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"...Restore us, O God..."

Psalm 80:3

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Mr. Joel George

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Holy Eucharist Service Timings

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 <i>(English & Malayalam)</i>	5 th Sundays- 11:00 AM

Monthly Regular Programs

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



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Warm greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we step into a New Year, I wish each one of you and your families a truly blessed year ahead.

When we greet one another saying, "Happy New Year" or "Blessed New Year," it is important for us to pause and reflect on what blessedness really means. Very often, we associate blessedness with good health, success, prosperity, or a year without problems. While these are good desires, the Bible reminds us that the real blessedness of life is not the absence of difficulties, but the presence of God with us in every situation of life.

The New Year comes to us carrying memories of the past year—joys we cherish and pains we still carry. Some of us enter this year with hope and excitement; others may step in with uncertainty, fear, or unanswered questions. In all these varied situations, our Christian hope is this assurance: God walks with us. The psalmist confidently declares, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1). This assurance does not mean that the path will always be smooth, but that we will never walk alone.

The prophet Jeremiah, writing in a time of deep suffering, reminds us of this hope: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22–23). A New Year is not just about new dates on the calendar; it is about renewed mercies and fresh strength that God provides day by day. God's presence gives us courage to face challenges, wisdom to make decisions, and peace even in uncertain times.

As a parish family, we are called to journey together in this New Year—supporting one another, praying for one another, and witnessing God's love through our life and service. May this year deepen our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and renew our commitment to God's mission.

I take this opportunity to wholeheartedly congratulate the newly elected Board of Trustee members and all the elected office bearers of our fellowship committees. I pray that God will grant you wisdom, humility, and strength as you serve our congregation. I also thank all those who have completed their tenure for their faithful service.

Once again, I wish you all a blessed New Year. May the abiding presence of God be our true joy and strength throughout this year.

With prayers and blessings,

Gibin Thamby (Rev.)

NEWS & EVENTS

Annual Family Night

The Annual Family Night was held on Sunday, December 7th following the worship service. We sincerely thank everyone who participated in the program. We also extend our sincere gratitude to the Convener, Dr. Stacy Paickattu, and Joint Convener, Mr. Roshan Kurien, for their efforts in organizing the program.

Christmas Carol Service

The Christmas Carol Service was held on December 20th at the church, with Rev. Fr. Jijo Joseph, C.M., Chaplain of St. Joseph Hospital, Bethpage, NY, serving as the guest speaker. We extend our sincere appreciation to all the Choir members for their dedication and presenting the Christmas carols. A special note of gratitude goes to the Choir Director, Mr. Vibin John; Organist, Mr. Varghese Paul; and Associate Organist and Junior Choir Director, Mr. Sachin Joseph Roy, for their committed leadership and guidance. We also thank the Sunday School Fellowship for organizing the Christmas gift distribution and for arranging for Santa Claus to be part of the celebration.

Legislative General Body Meeting

The Legislative General Body Meeting of the Congregation was held on Sunday, December 21st, immediately following the worship service. The following members were elected to positions for the upcoming term:

Board of Trustees (2026-2028)

- Mrs. Rosie Thomas
- Mr. Thomas M. Kunjummen
- Mr. Thomas T. Oommen
- Mr. Vinod Varghese

Auditors (2026)

- Mr. Jeswin Samuel
- Mr. Mathew Joshua

St. Thomas Ecumenical Federation of North America Representatives (2026)

- Mrs. Annie Shiny Varghese
- Mr. Koshy M. Kunjummen

Joint Conveners for Various Programs (2026)

- Annual Picnic: Ms. Betsy Daniel
- Annual Family Retreat: Mr. Chris K. Oommen
- Annual Convention: Mr. George Vengal
- Annual Harvest Festival: Dr. John P. Thomas
- Annual Family Night: Mr. Varghese Kurian

Office Bearers

The Board of Trustees held a meeting on December 21st, after the Legislative General Body Meeting. The following members were elected as Office Bearers for the year 2026:

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| ▪ Vice President: | Mr. Thomas T. Oommen |
| ▪ Secretary: | Mr. Jerry Philip |
| ▪ Joint Secretary: | Mr. Kevin T. Varughese |
| ▪ Treasurer: | Mr. Thomas M. Kunjummen |

NEWS & EVENTS

Gratitude to the Outgoing Board of Trustee Members

We express our sincere gratitude to the following outgoing members of the Board of Trustees for their dedication and service to the Congregation:

- Mr. Chris K. Oommen
- Mr. Koshy M. Kunjummen
- Dr. Sji Thomas
- Mr. Thomas C. Daniel

Their dedication and leadership have been instrumental in supporting the mission and growth of the church. We sincerely thank them for their hard work and pray for God's continued blessings on them as they move forward.

Christmas Day Worship Service

The Christmas Day Worship Service was held on December 25th. The offertory collection of \$4,000 was presented to our Vicar as a Christmas gift. We sincerely thank Mr. Alexander Chandy, Mr. Benny Itticheria, Mr. Reuben Benny, and their respective families for sponsoring the cake that day

Watch Night Service

The Watch Night Service was held on December 31st and began at 10:30 PM with prayer and testimonies, followed by the Covenant Service at 11:30 PM to welcome the New Year. We sincerely thank Mr. Koshy M. Kunjummen, Mr. Mathew M. Kunjummen, and their respective families for sponsoring the cake that evening.

New Year Service

The New Year Service was on January 1st at 10:00 A.M. with worship and the dedication of the newly elected Board of Trustee members. We sincerely thank Mr. Koshy M. Kunjummen, Mr. Mathew M. Kunjummen, and their respective families for sponsoring the cake that day.

Joint Christmas Carol Service

The Joint Christmas Carol Service for Regions 1 and 2 was held at CSI Jubilee Memorial Church of New York on January 10th at 2:30 PM. We sincerely thank the Choir for their participation and church members for attending the service.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Fellowship Winter Retreat

The Youth Fellowship Winter Retreat, themed "Forged in Fire," will take place from January 16th to 18th at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, PA. Mr. Shalu T. Joseph and Dr. Karen Joseph of CSI Congregation of Florida, FL will be leading the sessions for the retreat. Kindly keep all the members in your prayers as they prepare for the retreat.

Elected Officials Retreat

The Elected Officials Retreat is scheduled for January 24th at 9:30 AM at church. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Sandeep Jacob of Emmanuel CSI Church, PA. The retreat will be followed by the Calendar Preparation meeting for all the fellowships. All committee members are kindly requested to attend the retreat.

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 Board of Trustee Assignments

Property Caretakers: Mr. Thomas T. Oommen
Mr. Jerry Philip
Mr. Kevin T. Varughese
Mr. Thomas M. Kunjummen

Service Arrangements: Mrs. Rosie Thomas
Dr. Stacy Paickattu
Mr. Thomas T. Oommen
Mr. Vinod Varghese

Offertory Counting: Mr. James Zachariah
Mr. Oommen George
Mr. Shabu Jacob Itty
Dr. Stacy Paickattu

Refreshment Coordinators:
Mr. Oommen George
Mr. Shabu Jacob Itty
Mrs. Shaly Samuel

2026 Board of Trustee Representatives

Almaya Fellowship:	Mr. Thomas T. Oommen
Choir:	Mr. James Zachariah
Gems Fellowship:	Mr. Shabu Jacob Itty
Sunday School:	Mr. Vinod Varghese
Women's Fellowship:	Mrs. Rosie Thomas
Youth Fellowship:	Dr. Stacy Paickattu

2026 Conveners

Annual Church Picnic:	Mr. Alexander Chandy
Annual Family Retreat:	Dr. Stacy Paickattu
Annual Convention:	Mr. Thomas T. Oommen
Annual Harvest Festival:	Mrs. Shaly Samuel
Annual Family Night:	Mrs. Rosie Thomas
Sports Coordinator:	Mr. Kevin T. Varughese

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2026 Fellowship Committees

The elections for the Gems Fellowship, Youth Fellowship, and Choir were held on November 28th, following the worship service. The elections for the Women's Fellowship and Almaya Fellowship were held on January 4th, following the worship service. The following members have been elected to serve the year 2026.

Gems Fellowship

Secretary: Mr. Joel George
Committee Members: Mr. Blessom Thomas
Dr. Lisa Ann Varughese
Mrs. Mini Philip

Youth Fellowship

Vice President: Mr. Stanley Shaji
Secretary: Mr. Albin Mathew
Joint Secretary: Mr. Jeks James Zachariah
Treasurer: Ms. Esther Roy
Committee Members: Mr. Benjamin Tharian
Ms. Kaitlyn George
Mr. Noah Philip
Ms. Rachel Mary Koshy

Choir

Secretary: Mr. Jibu Koshy
Joint Secretary: Mrs. Leena Mangalath
Committee Members: Mrs. Esther Philip
Mrs. Jancy Vengal
Mr. Jophry Philip
Mrs. Smitha Mathew

Women's Fellowship

President: Mrs. Dinah Cherian
Vice President: Mrs. Annie Joseph
Secretary: Mrs. Lizykutty Philip
Joint Secretary: Mrs. Saramma John
Treasurer: Mrs. Elizabeth Benny
Committee Members: Mrs. Annie Shiny Varghese
Mrs. Mary Lukose
Mrs. Leena Ann Mangalath
Mrs. Susan George
Mrs. Susan Simon

Almaya Fellowship

Vice President: Mr. George David
Secretary: Mr. Mathew Joshua
Joint Secretary: Mr. Kurian Philip
Treasurer: Mr. Koshy M. Kunjummen
Committee Members: Mr. Jeswin Samuel
Mrs. Rachellamma Abraham
Mrs. Susan Thomas
Mr. Thomas J. Paickattu
Mr. Varghese Kurien

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Sunday School

Secretary: Ms. Betsy Daniel
Joint Secretary: Mrs. Nija Ann Koshy
Treasurer: Mr. Chris K. Oommen
Committee Members:
Mr. Illan Saji
Mr. Johann James Zachariah
Mrs. Simi Roy

Gratitude & Acknowledgement

We extend our heartfelt gratitude and sincere thanks to all the members who served faithfully on their respective committees throughout 2025, and we appreciate the time, commitment, and dedication in serving the church.

Address Change

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Mrs. Alice Oommen
Address: 1742 West End Ave, New Hyde Park, NY 11040

BIRTHDAY

January

12	Benny V. Mangalath	Northport
15	Sareena Elizabeth Jacob	Glen Oaks
15	James Zachariah	Franklin Square
16	Alice Oommen	New Hyde Park
17	Anna Thomas	New Hyde Park
17	Pradeep Abraham Varghese	Plainview
18	Jerry M. Thomas	East Meadow
18	Caroline Jacob	Plainview
21	Oommen Kuruvilla	Dix Hills
23	Jiju Kuruvilla	East Meadow
23	Jimmy Varghese George	New Hyde Park
24	Dr. Shawn Paul	Deer Park
24	Abin Cherian	Mineola
26	Abraham Daniel	Suwانee, GA
27	Mariamma Mathew	New Hyde Park
29	Thomas Varughese	Hicksville
30	Susan Mathew	New Hyde Park

February

01	Mini Philip	Searingtown
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

January

12	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Varughese	Hicksville
15	Mr. & Mrs. Koshy N. Varughese	Glen Oaks
18	Dr. & Mr. Jiju Kuruvilla	East Meadow
18	Mr. & Mrs. Abin Cherian	Mineola
19	Mr. & Mrs. Don Thomas	New Hyde Park
23	Mr. & Mrs. Oommen Kuruvilla	Dix Hills
28	Mr. & Mrs. Johny Oommen	Bellerose
30	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob John	Hicksville

ALMANAC

JANUARY 18

(English Service at 11:00 AM)

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Break the Chain: Finding Freedom from Addictions
(Temperance Sunday/ Deaddiction Sunday)

Dan. 1: 8-21

Mr. Jerry M. Thomas

Psalm 1

Ms. Sareena Elizabeth Jacob

Colo. 3: 1-11

Mr. Pradeep Abraham Varghese

Mark 5:1-21

Mr. Benny V. Mangalath

Bible Bearer:

Mr. & Mrs. Koshy N. Varughese

Offertory:

Mrs. Shaly Samuel

Elements:

Mrs. Rosie Thomas

JANUARY 25

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Ecumenical Sunday

Unity in Faith and Action

Joshua 4: 1-11

English Service at 8:30 AM

Psalm 67

Mrs. Caroline Jacob

Acts 4: 32-37

Mr. Jimmy Varghese George

Mark 6: 32-44

Mrs. Ann Jacob

Bible Bearer:

Malayalam Service at 11:00 AM

Offertory:

Mr. George Vengal

Elements

Mrs. Alice Oommen

Mr. Thomas Daniel

Mr. Don Thomas

Dr. & Mr. Jiju Kuruvilla

Mr. Thomas M. Kunjummen

Mr. Alexander Chandy

FEBRUARY 1

(English Service at 11:00 AM)

9th Sunday before Easter
Sabbath Leads to the Fullness of Creation

Gen. 1: 31- 2:3

Mrs. Mini Philip

Psalm 24

Mr. Jeffrey George

Heb. 4: 2-11

Mr. Albin Mathew

Mark 3: 1-6

Bible Bearer:

Mr. Renji Daniel

Offertory:

Mr. & Mrs. Jacob John

Elements:

Mr. Shabu Jacob Itty

Mr. Oommen George

2026 CALENDAR

January 10	Joint Christmas Carol Service
January 16-18	Youth Fellowship Winter Retreat
January 24	Elected Officials Retreat
February 15	Annual General Body Meeting

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