

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.

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

Teleconference Prayer - Every Wednesday @ 9:00 PM

Fasting Prayer - Every Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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Newsletter of  
Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia  
September 2020



THE INAUGURATION OF THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA,  
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THE SOLEMN DECLARATION OF UNION

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2020 Year Plan

Date	Event
09/06/2020	Choir Sunday
09/13/2020	Grandparent's Day
09/27/2020	CSI day & Senior Citizens Day
10/04/2020	Youth Sunday
10/18/2020	Family Sunday & Church Day
11/01/2020	Sunday School Sunday
11/29/2020	Thanksgiving Sunday – (Malayalam Holy Communion)
12/05/2020	Door to Door Carol - Cancelled
12/12/2020	Ecumenical Fellowship Christmas Program
12/19/2020	Door to door Carol - Cancelled
TBD	Christmas Carol
12/25/2020	Christmas Day
12/31/2020	Watchnight Service
TBD	Sunday School Competition at Hudson Valley CSI.



**Motto: Year of Service**

**From Achen's Desk**

**How does GOD view and define 'TRUE' RELIGION'?**

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us once again thank God for His abundance of blessings in our life. From this month onwards we are planning to conduct the regular communion service in our church building with not exceeding more than 30 people. So kindly cooperate with these temporary arrangements now, hopefully the situation will be much better in coming month and more people could come to the church. Let us pray together for the complete healing of this world.

The epistle of James is one of the most practical books ever found in the New Testament. In the above verse, Apostle James attempts to define what a true religion is in the eyes of God. Religion here means the external patterns of behavior connected with religious belief. It means the outer expression of belief in worship and service rather than the doctrines believed. Thus, religion has to do with our worship manifested in the outward through our acts of service!

So, how can we really worship God through our outward acts of worship? True religion as an outpouring of our genuine faith in God is an expression of how we relate to God and others. James stresses concern for widows and orphans as a true measure of obedience that is pleasing to God. We should be aware that Israel was given this responsibility in the Old Testament, and it reflects the concerns of God Himself.

Before James comes around to defining true religion, he has already rebuked mere listening and not doing anything (vv. 22–25), and then he rebukes mere doing without having our inner lives changed (vv. 26–27). In keeping with his emphasis on genuine faith and its consequent good works, James offers three key aspects of pure religion:

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1. Restrain our tongues from speaking evil of others,
2. Show practical concern for those in need, and
3. Keep ourselves pure from sin.

What God is looking for is the practical type of godliness which takes a compassionate interest in others and keeps our own life clean, better defined as “acts of grace and a walk of separation”. This happens when both practical love and practical holiness are evident in our lives!

Our new identity in Christ is thus evident in the way we take care of one another - reaching even to the most frail and vulnerable among us - who are most in need of our help. The way God views and defines true religion is when His character is reflected through our practical lives which are exemplified by our pure speech, pure love, and pure character. This is a lofty challenge that should guide us how to live before God and other people!

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 September. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

Mr. Jacob Russal and Dr. Mrs. Soby Jacob Russal	09/19
Mr. Prasad Philip and Mrs. Seeja Prasad	09/23
Mr. Mathew Abraham and Mrs. Rejini Abraham	09/26



***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 partially opened our church on the last Sunday of August. Pennsylvania State now allows in person religious gatherings for up to 50% capacity of the building. We still must obey all CDC guidelines for the safety of our members. We have to 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 Video conference/Telephone conference calls 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.

If you wish to send any donations/offerings, 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 September. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

Master Jonah Issac Mathew	09/01
Miss Lesa Thomas	09/03
Mrs. Sally Joy	09/05
Mr. George Thomas	09/09
Mr. Jacky Reny	09/10
Mr. Saju Issac Mathew	09/16
Mr. Marc Ivan	09/16
Miss Deepa Johny	09/16
Mr. George Vivek Koshy	09/19
Mrs. Jiji Ivan	09/19
Mrs. Reena George	09/21
Mr. Jaisen Jacob	09/21
Mr. Jacob Korah	09/24
Mrs. Susan Mathew	09/27



*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 September 2020

September 06      14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Theme:      Choir Sunday

1 Lesson: Exodus 15: 1-21

Psalm      122

2 Lesson: Revelations 19: 1-16

Gospel:      Luke 19: 36-40

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Aji Sam Mathew & Family

September 13      15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Theme:      Christ who purifies:

1 Lesson: Zechariah 13 1-9

Psalm      130

2 Lesson: 1 John 1: 5-10

Gospel:      Mark 1: 40-45

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Rev. Prince John and Family

September 20      16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Theme:      Mission Sunday-Good News to All

1 Lesson: Isaiah 55: 1-6

Psalm      146

2 Lesson: Acts 10: 34-43

Gospel:      Matthew 4: 17-25

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Anish Mathew & Family

## Lectionary for September/October 2020

September 27 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Theme: CSI DAY – Unity in Witnessing  
Senior Citizens Day**

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson Ezekiel 37: 15–22

Psalm 122

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson Ephesians 4: 1-6

Gospel John 17: 20-26

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Mr. Arun Cherian and Family

October 4 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Theme: Youth Sunday**

**1 Lesson:** Isaiah 42: 1-4

**Psalm** 146

**2 Lesson:** Philippians 2: 1-11

**Gospel:** Mark 10: 35-45

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Youth

October 11 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Theme: Sunday for Mentally and Physically  
Challenged**

**1 Lesson:** Exodus 4: 10-17

**Psalm** 37

**2 Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 12: 1-10

**Gospel:** John 5: 1-9

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Dr. Benjamin George & Family

## CSI Formation Day (September 27, 1947)

Four different church traditions were brought together in the CSI; Anglican (Episcopal), Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist. All these churches had been established in India through the missionary work of churches in Europe, America, and Australia, which had started their work in India at different periods from the beginning of the 18th century.

The Church of South India Scheme was the first practical attempt of its kind towards a union, based on the following points enunciated in the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral:

- The Holy Scripture of the Old and the New Testaments as containing all things necessary to salvation and as being the rule and ultimate standard of faith.
- The Apostles' Creed as the Baptismal Symbol and the Nicene Creed as sufficient statement of the Christian faith.
- The two sacraments ordained by Christ Himself — Baptism and the Supper of the Lord — ministered with the unfailing use of Christ's words of Institution and elements ordained by Him.
- The Historic Episcopate locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying need of the nations and people called of God into the union of His Church.

The Church of South India union ceremony happened at St George's Cathedral in Madras on 27 September 1947, a month after India achieved its independence from the United Kingdom. It was formed from the union of the SIUC, (South India United Church itself a union of churches from the Congregational, Presbyterian, and Reformed traditions); the southern provinces of the (Anglican) Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon; and the Methodist Church of South India. The inaugural service was presided by Bishop Rt. Rev. C. K. Jacob, of the Anglican diocese of Travancore and Cochin. As part of it, nine new bishops, drawn from all the traditions, were consecrated to serve with five Anglican bishops already in the office.<sup>[18]</sup> Each new bishop was ordained with the imposition of hands by the presiding bishop, along with two more Anglican bishops (Rt. Rev. A. M. Hollis and Rt. Rev. G. T. Selwynthe) and six presbyters from the uniting Churches, also laying hands.<sup>[18]</sup> This reconciliation of the Anglican views with those of the other uniting denominations, on the doctrine of apostolic succession, realized in the formation of the Church of South India, is often cited as a landmark in the ecumenical movement.