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INDULGE IN THE BEAUTY OF INDIA
HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



Creation Proclaims Glory of God

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the matchless name of our saviour.

India is celebrating her 68th year of Independence this month. It is indeed a proud moment for all the children of this nation. What makes India unique from other nations is the Pluralistic society with rich culture and heritage. The diverse culture, religion, language, customs, traditions etc is a blessing for all of us. This diversity ought to be adored and appreciated by all. In today's context people became more self centered and selfish and started to think of their own religion and culture. Instead of appreciating the other, we started to build concrete walls that divided and separated leading to communalism. When we celebrate this independence, let us look back remember and remind ourselves what has brought us this freedom; let us recommit, reorient and relook into ourselves and make a pledge that we all would appreciate the other and be channels of peace and harmony in our own situations.

Here in the race everyone wants to be the superior to the other. This supremacy leads to communal conflicts. We have to appreciate whatever is unique in other's faith, the discipline and other values. When Jesus healed the servant of a Centurian he said, 'not even in Israel I have found such faith' and in many instances Jesus says 'your faith has made you well, your faith has saved you'. In all the dialogues Jesus concluded appreciating the faith of the person. This attitude of appreciating the differences can be inculcated in us through humility and without any prejudice.

It is vital to note that our Nation and our C.S.I. (Church of South India) are going together; as the Independence and the C.S.I. formation took place in the same year 1947. The C.S.I. Motto "that they all may be one" calls for oneness. Our Church and our Nation point towards the call of Oneness. This oneness is only possible only if we are open minded to respect each

other, their religion, their language and culture in all dimensions. The militant evangelism, and the exclusivistic attitude, etc... are against the call of oneness. Jesus Christ loved everyone. Matthew 5:46ff reminds us, *'For if you love those who love you what reward do you have? ...And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? ...Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect'.*

God Bless You All!

Levin Achen





AGM was held on 26th July after the divine worship. By the grace of Almighty the meeting was conducted in a blessed manner. New office bearers and representatives were elected. Hope the new year will be a more blessed one.

Installation of new pastorate committee members will be held on Aug 2nd during the Worship Service.

Pulpit Change will be observed on August 30th. Rev. Sam N. Joshua will be leading the service here. Our Achen will be in Mulund and Parel Churches.

Union Youth Retreat will be held on August 15th At Holy trinity Church Chembur. In the Afternoon competitions will be held. Requesting all the youth members to participate in this and get blessed.

Programmes for the Month of AUGUST -2015		
<i>Date / Time</i>	<i>Programme</i>	<i>Venue</i>
2 - 7 - 2015 12.30 pm	PC Committee	Church
8 – 7 – 2015 6.30 pm	Cottage Prayer	Mr. Money Varghese Thakurli
14– 7 - 2015 10 am	Fasting Prayer	Church
15-7-2015 8.30am	Union Youth Retreat	Chembur
16 – 7 – 2015 4.30pm	Union Committee	Vakola
22 -7 - 2015 6.30pm	Bible Study	Parsonage
23-7-2015 12.30pm	SS Competitions	Church

23-7-2015 6.30pm	Cottage Prayer	Mr. Shaji Varghese Uhlasnagar
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Sunday school: The unit wise Sunday school competitions, prior to the Union Sunday School competitions, for our children will be conducted on August 23rd after the worship service. The winners of the unit wise competitions will represent our Church for the Union competitions. The details will be circulated to the children in the Sunday school.

JOINT COMMITTEE of the Malayalam churches in Mumbai will be having the committee meeting on 16th August at St. Paul's Church Vakola at 4.30 pm. All the committee representatives are requested to attend the meeting without fail.

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Remark</i>
2 – 8 – 2015	11 am	Holy Communion Service	
9 - 8 - 2015	11 am	Holy Communion Service	Tithe Sunday
16 - 8 - 2015	11 am	Holy Communion Service	
23 - 8- 2015	11 am	Matins	
30 – 8- 2015	11 am	Holy Communion Service Rev. Sam N. Joshua	Pulpit Change
6 - 9 - 2015	11 am	Holy Communion Service	Choir Sunday

Called to *Serve*
Lectors

Date	1 st Lesson	2 nd Lesson	Psalms
Aug 9	Mr. K. Johnson	Ms. Rinju Reji	Mrs. Sherly Moncy
16	Mr. Sam Cheriyan	Mr. Kevin Cherian	Mrs. Aleyamma George
23	Mr. Shaji Varghese	Mrs. Jessy Jose	Mrs. Valsamma Kunjappi
30	Mr. K. S. Mathew	Mr. Reuben Chandy	Mrs. Sumathi Simon
Sep 6	Mr. Ajo John	Mr. Sam Jijesh N.	Mrs. Sheeba Shaji



Date	Greeters	Elements	Offertory
Aug 9	Mr. Simon John & family	Mr. Shaji Varghese	Mr. Rajan Chandy & family
16	Mr. G. T. Wilson & family	Mr. Joji T. Jacob	Mr. Cherian Thomas & family
23	-	-	Mr. P. Joseph Jacob & family
30	Mr. K. David Jacob & family	Mr. Vincent Paul	Mr. Bony Kurien & family
Sep 6	Mr. Moncy Varghese & family	Mr. Thomas S. Paul	Mr. Bency Varghese & family

List of Newly elected/appointed official representatives of committees for 2015-16

BIRTHDAYS**WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES**

04 Aug	Kum. Ashna Ann Moncy	14 Aug	Mrs. & Mr. G. Thomas Wilson
06 Aug	Ms. Shiji Jose	18 Aug	Mrs. & Mr. J. Cherian
10 Aug	Mr. Abraham Thomas	27 Aug	Mrs. & Mr. George Varghese
18 Aug	Mr. Kevin G. Cherian	30 Aug	Mrs. & Mr. K. David Jacob
19 Aug	Mrs. Jessy Jose		
23 Aug	Mr. Shaji Varghese		
27 Aug	Reuben Chandy		

Wish you all a blessed and fruitful year ahead...

Tenure of New Committee:

For One Year	Mr. Vincent Paul Mr. Joji T. Jacob Mrs. Pearly Kurien
For Two Year	Mr. Rajan Chandy Mr. Vijay C. Cherian Mr. K. David Jacob
For Three Year	Mr. T. M. George Mr. Moncy Varghese Mrs. Raina Prince

Office Bearers:

Hon. Secretary - Mr. K. David Jacob

Hon. Treasurer - Mr. T. M. George

BDC delegates	BDC alternates
Mr. Sam Cheriyan Mrs. Lisy Chandy Mr. Vincent Paul	Mr. Simon John Mrs. Merin Babu Mr. K. David Jacob

Pastorate Court (3 years) continuing..

Mr. K. K. Varghese

Mr. Cherian Thomas

Mrs. Aleyamma George

Kalyan Ecumenical Association

Mr. Bency K. Varghese

Mr. Shaji Varghese

Mr. Vijay C. Cherian

Mrs. Raina Prince

Union Committee of Malayalam Churches

Mr. K. Johnson

Mrs. Mini David

Mr. K. David Jacob

Mr. T. M. George

Mr. Moncy K. Varghese

Kalyan Cemetery Board

Mr. Sam Cheriyan

Internal Auditor

Mr. Thomas Sam Paul

LECTIONARY - August



August 9: 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Honour Marriage

Malachi 2: 13 - 16

1 Cori. 13: 1 – 14:1

Psalms 45

Mark 10: 2 – 9

August 16: 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Baptism: Dying and Rising up with Christ

Genesis 7: 11 - 24

Rom 6: 1 –14

Psalms 29

John 12: 20 – 26

August 23: 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Sacrament of Holy Communion

2 Kings 4: 42 – 44

1 Cori. 11: 23 - 30

Psalms 100

John 6: 15 – 59

August 30: 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Plurality: Common Humanity and Faith Sharing

Jonah 4: 1 - 11

Acts 8: 26 - 40

Psalms 82

Matthew 22: 1 – 14

Sept 6: 15th Sunday after Pentecost / CHOIR Sunday

Theme: Music from Worship: Affirmation of Witness

Isaiah 6: 1 - 8

Rev. 7: 9 - 16

Psalms 116: 5 - 17

Luke 1: 68 – 80

YOU ARE
LOVED
MORE
THAN
YOU WILL
EVER
KNOW

by someone who
died to know you.

Romans 5:8



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