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| 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.1st & 3rd - Malayalam Holy Communion2nd – English H. C. with Praise & Worship4th – English Holy Communion 5th – Malayalam Matins  Teleconference Prayer – Every Wednesday @ 9:00 PM  Fasting Prayer – Every Saturday @ 10:00 AM  Contact Information:  President: Rev. Prince John: (215) 825-3305  Vice-president: Mr. Russal Samuel: (215) 840-3541  Secretary: Mr. Cherian M. Abraham: (215) 620-7324  Jt. Secretary: Mrs. Susy Mathew: (215) 370-8164  Treasurer: Mr. Shaji P. Oommen: (215) 756-1865  Web Master: Mr. Ivan Pattemthanam: (215) 720-5058  [**www.emmanuelcsi.com**](http://www.emmanuelcsi.com)  [**https://www.facebook.com/ecsopa**](https://www.facebook.com/ecsopa)  **Email:** [**emmanuelcsichurchpa@gmail.com**](mailto:emmanuelcsichurchpa@gmail.com) | |  |  | **Newsletter of** **Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia** May 2020        SPEAK OUT @ EMMANUEL  **(A monthly Publication)**  **4937 Church Avenue**  **Feasterville-Trevose, PA 19053** | | |
| 2020 Year Plan   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Date** | **Event** | | 05/10/20 | Mother’s Day | | 06/21/20 | Father’s Day | | 06/25-27/20 | VBS | | 07/09/20 | Youth Conference July 9-12, 2020 @Detroit, MI | | 07/11/20 | Church Picnic at Core Creek Park, Pavilion # 5 | | TBD | Annual Gospel Convention | | 07/19/20 | Harvest Festival (First Day) | | 08/02/20 | Harvest Festival (Second Day) & Almaya day | | 08/07-08/20 | CSI Council Meeting | | 08/16/20 | Back to School | | 08/23/20 | Back to School | | 09/06/20 | Choir Sunday | | 09/13/20 | Grandparent’s Day | | 09/27/20 | CSI day & Senior Citizens Day | | 10/04/20 | Youth Sunday | | 10/18/20 | Family Sunday & Church Day | | 11/01/20 | Sunday School Sunday | | 11/29/20 | Thanksgiving Sunday – (Malayalam Holy Communion) | | 12/05/20 | Door to Door Carol Rounds Day 1 | | 12/12/20 | Ecumenical Fellowship Christmas Program | | 12/19/20 | Door to door Carol day 2 | | TBD | Christmas Carol | | 12/25/20 | Christmas Day | | 12/31/20 | Watchnight Service | | TBD | Sunday School Competition at Hudson Valley CSI. |   8  This Spirit of Sonship sanctifies, or sets apart, those who have been reborn into God’s Kingdom, equips them for service, causes them to will and to act according to God’s will and purpose, and empowers, teaches, and comforts them as they obey God’s commands.  Tempting as it might be, at times, for us to take credit for what God does through us by the power of the Holy Spirit, we really can’t. The glory is God’s alone!  What do you think? Is God still at work in the world around you? What evidence do you see? Who deserves the glory for it?  Yours loving,  Princeachen  **Wedding Anniversaries:**  Congratulations and best wishes to all the couples who will be celebrating their anniversaries in the month of May. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.  Mr. C. C. Cherian & Mrs. Annamma Cherian 05/09  Mr. Jacob Korah & Annamma Jacob 05/10  Mr. Lijo Thomas & Mrs. Sonia Thomas 05/19  Mr. Ivan Pattemthanam & Mrs. Jiji Ivan 05/25  Mr. Noby Nainan & Mrs. Annie Nainan 05/28  ***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  2 | |  | | Motto: Year of Service From Achen’s Desk **The Power of Pentecost**  Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our lord and savior Jesus Christ. We were entering into a new season named PENTECOST and this month we were celebrating Trinity Sunday also. At first, the book of Acts seems to be about Jesus’ disciples and the early Church, but it is not, at least not primarily. Acts, like every other book in the Bible in one way or another, is the story of Jesus. In this case, it is the story of His continued ministry on earth after His ascension by the power of the Holy Spirit through His disciples and their disciples after them.  Make no mistake. Although the disciples did all the walking and talking and interacting with people that we find recorded in the book of Acts, the real work, the heavy lifting of convicting, drawing, and renewing souls, was done by the Holy Spirit, the same Holy Spirit that indwelt Jesus during His earthly ministry and continues to indwell those who put their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation today.  Continued on next page (2)  1   * **Reminders….**   Due to the Social distancing guidelines provided by the Federal Government as well as State/Local Governments, all church services, prayer meeting and Fellowship meetings will be held only through Video conference/Telephone conference calls. We will continue with our Sunday School classes and church services once the restrictions are lifted.  Our regularly scheduled Wednesday’s Teleconference Prayer meeting will be held at 9:00 PM. Please dial 862-799-9435 to join thru Free Conference call line. The Zoom link will be sent via email and WhatsApp.    On every Saturday, at 10 AM, we will have a teleconference fasting prayer meeting.  We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who sent their contributions to our Treasurer, Mr. Shaji Oommen. If you are able to contribute any amount, please send a check 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.  7 |
| **Birthday Greetings:**  The following members will be celebrating their birthdays in the month of May. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.            Miss Josephine Reny       05/01  11" Birthday Classy Script Tropical Assortment (50 ct.) Latex Balloon - Latex Balloons  Miss Tiny Mathew 05/03  Master Norrin Zazhary Russal 05/04  Mr. Nobby Nainan 05/04  Miss Maya Fenn Thomas 05/04  Mr. Ninan Mathew 05/07  Mrs. Meghan Jacob 05/07  Dr. Thomas Colacot 05/09  64+ Wishes For Birthday To Your Lover And Family  Mrs. Lizy Kunnel 05/10  Dr. Davis R. Samuel 05/12  Miss Thalitha Rosie Betty 05/12  Mr. Mathew Mangalath 05/15  Mr. Sajin George 05/15  Mrs. Omana Mathew 05/17  Mrs. Nancy Mariam Jacob 05/18  Miss Tinu Ann Mathew 05/19  Mrs. Dhanya John 05/21  Miss Amelia Faye John 05/22  Teleflora's Blooming Birthday Bouquet in Salt Lake City UT ...  Mr. Shawn Abraham 05/24  Mr. Jacob Easo 05/24  Mrs. Anu Reny 05/25  Mr. Reny Eapen Mathew 05/26  Miss Keziah Mary Mathew 05/26  Mr. Biju Mathew Muthuthottathil 05/28  Mrs. Sonia Thomas 05/29  Dr. Reena Colacot 05/30  ***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.***    6 **Lectionary for April/May 2020** **May 24 6th Sunday after Easter**  **Theme: Promise of the Holy Spirit**  1st Lesson Joel 2: 28–32  Psalm 42  2nd Lesson Galatians 5: 22-26  Gospel John 14: 15-21  **Songs:**  **Lay Ministry:** Mr. Mathew Abraham & Family  **May 31 Pentecost Sunday**  **Theme: Come Holy Spirit, Transform the Whole Creation**  **1 Lesson:**  Ezekiel 36: 24-36  **Psalm** 29  **2 Lesson:** Acts. 2: 1-13  **Gospel:** John 20: 19-23  **Songs:**  **Lay Ministry:** Mathew Mangalath & Family  **June 07 Trinity Sunday**  **First Sunday after Pentecost**  **Theme: We Believe in the Triune God**  **1 Lesson:**  Ezekiel 1: 4-28  **Psalm** 98  **2 Lesson:** 2Corinthians 13: 11-14  **Gospel:** Matthew 28: 16-20  **Songs:**  **Lay Ministry:** Maxwell P. Gifford & Family  **4** | |  | | **Lectionary for May 2020** **May 03 3rd Sunday after Easter**  **Theme: Communion with the Risen Christ in Daily Life**  **1 Lesson:**  Exodus 40: 34-38  **Psalm** 23  **2 Lesson:** Philippians 3: 8-16  **Gospel:** Luke 24: 13-33  **Songs:**  **Lay Ministry:** Mr. Koshy K. Varghese & Family  **May 10 4th Sunday After Easter**  **Theme: Believing in Christ: The Way**  **1 Lesson:**  Exodus 14: 10-20  **Psalm** 116  **2 Lesson:** Acts 16: 19-34  **Gospel:** John 14: 1-7  **Songs:**  **Lay Ministry:** Kuruvilla Oommen & Family  **May 17 5th Sunday after Easter**  **Theme: Mission as Sharing Christ’s Peace**  **1 Lesson:**  Micah 4: 1-7  **Psalm** 85  **2 Lesson:** Philippians 4: 4-9  **Gospel:** Luke 24: 36-49  **Songs:**  **Lay Ministry:** Mrs. Mary John & Family  3  **Pentecost**  **Pentecost**, also called **Whitsunday**, (Pentecost from Greek *pentecostē*, “50th day”), major festival in the Christian church, celebrated on the Sunday that falls on the 50th day of Easter. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other [disciples](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/disciples) following the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ (Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2), and it marks the beginning of the Christian church’s mission to the world.  Historically, Pentecost (Shavout) is a Jewish feast celebrating the giving of the Torah and the summer wheat harvest. It was celebrated 50 days after Easter and was marked by pilgrims coming to Jerusalem from all over the world to celebrate the event. The church’s transformation of the Jewish feast to a Christian festival was thus related to the belief that the gift of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus was the firstfruits of a new [dispensation](https://www.britannica.com/topic/dispensation) that fulfilled and succeeded the old dispensation of the Law.  When the festival was first celebrated in the Christian church is not known, but it was mentioned in a work from the Eastern church, the *Epistola Apostolorum,* in the 2nd century. In the 3rd century it was mentioned by Origen, theologian and head of the catechetical school in Alexandria, and by Tertullian, Christian priest and writer of Carthage.  In the early church, Christians often referred to the entire 50-day period beginning with Easter as Pentecost. [Baptism](https://www.britannica.com/topic/baptism) was administered both at the beginning (Easter) and end (the day of Pentecost) of the Paschal season. Eventually, Pentecost became a more popular time for baptism than Easter in northern [Europe](https://www.britannica.com/place/Europe), and in [England](https://www.britannica.com/place/England) the feast was commonly called White Sunday (Whitsunday) for the special white garments worn by the newly baptized.  5 |