

Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia
4937 Church Avenue,
Feasterville-Treose, PA 19053

Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.

1st & 3rd - Malayalam Holy Communion
2nd - English H. C. with Praise & Worship
4th - English Holy Communion
5th - Malayalam Matins

Teleconference Prayer - Every Wednesday @ 9:00 PM

Fasting Prayer - Every Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia
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New Year's Prayer

Surely your goodness and love will
follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house
of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23:6

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On behalf of the Church Committee, I wish you all a joyful and blessed 2021. May your world be filled with warmth and good cheer this Holy season, and throughout the year! Happy New Year.

Rev. Prince John



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From Achen's Desk

A New Hope

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”—1 Peter 1:3

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our lord and savior Jesus Christ. I am wishing you all a very Happy New Year 2021. This year we are observing as the *Year of Healing*. May our God send His healing power to this world. As you look back over the last 12 months, what comes to mind? Every year is full of ups and downs, highs and lows, successes and failures—though it's likely you've never experienced a year like this! But for many, the New Year symbolizes something more than just the end of another year; it means the dawning of new possibilities, new hopes, new ideas, and new dreams. I can't even count how many posts I've seen on Twitter and Instagram over the past few months begging for the calendar to turn over into the New Year. And now, it's finally upon us!

As we consider what the next 12 months will bring, some people eagerly look forward, while others might be filled with dread, worried that this year will be just as hard or worse as the last.

To all of us who follow Christ, the apostle Peter has a message: *We have a living hope that can never die. We have received this living hope through the great mercy of God by the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ!* It's a hope we can rest in and lean on a hope that is renewed not with the New Year, but with each and every morning!

For some of us, the tragedies of this year may be obscuring our view of this living hope. Many times, we can get stuck in the past, consumed by the circumstances that have taken place, embittered and overcome by challenges and tribulations, by all the things that are wrong with the world, by all the things that didn't go our way, trapped in our failures, mistakes, and sins . . . so much so that we become spiritually paralyzed—incapable of enjoying the abundant life Jesus came to give us, and unable to live out the calling God has placed on us.

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I pray over each and every one of you that this wouldn't be your story! Remember what Paul said: "Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us" (Philippians 3:13-14). Is it easy? I know it is definitely not. There are few things more difficult to overcome than the past. It shapes who we are today; it often defines so much of our lives and the choices that we make. But we can overcome it! How? by "fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith" (Hebrews 12:2).

So, for you, this New Year may be full of triumph. If so, that's awesome! Or it may be full of tragedy. I pray it isn't though if it is, you can always reach out to me for prayer. More likely, it will contain a large mix of both. But guess what? The mountaintops and valleys of life can neither add to nor take away from this living hope, because this hope we have because of and in Christ Jesus, our good and great Lord and Savior, is complete, powerful, perfect, and unshakeable. In light of this, let's resolve to remind ourselves of this beautiful fact every single day!

If you are experiencing difficulty overcoming the past, pray! Ask the Lord for His comfort, strength, and peace. Consider speaking with trusted loved ones and friends in the faith about what's holding you back.

Yours loving,
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Wedding Anniversaries:

Congratulations and best wishes to all the couples who will be celebrating their anniversaries in the month of January. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

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| Mr. Saju Issac Mathew & Mrs. Bindu Mathew | 01/08 |
| Mr. Ninan Mathew & Mrs. Omana Mathew | 01/22 |
| Mr. Koshy K. Varghese & Mrs. Jessy Koshy | 01/23 |



May you truly sense God's love as you celebrate your Wedding Anniversary and see the future years together as memories to be made. **By M.S.Lowndes**

❖ Reminders... .

After six months of services on ZOOM, we were able to partially open our church on the last Sunday of August. Again, due to the increased number of COVID-19 cases, now we are forced to close our church again. Pennsylvania State now allows in person religious gatherings for up to 5% capacity of the building. We still must obey all CDC guidelines for the safety of our members. We must follow Social distancing guidelines provided by the Federal Government as well as State/Local Governments. Members who are over sixty, especially those with any pre-existing conditions, should refrain from attending the service. We will continue to have Church service, prayer meeting and Fellowship meetings available through Zoom Video conference facilities until further notice. Your cooperation is requested.

Our regularly scheduled Wednesday's Teleconference Prayer meeting will be held at 9:00 PM. The Zoom link will be sent via email and WhatsApp.

On every Saturday, at 10 AM, we will have a teleconference fasting prayer meeting. First Saturday's prayer will be led by Women's Fellowship.

If you wish to send any donations/offering, please mail it to our Treasurer Mr. Shaji P. Oommen, 10221 Selmer Plaza, Philadelphia, PA 19116. Thanks to everyone who already contributed and continued support to our Church.

Church Committee Meetings will be scheduled as needed with the permission of the Vicar/President.

Birthdays Greetings:

The following members will be celebrating their birthdays in the month of January. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

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| Mr. Arun Cherian | 01/02 |
| Miss Leni K. Verghese | 01/05 |
| Mrs. Manju Oommen | 01/06 |
| Mrs. Annamma Jacob | 01/14 |
| Mr. Jubin A. Jacob | 01/15 |
| Mrs. Sosamma Philip | 01/16 |
| Mrs. Aleyamma John | 01/23 |
| Mr. Cherian Abraham | 01/23 |
| Mrs. Vivija Maxwell | 01/24 |
| Miss Reeba Ivan | 01/24 |
| Mr. Prasad Philip | 01/28 |
| Rev. Prince John | 01/30 |



God's richest blessings be upon you as you celebrate yet another year on this journey with Christ and as you commit each day into the hands of the Lord.



Lectionary for January 2021

January 03
Theme:

**2nd Sunday after Christmas
Revelation for Liberation**

1 Lesson: Isaiah 61 1-11

Psalm 76

2 Lesson: Revelations 5: 1-10

Gospel: Luke 4: 16-21

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Prasad Philip & Family

January 10

**1st Sunday after Epiphany
Live Worthy of Your Calling**

1 Lesson: Proverbs 20: 1-11

Psalm 14

2 Lesson: Romans 6: 12-21

Gospel: Matthew 7: 16-23

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mrs. Reena George & Family

January 17

**2nd Sunday after Epiphany
One Lord, One Baptism**

1 Lesson: Numbers 11: 23-30

Psalm 23

2 Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-4

Gospel: John 10: 7-18

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Reny Eapen Mathew & Family

Lectionary for January 2021

January 24 **3rd Sunday after Epiphany**
Theme: **Unity for Justice and Peace**

1 Lesson: Ezekiel 37: 15-28

Psalm 4

2 Lesson: Philippians 4: 8-20

Gospel: Matthew 5: 21-26

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Saju Issac Mathew & Family

January 31 **9th Sunday before Easter**
Theme: **The Goodness of Creation**

1 Lesson: Genesis 1: 24-31

Psalm 104: 1-13

2 Lesson: Ephesians 1: 3-14

Gospel: Matthew 6: 9-13

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Russal Samuel & Family

February 07 **8th Sunday before Easter**
Theme: **The Fallen-ness of Creation**

1 Lesson: Genesis 3: 1-10

Psalm 53

Lesson: Romans 3: 21-26

Gospel: Matthew 18: 23-35

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Shaji P. Oommen & Family

Importance days of the Church Calendar

| Date | Event |
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| 01/06/2021 | Epiphany |
| 01/25/2021 | The Conversion of St. Paul's |
| 01/26/2021 | Republic Day of India |
| 02/17/2021 | Ash Wednesday |
| 03/07/2021 | Women's Fellowship Sunday |
| 04/01/2021 | Maundy Thursday |
| 04/02/2021 | Good Friday |
| 04/04/2021 | Easter Sunday |
| 05/09/2021 | Mother's Day |
| 05/13/2021 | Ascension of our Lord |
| 05/30/2021 | Trinity Sunday |
| 06/20/2021 | Father's Day |
| 08/01/2021 | Laity Sunday |
| 09/05/2021 | Choir Sunday |
| 09/19/2021 | Mission Sunday |
| 09/26/2021 | Senior Citizen's Day |
| 09/27/2021 | CSI Formation Sunday |
| 10/10/2021 | Youth Sunday |
| 10/17/2021 | Church Day |
| 10/31/2021 | Reformation Sunday |
| 11/07/2021 | Sunday school Sunday |
| 11/14/2021 | Unity Sunday |
| 12/05/2021 | Bible Sunday |
| 12/25/2021 | Christmas Day |
| 12/26/2020 | Family Sunday |
| 12/31/2021 | Watchnight Service |
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