

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

C.N.I. MALAYALAM CONGREGATION, KALYAN

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Theme: The Wisdom of the Elderly



2024

YEAR OF RENEWAL

- **SUNDAY WORSHIP: 11 AM**
 - FRIDAY PRAYER: 8 PM (GOOGLE MEET)**
 - WF PRAYER: 3RD SATURDAY 7 PM**
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Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

"They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, 'The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.'" (Psalm 92:14-15

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our senior citizens are the pillars of our community, the ones who have walked the long and often winding road of life, and whose faith has been tried, tested, and strengthened by time. They stand among us not just as elders, but as living testimonies of God's grace, wisdom, and enduring love.

The Bible speaks of old age not as a period of decline, but as a time of continued purpose and growth in God's kingdom. Psalm 92 reminds us that even in old age, the faithful will "bear fruit" and "stay fresh and green." What a powerful image that is—our senior citizens are not just to be revered for their past contributions, but for the active and vibrant ways they continue to serve God and those around them.

1. The Gift of Experience and Wisdom

We live in a world that often glorifies youth and novelty, yet the Bible consistently lifts up the value of experience. Proverbs 16:31 tells us, "Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life." For our seniors, life has been their teacher. They have experienced joy and sorrow, success and failure, triumph and defeat. They have learned through each of these moments and carry within them the wisdom that only time can teach.

2. The Power of Prayer and Intercession

One of the greatest gifts our senior citizens offer is their faithfulness in prayer. Many of you have lived long enough to see the transformative power of prayer in your own lives and in the lives of others. You know the importance of perseverance and trust in God's timing.

In 1 Timothy 5:5, we read about a widow who is "left all alone, but puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help." Our senior members are often those who spend time interceding for the church, for their families, and for the world. Their prayers are a foundation upon which many blessings rest.



3. Purpose in Every Season

One of the lies of our culture is that as we age, we lose our usefulness. But God does not see it this way. He has a purpose for each of us in every season of life. Moses was 80 years old when he was called to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Anna, the prophetess in Luke 2, was advanced in years, yet her role was to worship and speak of the coming Messiah to all who would listen.

God does not retire us from His service. As long as there is breath in our lungs, there is purpose for us in His kingdom. It may look different than the roles we had in our younger years, but it is no less valuable. Some of our greatest ministries may come in these later years—whether it is through mentoring, teaching, offering encouragement, or simply being present with others.

4. A Legacy of Faith

Finally, to our seniors: your lives are a legacy of faith. You have seen God's hand at work, and your testimony is one that will continue to inspire long after you are gone. In Deuteronomy 32:7, we are told, "Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you." Your stories of faith will be the inheritance you leave to future generations.

The wisdom you impart, the prayers you offer, and the love you show are gifts that will endure. You are living examples of God's grace, and we are so grateful for the ways you have poured into this community.

As we celebrate Senior Citizen's Sunday on September 22, let us thank God for the blessing of our elders. May we, as a community, honor them not just on that day, but every day, recognizing the rich wisdom, faithfulness, and love they bring to our lives. To our senior members: we see you, we love you, and we thank God for you.

Let us all, regardless of our age, take inspiration from the words of Isaiah 46:4, where God promises: Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you."

Rev. Abraham G. Sathyanathan

Presbyter in-Charge

Lectionary September 2024

DATE	DAY	THEME	LESSONS
08.09.2024 11.15 AM HC Service	16 th Sunday after Pentecost	Taking Risk for the Reign of God	Est. 8:1-17
			Psalm 12
			Phil. 2:25-30
			Matt. 10:37-42
15.09.2024 11.15 AM HC Service	17 th Sunday after Pentecost	My Peace I Give to You	Zech. 8:12-19
			Ps. 119: 161-176
			Rom. 5:1-5
			John 16:16-33
22.09.2024 11.15 AM Matins Service	18 th Sunday after Pentecost	Christian Response to Poverty	Amos 8:4-7
			Psalm 145
			Jam. 2:1-7
			Luke 16:19-31
29.09.2024 11.15 AM HC Service	Senior Citizen's Sunday	The Wisdom of the Elderly	Gen. 24:1-14
			Psalm 92
			2 Tim. 1:3-14
			Luke 1:5-7
06.10.2024 11.15 AM HC Service	Youth Sunday	Youth: Redeemed by Christ, Redirected by the Spirit	Jer. 31:31-34
			Psalm 51:1-12
			Gal. 5:13-26
			John 3:1-8

Sunday & Special Service in September 2024

Date	Time	Service
08.09.2024	11.15 AM	Malayalam H.C. Service
15.09.2024	11.15 AM	Malayalam H.C. Service
22.09.2024	11.15 AM	Malayalam Matins Service
29.09.2024	11.15 AM	Malayalam H.C. Service
06.10.2024	11.15 AM	Malayalam H.C. Service – Youth Sunday



Church News & Notices:

- ❖ **Cottage prayer** for this month will be conducted in :
28 Sept. 2024, 7.30 PM – Mr. G. Thomas Wilson, Dombivili East
05 Oct. 2024, 7.30 PM – Mr. Vinay Cherian, Dombivili West
- ❖ **Union Women's Fellowship Retreat:** Mumbai – Pune union Churches Women's Fellowship retreat will be conducted in 2024 October 2nd 9 AM onward by Jubilee Malayalam Church, Sanpada. Request all the youths to attend it.
- ❖ Since the Catholic Syrian Bank account is discontinued, all Church transactions should be done using the below account number.

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Please Pray For:

- People experiencing hardships due to Pandemic, famine, and the ongoing war in Ukraine, Palestine etc.
- All elders of our Church, our members who are sick, suffering and in pain.
- Our members who have difficulty in work, job and business.
- All mission fields and missionaries in India and in the world
- Our own mission work, Shalom Mumbai Mission – inmates, staff, trustees.
- Our Bishops, Presbyters and Lay Leaders

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

13.09	Mr. Shaji Varghese & Mrs. Sheeba Shaji
15.09	Mr. Thomas Sam Paul & Mrs. Bindu Thomas
16.09	Mr. Abraham Thomas & Mrs. Nirmala Abraham
01.10	Mr. Money G. Mathai & Mrs. Sarita Money
06.10	Mr. Alan John & Mrs. Anumol Alan

Some fun and lighthearted quotes about senior citizens:

“You don’t stop laughing when you grow old, you grow old when you stop laughing.” – George Bernard Shaw

“Growing old is mandatory, but growing up is optional.” – Walt Disney

“I’m not old. I’m chronologically gifted.” – Unknown

“Age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying you.” –
Unknown

“We don’t stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.” – George Bernard Shaw

“At my age, I’ve seen it all, heard it all, and done it all. I just can’t remember it all.” – Unknown

“The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age.” – Lucille Ball

“Old age is always fifteen years older than I am.” – Oliver Wendell Holmes

“You’re never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.” –
C.S. Lewis

“Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many.” –
Unknown

Sudoku Game

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Cottage Prayer Rota

1	Thomas Wilson G	Dombivili East	
2	Thomson William Paul	Kalyan East	
3	Varghese Thomas	Kalyan West	
4	Vinay C. Cherian	Dombivili West	
5	Beena Viju	Kalyan West	
6	David Jacob K.	Kadakpada	
7	Kunjappy Samuel	Kalyan East	
8	Mariam Alexander	Dombivili East	
9	Nirmala Thomas	Dombivili East	
10	Sheela Varghese	Dombivili West	
11	Thomas Sam Paul (Biju)	Kalyan West	

Pastorate Committee

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The Union Women's Fellowship Retreat - 2024

October 02, Wednesday, 8:30 AM

Theme : Bloom Where You're Planted

Esteemed Speaker



Sr. Anna John

Mother, Bethel Ashram

(In charge, Home of Love for Boys & Girls, CSI Parkal Mission)

Location



Come, Connect, Celebrate!

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