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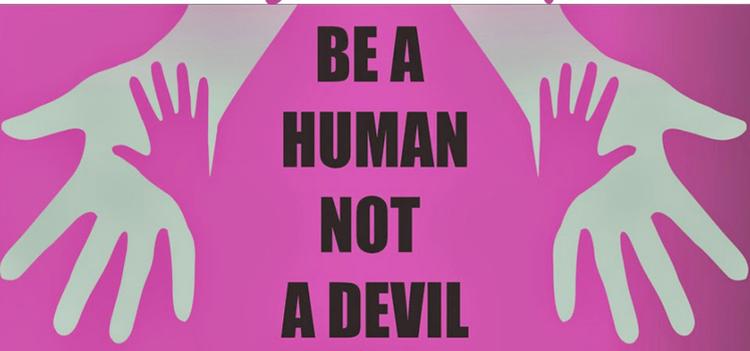
Parish Messenger

November 2017



Talitha Cumi ✨
child I say to you, arise
He took her by the hand
and said to her,
"Talitha Cumi!"
Mark.5:41

Assuring Future for the Girl Child



Save Child



Save Future

FROM THE PRESBYTER'S DESK

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The month of November is very important for us as we

celebrate many important days such as the *All Saints day* (Nov. 1), *World Sunday school week* (Nov.5), *Unity Week*, *Our Harvest Festival 2017*, and most significantly a week dedicated to our *Girl Children*. This is undeniably a time to give thanks to God almighty for all the magnificent blessings he has showered upon us throughout the past one year. Let us enthusiastically thank God through the harvest festival.

This month let us together dedicate and discuss on protecting our girl children. CSI's commitment to the Girl Child, both on the theme 'Little One, Arise!' (2000 – 2010) and "Assure my future" (2014 onwards) are examples of the seriousness with which Church is committed to the 'little ones' and vulnerable girls and women whom God had created in God's own image. Gen 1: 27, Gal 3: 28, Acts 10: 34 says, all men and women, whether young or old, rich or poor, educated or uneducated, high or low, upper or lower, boy or girl are one and equal in the sight of God. We all are aware

of this but the patriarchal values within us never allow digesting these things. Women's life and happiness depends on her faithful-

**Woman give birth to a civilization.
Save The Girl Child.**

ness towards her husband, father and children. As it is said, from womb to tomb she belongs to someone and her worth is measured through the ability to produce children and that too male children. Even though there is a great change in these thinking, it still persists. There used to believe that 'bringing up a girl child is like watering the neighbor's plant'. So only after the sex determination test, the female fetus and female infants are murdered. Girl children are murdered by their parents and relatives through different ways. Though this brutal activity is banned, it still continues. Some of the alarming and disturbing facts published in a recent statistics by CRY (Child Rights and You) an NGO on Girl Child says that, *Out of 12million girl children 1 million did not see their first birthday, out of 6 girls 1 undergoes sexual violence in her early age, 53% girl children did not get their basic education, girls in India have 61% higher mortality than boys at the age of 1-4 and many more. The issue of girl child rights and protection in India is a very serious concern. Being home to more than one third of the 10 million child brides in the world, India has one of the highest numbers of girls forced into marriage before the legal age of 18. We need to respond, why are we not able to be responsive? Assuring a future for the girl child need individual, societal and ecclesial transformation. Jesus has come to*

us for that. Girl child/ women are 'life givers' and we have no right to underestimate them. It is our duty to assure their future, keep them safe and give education, human dignity, social status and the space and opportunity to live. To quote CRY, it says, *'We want to be part of a world where girls are celebrated. Where they are treated equally, with love and respect. What is urgently required in society today is a change of attitude. Girls must be given the same opportunities and protection as boys, and must be treated at par. A girl's childhood can and must be preserved, cherished, nurtured and protected. Because she has the right to survive, develop, be protected and participate in decisions that impact her life.'*



Jesus not only instructs us, but inspires us to care and work for the rejected and the alienated. This theme is to refresh ourselves, to put our faith in action to provide assurance and work for the upliftment and well-being of the Girl Children.

Always remember that, Girl Children are God's special gift to us. 'Life givers' are special and are not gifted to all. So be proud, being the parent of a girl child. Love, Care and live for them. Let us all join together and say

'Talitha Cumi' (Daughter arise) together with our Christ...

This month as we celebrate our harvest festival, let us be thankful to God. I urge all our dear members to make it a huge success by your sincere participation in bringing things for the food stalls, for auction and in partaking. Let this time of thanksgiving be memorable and fruitful for a healthy start into the New Year. Let this time rewards you with all countless blessings from above.

"He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha Cumi!"
(Which means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!")". Mk.5:41

God bless you all!

Levin Achen

A REAL MAN

never hurts a woman.

Be very careful when you make a woman cry, because God counts her tears.

THE WOMAN

came out of a man's rib,
NOT from his feet to be walked on,
and NOT from his head to be superior,
but from his side to be equal.
Under the arm to be protected,
and next to the HEART to be loved.

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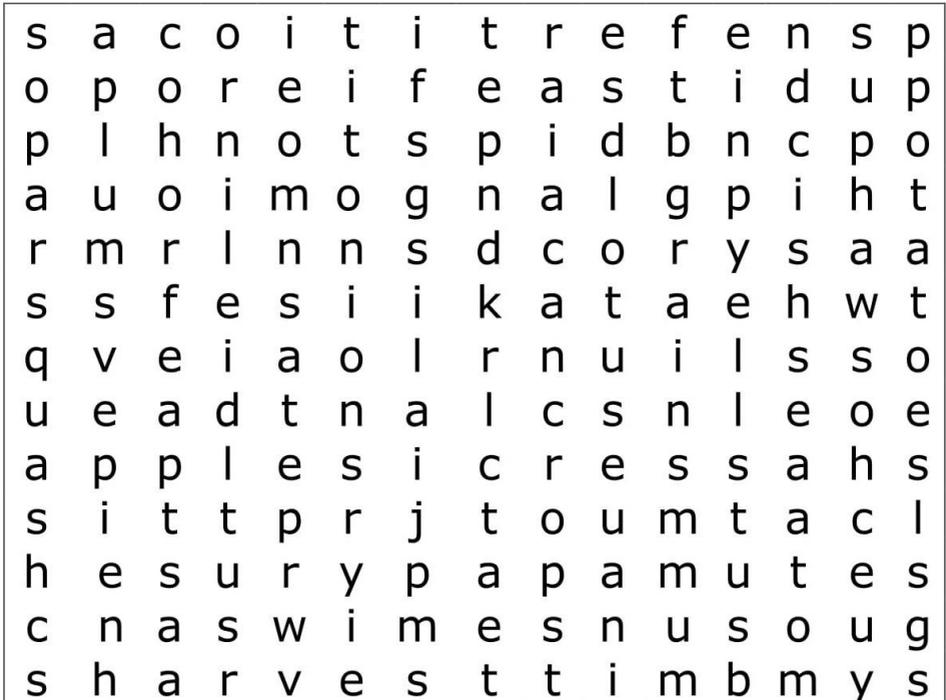
NEWS AND UPDATES

Condolences & prayers to the bereaved family :

1. P.P Jacob (68), Father of Mrs. Suja Joy , W/o Joy Sunny Mangaf.
 2. Livingston Augustine, Secretary, St. John's C.S.I Tamil Church, Ahmadi
 3. The Rev. P.M. Koshy , Senior Clergy from the Madhya Kerala Diocese, he served as a Presbyter in various parishes of CSI for 37 years
- World Sunday School day on 3rd Nov. From 7.45am at Church.
 - Camp Ministry will be held on 20th November at K.C.C. Camp, Mina Abdullah from 7pm to 8pm.
 - Intercessory Prayer meeting will be held on 16th November at Parsonage from 7:30pm to 9pm.
 - Harvest Festival will be held on 24th November at Sabahiya Tent From 8am - 3.30pm



HARVEST WORD SEARCH



*Happy
Birthday*

BIRTHDAYS

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| 02 Nov – Neemol Joshy | 16 Nov – Alfin Lijo Abraham |
| 02 Nov – Alisa Susan Jacob | 16 Nov – Reema Mathew |
| 03 Nov – Emmanuel W. Cherian | 16 Nov – Sharon Philip Baklin |
| 03 Nov – Anitha E. Abraham | 16 Nov – Praise Giby George |
| 12 Nov – Jancy Joboy | 19 Nov – Giby Sanjeevi George |
| 14 Nov – Melva George Philip | 19 Nov – John Mathews T. |
| 15 Nov – Joe Kurian Ponnattu | 19 Nov – Mrinta Rachel Mathew |
| 16 Nov – Balaji I. Kuruville | 24 Nov – Sunny Mathew |
| 16 Nov – Levin Christy Mathews | 27 Nov – Ajay Mohan |
| 16 Nov – Jerlin Elsa Joseph | 30 Nov – Angelina Susan Sarosh |

God's blessings be upon you as you celebrate yet another year on this journey with Christ and as you commit each day into the hands of the Lord.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 Nov – Mrs. & Mr. Gerogi John
 20 Nov – Mrs. & Mr. Joby C. Ford
 23 Nov – Mrs. & Mr. John Mathews T
 29 Nov – Mrs. & Mr. Joshy C. Joy
 29 Nov – Mrs. & Mr. Mammen V. Thomas



May you truly sense God's love as you celebrate your wedding anniversary and see the future years together as memories to be made.

YOUTH FRIDAY 2017

VANCHIKA INAUGURATION



RAFFLE COUPON INAUGURATION**WELCOME TO KUWAIT**

Dr.Mrs. Priya Levin and Master Naethan

**HONORING KOCHAMMA BY WF****PARISHDAY 2017****Shalom Mumbai Mission***A Bicentenary mission of Madhya Kerala Diocese*

Shalom Mumbai Mission has been working towards the betterment of women who have been mentally and physically torched under the million dollar sex trafficking industry. Shalom Mumbai Mission is a project initiated by the CSI churches in Mumbai. This mission was started with the sole purpose to help the victims of Human Trafficking to lead a life of dignity and equality.

This mission was inaugurated on September 20, 2015 by The Rt. Rev. Thomas K. Oommen Bishop of CSI Madhya Kerala Diocese and Deputy Moderator of CSI. Shalom Mumbai plans to build its own mission centre which will include the mission office, rehabilitation centre for minimum 30 inmates, chapel and retreat centre. Shalom Mumbai also plans to extend its work to all the regions with CSI churches in Northern India. Shalom Mumbai Mission is an instrument of showering the grace and peace of our Lord among the victims of Human Trafficking. Through His grace we were able to undertake many activities for the upliftment and development of Human Trafficking victims in Juvenile Homes, Rehabilitation Centres, and Shelter Homes etc. in and around Mumbai region. Please do pray and support this initiative.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND LECTIONARY

3rd NOVEMBER 2017 - FRIDAY - 07:45AM TO 09:30AM

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE / WORLD SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

ABUNDANT LIFE IN CHRIST

Proverbs 23:15-26; Ps 119:33 - 40; Ephesians 6:10-18 John 10:7-15

10th NOVEMBER 2017 - FRIDAY - 08:15PM TO 09:55PM

MATINS SERVICE / UNITY SUNDAY

MISSION: GOOD NEWS TO ALL

Micah 6 : 1-8; Ps 106:1-12; 2 Cori 4: 7 -15 ; Mark 4:26-29

17th NOVEMBER 2017 - FRIDAY - 08:15PM TO 09:55PM

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE/ GIRL CHILD DAY

GIRL CHILD: PRECIOUS GIFT OF GOD

Ex. 2: 1 -10; Ps. 144; Acts 9:36 -42; Mark 10: 13-16

24th NOVEMBER 2017 - FRIDAY - 08:00AM TO 03:30PM

HARVEST FESTIVAL

PREPARING FOR THE COMING OF LORD

Hos. 10:12-15; Ps. 37:1-24; Col. 4:1-6; Luke 12:35-40

VENUE : SABAHYIA TENT



Harvest Festival 2017

COME
BE
BLESSED

Festival

Date: 24th November 2017
Venue: Sabahiya Tent Ahmadi
Time: 8.00 am to 3.30 pm

- PUBLIC MEETING
- EXOTIC HOMEMADE FOOD STALLS
 - LIVE COOKING COUNTERS
- TALENT HUNT '17 – SINGING COMPETITION
 - RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMES
 - CULTURAL PROGRAMMES
 - ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES
 - LIVE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Luke 6:38

with best compliments from:

T. Sunny Mathew & Family

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