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## MALAYALAM CONGREGATION OF GREATER NEW YORK

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"...Speak, for your servant is listening..."

1 Samuel 3:10

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Holy Eucharist Service Timings	
Malayalam	4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays- 11:00 AM
English	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays - 11:00 AM 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays - 8:30 AM
Combined Service (English & Malayalam)	5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays- 11:00 AM

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Monthly Regular Programs	
Sunday School	Sunday - 9:45 AM- 11:00 AM
Choir Practice	Sunday - 1:30 PM- 3:00 PM, Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday
Junior Choir Practice	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM
Youth Fellowship Workspace	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday, 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM
Gems Fellowship Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, 1:00 PM -1:30 PM (every other month)
Retirees' Fellowship	Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 9:30 AM- 2:30 PM
Women's Fellowship Cottage Prayer	Every 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 Thampy (Rev.)



## NEWS & EVENTS

### Lay Speaker

Sunday School Sunday was observed on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 14<sup>th</sup>:** Almaya Fellowship and Women's Fellowship

### Christmas Carol Service

The Christmas Carol Service will be held on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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

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	Douglaston
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

01	Lukose Muriyattil	West Hempstead
01	Lilly Poullose	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

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

## January

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

# ALMANAC

## DECEMBER 14

*(English Service at 11:00 AM)*

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent  
Annunciation to Joseph  
Deliverance from the Grip of Fear

Jos. 1:1-9  
Psalm 27  
1 John 4: 13-21  
Matt. 1: 18-21  
Bible Bearer:  
Offertory:  
Elements:

Mr. Jophry Philip  
Ms. Stacey Susan Paul  
Mr. Kris Thomas Varughese  
  
Mr. Michael Tharian  
Mr. & Mrs. George Muriyattil  
Mr. Oommen George  
Mr. Chris Oommen

## DECEMBER 21

*(English Service at 11:00 AM)*

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent  
Maranatha: Life in Waiting  
(Emphasis- Second Coming)

Isa. 2: 2-5  
Psalm 75  
Rev. 22: 10-21  
John 1: 1-14  
Bible Bearer:  
Offertory:  
Elements:

Ms. Raina Jacob  
Mr. Jayden J. Mathew  
Mrs. Esther Mary Philip  
  
Mr. Libin Abraham John  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas C. Daniel  
Mr. Koshy M. Kunjummen  
Mrs. Siji Thomas

## DECEMBER 25

*(Combined Holy Eucharist Service at 10:00 AM)*

Christmas  
Christ: Guiding Light of Hope

Isa. 9: 1-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 3: 4-7  
Matt 2: 1-12  
Bible Bearer:  
Offertory:  
Elements:

Mr. Mathew Joshua  
Ms. Riana Elizabeth Kurien  
Mrs. Jeswin Thomas  
  
Mr. Jerry Samuel  
Mr. & Mrs. Biju Joy  
Mr. Oommen George  
Mr. Jerry Philip

# ALMANAC

**DECEMBER 28**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**  
**Family Sunday**  
**Family: Sanctuary of Non-violence**

English Service | 8:30 AM  
Gen 50: 15-21  
Psalm 133  
Col. 3: 12-17  
Luke 15: 11-32  
Bible Bearer:  
Offertory:  
Elements:

Mr. Jeffrey George  
Mrs. Simi Roy  
Mr. Linoy Ninan Simon

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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 Mesiya  
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

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
<b>December 7</b>	<b>Annual Family Night</b>
<b>December 14</b>	<b>Almaya Fellowship and Women's Fellowship Elections</b>
<b>December 20</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>
<b>December 21</b>	<b>Legislative General Body Meeting</b>
<b>December 25</b>	<b>Christmas</b>
<b>December 27</b>	<b>Family Worship Night</b>



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