## ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

C.N.I. MALAYALAM CONGREGATION, KALYAN

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2024 YEAR OF RENEWAL

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 11 AM
FRIDAY PRAYER: 8 PM (GOOGLE MEET)
WF PRAYER: 3RD SATURDAY 7 PM





AT 06:30 PM



Christmas Message:

**Rev. Christy David Daniel** 

(Vicar, St. Pauls Church, Vakola)

#### All are Welcome to

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with our enchanting Carol Service. Gather with family and friends to enjoy the timeless melodies that echo the joy, warmth, and love of the season

**CAROL SONGS | SKITS | CAKES** 



## Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

"On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)

We have come together once again as a church to celebrate the joy of Christmas and the culmination of the year. The church, having awaited the arrival of the Lord for centuries, joins in the anticipation that echoes from the ancient church. Therefore, Christmas should not merely be a time of festivities but an occasion to share in the hope of this collective waiting.

As the wise men discovered the news of the Messiah's arrival, they embarked on a journey from distant lands to witness His presence. Legend suggests that one of them, named Casper, was a king from India, and the spices they brought were said to be from Kerala. If a journey spanning years from a great distance was undertaken to catch a glimpse of Jesus, how much more diligently should we, who have already known Christ, await His return?

The wise men presented a gift traditionally given to kings upon meeting the Messiah. As we prepare to encounter Christ the King at Christmas, our hearts emerge as the most precious gift we can offer. God does not require extravagant offerings; thus, we can humbly present our hearts as a gift before the Lord.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas filled with the presence of Christ and a New Year blessed with His grace.

With prayers, Rev. Abraham G. Sathyanathan

## <u>Lectionary December 2024</u>

DATE	DAY	THEME	LESSONS
08.12.2024 11.15 AM HC Service	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent	Word of God: Inspired to Inspire	1 King 19:1-21 Psalm 119:33-40 Rev. 10:1-11 Luke 1: 39-45
15.12.2024 06.30 PM HC Service	Christmas Carol Service	He shall Reign for evermore	Isa. 9:1-7 Isa. 11: 1-10 Luke 1:26-38 Matt. 2:1-12
22.12.2024 11.15 AM HC Service	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent	Maran-atha – O Lord Come	Deut. 18:15-22 Psalm 28 1 Cor. 16:13-24 John 1:1-14
25.12.2024 7 AM HC Service	Christmas	Christmas: A New Dawn	Isa. 9:1-7 Psalm 98 Gal. 4:1-7 Luke 2:1-14
29.12.2024 11.15 AM HC Service	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas	Family as Healing Place	Gen. 33:1-11 Psalm 91 Eph. 6:1-9 Luke 15:11-24
31.12.2024 11 PM HC Service	Year Ending & New Year Service	Come to the Lord and Rejoice	Isa. 1:1-20 Psalm 89:1-18 Acts 16:19-34 Luke 19:1-10
05.01.2025 07.00 AM HC Service	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas	Revelation for Salvation	Exod. 3:1-14 Psalm 27 Acts 16:6-10 John 12:20-32

#### Sunday & Special Service in December 2024

Date	Time	Service
08.12.2024	11.15 AM	Malayalam H. C. Service
15.12.2024	06.30 PM	Christmas Carol Service
22.12.2024	11.15 AM	Malayalam H. C. Service
25.12.2024	7 AM	Christmas H. C. Service
29.12.2024	11.15 AM	Malayalam H. C. Service
31.12.2024	11 PM	Malayalam H. C. Service
05.01.2025	7 AM	Malayalam H. C. Service



# Church News & Notices:

- **Cottage prayer**: Request remaining Houses to take up cottage prayers in the coming months.
- ❖ Shalom Christmas Celebrations: Christmas Celebrations of Shalom Niwas, Vangani will be conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 4.30 PM onward. Vehicle is arranged, request all to come and participate.
- Christmas Carol Service: Carols will be conducted on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 6.30 PM in Church. Rev. Christy David Danie (Vakola) will deliver Christmas Message. Cake & Wine sale will be conducted by Women's Fellowship before the Carol Service.
- ❖ Door to Door Christmas Carols: Carols will be conducted on 19, 20, 21. For details about route please contact Mr. Shaji Varghese (convener)
- ❖ New Year Service: New year service will start on Dec. 31, 9.30 PM by sharing of testimony.
- ❖ Union Christmas Carol Service: Mumbai-Pune Union Carol Service will be conducted in our Church on 2025 January 5.
- All Church transactions should be done using the below account number.

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- 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

#### **BIBLE READINGS**

DATE	LESSON 1	LESSON 2	PSALM	KISS OF PEACE	OFFERTORY	ELEMENTS
08.12	Mrs. Aleyamma George	Miss. Akanksha Joji	Mrs. Sherly Moncy	Mrs. & Mr. K. David Jacob	Mrs. & Mr. Ajo John	Mr. Vijay Cherian
15.12	Choir	Choir	Choir		Choir	
22.12	Mr. T. M. George	Miss. Jeni Shaji	Mrs. Vijaya William	Mrs. Bindu Thomas & Miss. Isha Mary Thomas	Mr. Sherwin Moncy & Miss. Sania Mary Bency	Mr. Shaji Varghese
25.12	Mrs. Mini David	Mr. Thomas Sam Paul	Mr. Alan C. John	Mr. Joel Abraham Sathyanathan & Miss. Joan Emy Sathyanthan	Mrs. Mariakutty Cherian & Mrs. Nirmala Abraham	Mr. Varghese Thomas
29.12	Mr. K. S. Mathew	Mr. Joas George Varghese	Mrs. Bindu Vinay	Mrs. & Mr. Vijay Cherian	Mrs. & Mr. Babu Mathew	Mr. Moncy K. Varghese
31.12	Mr. K. David Jacob	Mr. Ajo John	Mrs. Sheeba Shaji	Mrs. & Mr. Joji T. Jacob	Mrs. & Mr. G. Thomas Wilson	Mrs. Jigy Bency
05.01	Mrs. Sini Abraham	Mr. Moncy G. Mathai	Mrs. Sumati Simon	Mrs. & Mr. Vincent Paul	Mrs. & Mr. Shaji Varghese	Mrs. Sheela Varghese

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

04.12	Mrs. Aleyamma George	25.12	Mr. M. P. Johny
10.12	Miss. Jeni Shaji	02.01	Mrs. Mary Paul
15.12	Mrs. Vijaya William	05.01	Mr. T. M. George
23.12	Master. Vivian Vijay		

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

28.12	Mr. Babu Mathew & Mrs. Merin Babu
29.12	Mr. Bony Kurien & Mrs. Aparna Bony

#### **Christmas Bible Quiz**

- 1. In which town was Jesus born?
  - A) Nazareth
  - B) Bethlehem
  - C) Jerusalem
  - D) Capernaum
- 2. Who was the mother of Jesus?
  - A) Elizabeth
  - B) Mary
  - C) Martha
  - D) Ruth
- 3. What was the name of the angel who told Mary she would give birth to Jesus?
  - A) Michael
  - B) Raphael
  - C) Gabriel
  - D) Uriel
- 4. What sign did the angel give to the shepherds to help them find Jesus?
  - A) A star in the east
  - B) A baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger
  - C) A golden chariot

- D) A trumpet sound 5. What gifts did the wise men (Magi) bring to Jesus?
  - A) Silver, gold, and pearls
  - B) Gold, frankincense, and myrrh
  - C) Gold, spices, and oils
  - D) None
- 6. What was the name of the king who sought to kill the baby Jesus?
  - A) Herod
  - B) Caesar
  - C) Pilate
  - D) Nebuchadnezzar
- 7. According to the Gospel of Luke, where did Mary lay baby Jesus after he was born?
  - A) In a cradle
  - B) In a manger
  - C) In a basket
  - D) On a bed of hay
- 8. Which Gospel begins with the genealogy of Jesus?
  - A) Matthew
  - B) Mark
  - C) Luke
  - D) John
- 9. Who was promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Messiah?
  - A) Zechariah
  - B) Simeon
  - C) Joseph
  - D) John the Baptist
- 10. What is the meaning of the name "Emmanuel," which is mentioned in the prophecy of Jesus' birth?
  - A) God is love
  - B) God with us
  - C) Savior of the world
  - D) Prince of peace

#### Answer Key:

- 1. B (Bethlehem)
- 2. **B** (Mary)
- 3. C (Gabriel)
- 4. **B** (A baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger)
- 5. **B** (Gold, frankincense, and myrrh)

- 6. A (Herod)
- 7. **B** (In a manger)
- 8. A (Matthew)
- 9. B (Simeon)
- 10.B (God with us)

## **Cottage Prayer Rota**

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

Pastorate Committee				
Rev. Abraham G. Sathya	9961572105			
Mrs. Jigy Bency	(Hon. Secretary)	9029530437		
Mr. Moncy G. Mathai	(Joint Secretary)	9769114593		
Mr. Kurien Varghese	(Hon. Treasurer)	9082548806		
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Mrs. Susan Baby Mulan	9765628833			
Mr. David Jacob K.	9820307703			
Mrs. Ancy Vijay	9665738802			
Mr. Varghese Thomas		9594241922		
Mrs. Mini David	(WF Ex-offico Member)	8097091002		
Miss. Akansha Joji	(Youth Ex-offico Member)	9870275082		
Miss. Edna Silus	(SS Ex-offico Member)	9769139772		

## SHALOM MISSION PROJECT CONTRIBUTIONS





**CAROL SERVICE:** 

2024 DEC. 15. 6.30 PM

DOOR TO DOOR CHRISTMAS CAROLS: 2024 DEC. 19,20,21

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** 

2024 DEC. 25, 7 AM

**NEW YEAR SERVICE:** 

2024 DEC. 31. 9.30 PM

**UNION CAROL SERVICE:** 

2025 JAN. 5. 5 PM

## **Church Address:**

St. Christopher's (CNI) Malayalam Congregation, Near Central Railway Hospital, Kalyan West - 421301

## **Parsonage Address:**

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