEAR-END

All members are requested to contact the Church Treasurer, Mr. George David and clear all the dues on or before November 30th. Please note that the dues consist of Annual Membership, auctions (if any) and Building Fund.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!



November

02	Matthew Mangalath	Plainview
03	Koshy N. Varughese	Glen Oaks
03	Ellal Paulose	Connecticut
04	Oommen Mathew	Staten Island
05	Annamma Babu	Floral Park
06	Sanu Jacob	Hicksville
07	Leeba Susan Babu	Floral Park
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
18	Azariah Thampi Shalu	Seaford
19	Amelia Rose Shalu	Seaford
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

December

02	Irene Thomas	Elmont
03	Babu Itty	Floral Park
03	Thomas M. Kunjummen	Williston Park
06	Shane Lukose	West Hempstead

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Happy Anniversary!



November

05	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 8
(English)

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday School Sunday
Be a Good Soldier of Christ

Judges 6: 11-16
Psalm 91
2Timothy 2: 1-8
Matthew 20: 20-28

Mr. Sushil Jacob
Mr. Nitin Koshy
Ms. Jisha Samuel

November 15
(Malayalam)

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Treasures in Clay Jars

Micah 6: 1-8
Psalm 106: 1-12
2Corinthians 4: 7-15
Mark 4: 26-29

Mr. Kizhakayil I. Mathew
Mr. Sanu Jacob
Mrs. Saramma Thomas

November 22
(English)

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Taking Risk for the Reign of God

Esther 8: 1-17
Psalm 12
Philippians 2: 25-30
Matthew 10: 37-42

Mrs. Susan Thomas
Ms. Sherry Oommen
Mr. Jerry M. Thomas

November 29
(Malayalam)

First Sunday in Advent
Thanksgiving Sunday
Give Thanks to the Lord

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18
Psalm 65
2Corinthians 9: 6-15
Luke 17: 11-19

Mrs. Jolly David
Mr. Roby Kinatukara
Mr. Philip M. Kunjummen

December 6
(Malayalam)

Second Sunday in Advent
Word of God: Light to our Path

Isaiah 55: 6-13
Psalm 119: 105-112

Mr. Thomas M. Kunjummen
Mr. Chris K. Oommen



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 06-08	Passion Week Special Services
April 09	Maundy Thursday
April 10	Good Friday
April 12	Easter
June 07	Mission Sunday
July 26	Mid-Year G.B. Meeting (<i>Postponed</i>)
August 6,7,8	V.B.S
September 06	Harvest Festival
September 18-20	Church Convention
October 09	All Night Prayer (<i>Postponed</i>)
October 24	Church Family Night (<i>Postponed</i>)
November 08	Sunday School Sunday
November 14	Sunday School Fall Fest
November 28	Youth Get-Together
November 29	Thanksgiving Sunday
December 19	Christmas Carol Service
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

In Loving Memory of



P.O. KURUVILLA & SARAMMA KURUVILLA

November 16, 2014



November 27, 1999

∞ Till we meet again at the next shore ∞

Lovingly Yours,

Lalu, Santhi, Chris, Sherry



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