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“...Speak, for your servant is listening...”

1 Samuel 3:10

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Holy Eucharist Service Timings

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|---|---|
| Malayalam | 4 th Sundays- 11:00 AM |
| English | 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Sundays - 11:00 AM 4 th Sundays - 8:30 AM |
| Combined Service (English & Malayalam) | 5 th Sundays- 11:00 AM |

Monthly Regular Programs

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| Sunday School | Sunday - 9:45 AM- 11:00 AM |
| Choir Practice | Sunday - 1:30 PM- 3:00 PM, Every 4 th Saturday |
| Junior Choir Practice | Every 2 nd & 4 th Sunday, 1:00 PM- 1:30 PM |
| Tele-Prayer | Tuesday 8:00 PM- 9:00 PM |
| Women's Fellowship Bible Study | Wednesday 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM |
| Youth Fellowship Bible Study | Every 2 nd & 4 th Thursday 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM |
| Youth Fellowship Workspace | 4 th Friday, 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM |
| Gems Fellowship Meeting | 4 th Sunday, 1:00 PM -1:30 PM (every other month) |
| Retirees' Fellowship | Every 3 rd Thursday 9:30 AM- 2:30 PM |
| Women's Fellowship Cottage Prayer | Every 4 th Saturday |
| Area Prayer | |

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear CSI Seaford Family,

I greet you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

December is a special month for the Church. It is a time of waiting, preparing, and celebrating. As we enter the season of Advent, we remind ourselves that Christmas is not only a historical celebration of the birth of Jesus, but also a time to reflect on His coming into our lives today and His promised second coming.

Advent means coming or arrival. During these weeks before Christmas, we remember how the people of Israel waited for the Messiah with hope and faith. They lived in difficult times, yet they held on to God's promises. In the same way, Advent invites us to wait with hope. It reminds us that God is always faithful, even when the world around us feels uncertain.

Christmas is the joyful celebration that God came to us in flesh and blood—not as a king with power and armies, but as a small baby in a manger. This truth teaches us something very important: God works through simple things, ordinary people, and unexpected ways. Jesus' birth shows the humility of God and His deep love for the world. In Jesus, heaven touched earth. His birth brought peace, joy, and salvation.

However, the Christian message does not stop with Bethlehem. Jesus promised that He would come again. The Second Coming is not a frightening event for believers, but a message of hope. It reminds us that God's story continues, and one day everything broken will be made whole. There will be no more tears, pain, injustice, or hatred. The world will finally reflect God's perfect love and peace.

As we celebrate Christmas this year, let us ask: Is Jesus invited into our hearts and homes? Advent calls us to prepare—not by decorating houses or buying gifts alone—but by making space for Christ in our lives. It invites us to forgive, love more deeply, serve the needy, and live with humility.

Advent invites us to imagine a new world. That new world begins when Christ rules our hearts. The coming of Jesus—past, present, and future—reminds us that God is near, God is with us, and God will come again.

May this season help us experience Emmanuel—God with us. May we celebrate Christmas not only as a festive event, but as a spiritual renewal. And may we live each day with hope, waiting for the glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wishing all our families a blessed Advent and a Christ-filled Christmas.

Gibin Thamby (Rev.)

NEWS & EVENTS

Lay Speaker

Sunday School Sunday was observed on Sunday, November 9th. We sincerely thank Ms. Rachel Mary Koshy for sharing the Word of God with the Congregation and delivering a meaningful message that encouraged and uplifted all in attendance.

Youth Fellowship Bake Sale

The Youth Fellowship held a bake sale on Sunday, November 9th following the worship service. We are pleased to share that a total of \$2836 was raised through the generous support of the Congregation. We extend a sincere thanks to all who contributed and supported the Youth Fellowship.

Confirmation Service

The Confirmation Service was held on Sunday, November 16th. We were honored to have Rt. Rev. Dr. Malayil Sabu Koshy Cherian, chief celebrant, confirming the twenty candidates and delivering the Word of God to all in attendance. We congratulate each of the candidates on this important milestone in their journey of faith.

Thanksgiving Sunday

The Thanksgiving Sunday worship service was held on November 30th. During the service, we recognized and honored six of this year's graduates from our Congregation. We thank the Congregation for their generous offerings and continued support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tele-Prayer Meetings

Tuesdays at 8:00 PM

Tele-Conference Number: 605-468-8025; Access Code: 918802#

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Tele-Conference Number: 605-468-8025; Access Code: 918802#

Sunday School Teachers Tele-Prayer Meetings

Thursdays at 8:00 PM

Tele-Conference Number: 605-468-8025; Access Code: 918802#

Fellowship Elections

The following elections will be held on the date listed below:

December 14th: Almaya Fellowship and Women's Fellowship

Christmas Carol Service

The Christmas Carol Service will be held on Saturday, December 20th at 6:30 PM. We encourage the Congregation to join together for this special service as we celebrate the joy of the Christmas season led by the Choir.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Legislative General Body Meeting

The Legislative General Body Meeting of our Congregation will be held on Sunday, December 21st, immediately following the worship service. Elections will be held for the following positions:

Four Board of Trustees (3-year term)

Two Internal Auditors (1- year term)

Two St. Thomas Ecumenical Representatives (1- year term)

Joint Conveners for various programs in 2026

All eligible members are kindly requested to attend and participate in this meeting.

Christmas Day Worship Service

The Christmas Day Worship Service will be held on Thursday, December 25th at 10:00 AM. Please note that the offertory collected on this day will be presented to our Vicar as a Christmas gift.

Family Worship Night

Family Worship Night will be held on Saturday, December 27th at 7:00 PM. All members are encouraged to attend and join together for a time of prayer, fellowship, and worship.

Watch Night & New Years Worship Service

Watch Night Service:

The Watch Night Worship Service will be held on Wednesday, December 31st at 10:30 PM, beginning with a time of prayer and testimony, followed by the Covenant Service at 11:30 PM.

New Year's Day Worship Service

The New Year's Day Worship Service is scheduled to take place on Thursday, January 1st, at 10:00 AM.

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Area Prayer

An area prayer will be held at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Renji Daniel on Saturday, December 13th at 6:30 PM.

Address: 119 South 11th Street, New Hyde Park, NY 11040

Address Change

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Daniel

Ms. Betsy Daniel

Address: 444 Glenwood Lane, East Meadow, NY 11554

BIRTHDAY

December

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|----|------------------------|-------------------|
| 08 | Jibu Koshy | Plainview |
| 08 | Dr. Roby Daniel | New Hyde Park |
| 08 | Feba Mathew | Queens Village |
| 09 | Noah K. Philip | Searingtown |
| 10 | Jophry Philip | New Hyde Park |
| 11 | Stacey Susan Paul | New Hyde Park |
| 12 | Raina Jacob | Plainview |
| 14 | Michael Tharian | Manhasset |
| 14 | Esther Mary Philip | Bethpage |
| 15 | Sofia Benny | Douglasston |
| 18 | Jayden Joshua Mathew | Hicksville |
| 20 | Kris Thomas Varughese | Hicksville |
| 21 | Mathew Joshua | Hicksville |
| 21 | Libin Abraham John | Salisbury |
| 22 | Jeswin Thomas | Lakeville Estates |
| 22 | Alex G. Joseph | Commack |
| 23 | Sherry Sara Oommen | Dix Hills |
| 23 | Riana Elizabeth Kurien | Floral Park |
| 26 | Thomas J. Paickattu | East Meadow |
| 28 | Sruthy Libin John | Salisbury |
| 28 | Dr. Smita Daniel | New Hyde Park |
| 30 | Linoy Ninan Simon | East Meadow |
| 31 | Raju John | Floral Park |
| 31 | Simi Roy | East Meadow |

January

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| 01 | Lukose Muriyattil | West Hempstead |
| 01 | Lilly Poulose | Stamford, CT |
| 02 | Mary Lukose | West Hempstead |
| 02 | Salikutty Mathew | East Meadow |
| 02 | Rosh Stephen Philip | Flushing |
| 05 | Vinod Varghese | Wantagh |
| 06 | Shaly Jeswin Samuel | Garden City |
| 06 | Azariah N. Chris | Queens Village |
| 07 | Kris M. Philip | Williston Park |
| 09 | Dinah Cherian | Seaford |
| 10 | Moni Kurien | Floral Park |
| 10 | Tom N. Mathew | Floral Park |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

December

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| 26 | Mr. & Mrs. Ajith Daniel | New Hyde Park |
| 27 | Mr. & Mrs. Biju Joy | Syosset |

January

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| 08 | Mr. & Mrs. Mathew P. Thomas | Syosset |
| 09 | Mr. & Mrs. Benny Itticheria | Douglaston |
| 09 | Mr. & Mrs. Paul Mesiyas | New Hyde Park |
| 10 | Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Joshua | Hicksville |

ALMANAC

DECEMBER 14

(English Service at 11:00 AM)

3rd Sunday in Advent
Annunciation to Joseph
Deliverance from the Grip of Fear

Jos. 1:1-9

Mr. Jophry Philip

Psalm 27

Ms. Stacey Susan Paul

1 John 4: 13-21

Mr. Kris Thomas Varughese

Matt. 1: 18-21

Mr. Michael Tharian

Bible Bearer:

Mr. & Mrs. George Muriyattil

Offertory:

Mr. Oommen George

Elements:

Mr. Chris Oommen

DECEMBER 21

(English Service at 11:00 AM)

4th Sunday in Advent
Maranatha: Life in Waiting
(Emphasis- Second Coming)

Isa. 2: 2-5

Ms. Raina Jacob

Psalm 75

Mr. Jayden J. Mathew

Rev. 22: 10-21

Mrs. Esther Mary Philip

John 1: 1-14

Mr. Libin Abraham John

Bible Bearer:

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas C. Daniel

Offertory:

Mr. Koshy M. Kunjummen

Elements:

Mrs. Siji Thomas

DECEMBER 25

(Combined Holy Eucharist Service at 10:00 AM)

Christmas
Christ: Guiding Light of Hope

Isa. 9: 1-7

Mr. Mathew Joshua

Psalm 96

Ms. Riana Elizabeth Kurien

Titus 3: 4-7

Mrs. Jeswin Thomas

Matt 2: 1-12

Mr. Jerry Samuel

Bible Bearer:

Mr. & Mrs. Biju Joy

Offertory:

Mr. Oommen George

Elements:

Mr. Jerry Philip

ALMANAC

DECEMBER 28

1st Sunday after Christmas
Family Sunday
Family: Sanctuary of Non-violence

English Service | 8:30 AM
Gen 50: 15-21 Mr. Jeffrey George
Psalm 133 Mrs. Simi Roy
Col. 3: 12-17 Mr. Linoy Ninan Simon
Luke 15: 11-32
Bible Bearer:
Offertory:
Elements:

Malayalam Service | 11:00 AM
Mr. Thomas J. Paickattu
Mr. Vibin John
Mrs. Alice Abraham
Mr. Alex G. Joseph
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas N. Varughese
Mr. Alexander Chandy
Mrs. Shaly Samuel

DECEMBER 31

Watch Night Service
Year Ending
Count God's Blessings

(Malayalam Holy Eucharist Service at 10:30 PM)

Lam. 3: 21-31
Psalm 66
Phil. 4: 10-23
Luke 7: 11-17
Bible Bearer:
Offertory:
Elements:

JANUARY 1

New Year
Running the Race with Perseverance

(Combined Holy Eucharist Service at 10:00 AM)

Num 13: 21- 30
Psalm 113
Heb 12: 1-13
Luke 9: 57-62
Bible Bearer:
Offertory:
Elements:

JANUARY 4

2nd Sunday after Christmas
Unveiling God's Love to All

(English Service at 11:00 AM)
Gen. 12: 1-7
Psalm 136
Rom. 8: 31-39
John 15: 9-17
Bible Bearer:
Offertory:
Elements:

Mr. Vinod Varghese
Mr. Tom N. Mathew
Mrs. Sruthy Libin John
Dr. Joel Thomas
Mr. & Mrs. John David
Mr. James Zachariah
Mr. Shabu Jacob Itty

JANUARY 11

1st Sunday after Epiphany
Baptism of Jesus: Affirmation of Identity and Mission

(English Service at 11:00 AM)

Exo. 3: 1-15
Psalm 98
Gal. 4: 1-7
Matt. 3: 11-17
Bible Bearer:
Offertory:
Elements:

Mrs. Shaly Jeswin Samuel
Mrs. Dinah Cherian
Mrs. Moni Kurien
Mr. Kris M. Philip
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Mesiyas
Dr. Stacy Paickattu
Mr. Kevin Thomas Varughese

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 & Amanda, Sherry & Sam



2025 CALENDAR

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| January 4 | Joint Christmas Carol Service |
| January 10-12 | Youth Fellowship Winter Retreat |
| February 8 | Elected Officials Retreat |
| February 9 | Annual General Body Meeting |
| March 1 | Women's Get Together |
| March 2 | Women's Fellowship Sunday |
| March 5 | Ash Wednesday |
| March 8 | Women's Fellowship Retreat |
| March 16 | Parish Formation Day Sunday |
| March 23 | Sunday School Drawing Competition |
| March 29 | Regional Women & Laity Retreat |
| April 6 | Youth Fellowship Bake Sale #1 |
| April 12 | Sunday School One-Day Trip |
| April 13 | Palm Sunday/ Women's Fellowship Bake Sale #1 |
| April 17 | Maundy Thursday |
| April 18 | Good Friday |
| April 20 | Easter |
| April 26 | Sunday School Region 1 & 2 Retreat |
| May 11 | Mother's Day |
| May 18 | Sunday School Memory Verse Competitions |
| June 1 | Gems Sunday/ Youth Fellowship Bake Sale #2 |
| June 7 | Sunday School Annual Competitions |
| June 14 | Youth Fellowship Picnic |
| June 15 | Father's Day |
| June 22 | Last Day of Sunday School |
| June 28 | Annual Church Picnic |
| June 29 | Sunday School Bible Quiz & Elections/Women's Fellowship Bake Sale #2 |
| July 10-13 | CSI Youth & Young Adults Conference of North America 2025 |
| July 20 | Mid-Year General Body Meeting |
| July 26 | Youth & Elders Gathering |
| August 1-3 | Vacation Bible School |
| August 3 | Mission Sunday |
| August 8- 10 | Annual Convention |
| August 9 | Choir One-Day Retreat |
| August 15-17 | Annual Family Retreat |
| August 31 | Almaya Sunday |
| September 6 | Sunday School Regional Competitions |
| September 7 | Harvest Festival |
| September 14 | First Day of Sunday School |
| September 21 | Choir Sunday/Women's Fellowship Bake Sale #3 |
| September 27 | Choir One-Day Trip |
| Sept. 29-Oct. 4 | Youth Week |
| October 4 | Youth Region 1 Bible Study |
| October 5 | Youth Fellowship Sunday/ Gems Fellowship Bake Sale |
| October 10-12 | Sunday School Regional Seniors Retreat |
| October 19 | Senior Citizen Sunday/Youth Fellowship Bake Sale #3 |
| November 1 | Youth Fellowship Potluck |
| November 2 | Unity Sunday/ Women's Fellowship Piggy Bank Collection |
| November 9 | Sunday School Sunday |
| November 16 | Confirmation Service |
| November 30 | Thanksgiving Sunday/Youth, Gems, Choir Elections |
| December 7 | Annual Family Night |
| December 14 | Almaya Fellowship and Women's Fellowship Elections |
| December 20 | Carol Service |
| December 21 | Legislative General Body Meeting |
| December 25 | Christmas |
| December 27 | Family Worship Night |

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