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

## Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - Malayalam Holy Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> - English Holy Communion 4<sup>th</sup> - English Holy Communion 5<sup>th</sup> - Malayalam Matins

**Teleconference Prayer – Wednesdays @ 8:00 PM** 

Fasting Prayer – Every Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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# Newsletter of Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia March 2024







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#### Importance days of the Church Calendar

Date	Event
02/14/2024	Ash Wednesday
03/03/2024	Women's Fellowship Sunday
03/17/2024	Passion Sunday
03/24/2024	Palm Sunday
03/28/2024	Maundy Thursday
03/29/2024	Good Friday
03/31/2024	Easter Sunday
05/09/2024	Ascension of our Lord
05/12/2024	Mother's Day
05/19/2024	Pentecost Sunday
05/26/2024	Trinity Sunday
06/16/2024	Father's Day
08/06/2024	Laity Sunday
08/24/2024	CHURCH PICNIC
09/01/2024	Choir Sunday/Education Sunday
09/15/2024	Mission Sunday
09/22/2024	Senior Citizen's Sunday
09/27/2024	CSI Formation Day
10/06/2024	Youth Sunday
10/20/2024	Church Day
10/27/2024	Reformation Sunday
11/03/2024	Sunday school Sunday
11/10/2024	Unity Sunday
11/24/2024	Thanksgiving Sunday
12/08/2024	Bible Sunday
12/24/2024	Family Sunday
12/25/2024	Christmas Day
12/31/2024	Watchnight Service



From Achen's Desk

Praise the Lord.

God bless the Emmanuel family.

Once again it is my pleasure to address the Emmanuel family through this month's newsletter.

From Ash Wednesday, the church calendar enters a new season called the Lenten season. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the forty-day season of lent, the season during which we prepare for Easter. Advent, the period in which we prepare for Christmas, is marked by hope, love, peace, and joy. During lent, however, we are called on to make preparations of a different nature. The end of the Lenten journey is the celebration of Easter. Ash Wednesday has two meanings. Firstly, the ashes are symbols of mourning and repentance. Secondly, the ashes are a symbol of our mortality.

Lenten season is a time of reconciliation. Lent is also a time for lending our blessing of Gifts to the needy and identify ourselves with suffering communities and the oppressed. At this time, it is obvious and imperative to meditate on the theme. A time of reconciliation which brings peace and joy among individuals and corporations. This season create a new era of fellowship, peace and justice through reconciliation ministry. May He who came to the world to save sinners, strengthen us to complete the fast with humility, have mercy on us and save us. Amen

Yours loving, Joseachen

### Wedding Anniversaries:

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

Mr. Abraham Kunnel & Mrs. Lizy Kunnel 04/03 Mr. Johnson John & Mrs. Dhanya John 04/16



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

#### **Lectionary for April/May 2024**

April 21 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Easter

**Theme:** Community Formation Around

**Resurrection Experience** 

1 Lesson: Isaiah 25: 1 - 9

**Psalm** 126

**2 Lesson:** Acts 4: 32 - 37 **Gospel:** Luke 24: 13 - 35

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Aji Sam Mathew & Family & Family

**April 28** 4<sup>th</sup> **Sunday After Easter** 

Theme: Believing in Christ: The Resurrection

**1 Lesson:** 2 Kings 4: 27 - 37

Psalm 90

**2 Lesson:** Acts 26: 12 - 23 **Gospel:** John 11: 17 - 28

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Saju Issac Mathew & Family

May 05 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Easter

Theme: Christ's Invitation to be an Expression of

**Mission** 

**1 Lesson:** Ezekiel 34: 25 – 31

Psalm 47

**Lesson:** 1 Peter 2: 1 - 10 **Gospel:** John 20: 19 - 23

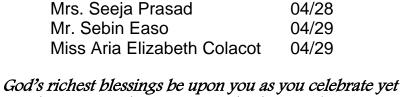
Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Anish Mathew & Family

#### **Birthday Greetings:**

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

Mr. Rohan Nainan	03/04
Prof. Koshy Thalakal	03/07
Mr. Jeffrey A. Kunnel	03/11
Miss Genevieve Ann Jacob	03/20
Mrs. Jessy Koshy	03/20
Mrs. Mary John	03/20
Mr. Zach Abraham	03/26
Mrs. Punnya Ann Andrews	04/02
Mr. Koshy K. Varghese	04/04
Mr. Koshy John Thalakal	04/04
Dr. Mrs. Sandra Colacot	04/06
Mr. Joseph Cherian	04/11
Mr. Maxwel P. Gifford	04/12
Mrs. Annamma Cherian	04/14
Mr. Jenith Jacob	04/15
Master Ryan Samuel	04/17
Mrs. Leelamma Ipe	04/17
Miss Tintu Merin Mathew	04/22
Mrs. Seeja Prasad	04/28
Mr. Sebin Easo	04/29
Miss Aria Elizabeth Colacot	04/29



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 March 2024**

March 03 4th Sunday before Easter

Women's Sunday

Theme: Women be the Spokes Persons of

**Sacrificial Love** 

**1 Lesson:** Proverbs 31: 15 - 31

Psalm 20

**2 Lesson:** 1 Peter 4: 14 - 19 **Gospel:** Luke 1: 28 - 38

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Women's Fellowship Members

March 10 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Easter
Theme: True Worship that Liberates

**1 Lesson:** Exodus 3: 11 - 18

**Psalm** 137

**Lesson:** Acts 16: 25 - 34 **Gospel:** Luke 13: 10 - 17

Songs:

**Lay Ministry: Youth Fellowship** 

March 17 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Easter

Theme: Cross: A New Vision of Messianic Age

**Passion Sunday** 

**1 Lesson:** Deuteronomy 18: 15 - 22

**Psalm** 73

2 Lesson: 2 Corinthians 1: 3 - 11

**Gospel:** Luke 18: 35 - 43

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Mathew Abraham & family

#### **Lectionary for March 2024**

**Lectionary for March/April 2024** 

March 24 Sunday before Easter

Palm Sunday

Theme: Hosanna: New King in the Temple

**1 Lesson:** Isaiah 56: 1 - 8

Psalm 24

**2 Lesson:** 1 Corinthians **3**: 16 - 23 **Gospel:** Matthew 21: 1 - 17

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Ivan Pattemthanam & Family

March 28 Maundy Thursday

Theme: Eucharist: The Re-membering Jesus

**1 Lesson:** Exodus 12: 1 - 17

**Psalm** 116

2 Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 34

**Gospel:** Matthew 26: 17 - 30

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Abraham Kunnel & Family

March 29 Good Friday

Theme: Cross: Death of Death

**1 Lesson:** Numbers 21:1-9

Psalm 22

**Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 15: 50 - 58

**Gospel:** Matthew 27: 1 - 56

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Prasad Philip & Family

March 31 Easter Sunday

**Holy Communion Service in Malayalam** 

Theme: Resurrection: Celebrating the Joy of

Salvation

**1 Lesson:** Exodus 14: 5 - 31

**Psalm** 118: 14 - 29

**2 Lesson:** Colossians 3: 1 - 11 **Gospel:** Matthew 28: 1 - 10

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Prof. Koshy Thalakal & Family

April 07 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Easter

Theme: Encounter with the Risen Lord

**1 Lesson:** Genesis 32: 22 - 32

Psalm 40

**2 Lesson:** Acts 9: 1 - 18 **Gospel:** John 20: 24 - 29

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Ipe Varghese & Family

April 14 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Easter

Theme: Identifying Risen Lord in the Workplace

**1 Lesson:** Ruth 2: 1 - 18

**Psalm** 15

**2 Lesson:** Acts 9: 36 - 43 **Gospel:** John 21: 1 - 14

Songs:

**Lay Ministry: Youth Fellowship Members** 

#### Church Committee 2024-2025

Choir

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Mrs. Reena George Mr. Mathew Abraham Mr. Aji Sam Mathew Mrs. Lizy Kunnel

Choir Representative: Mr. Nobby Nainan W. F. Representative: Mrs. Jessy Koshy

**Sunday School Rep.: Vacant** 

Youth Representative: Ms. Reeba Ivan

Auditor: Vacant

Women's Fellowship

President: Mrs. Susan John Secretary: Mrs. Jessy Koshy Jt. Secretary: Mrs. Anu Reny Treasurer: Mrs. Bindhu Saju

Youth Movement

Secretary: Miss Josephine Reny Treasurer: Mr. Jeffrey kunnel Committee Rep.: Ms. Reeba Ivan

Choir Leader: Mr. Nobby Nainan
Organist: Mr. Aji Sam Mathew

**Dr. Vivek George Koshy** 

Mr. Zach Abraham Miss Sharon Mathew Mr. Jeffrey Kunnel

Secretary: Miss Hannah Acha John

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Mr. Koshy K. Varghese Mrs. Jessy Koshy Mr. Abraham Kunnel Mrs. Lizy Kunnel

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Dr. Benjamin George Mrs. Jiji Ivan