

*Programme for Christmas 2017
&
New Year 2018*



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Christmas Message 2017

Greetings to you! We live in the midst of turbulent times as we go into this Christmas. Nations are at war with each other and there has been civil unrest in many parts of the world. Syria's refugees have been moving all over the world. South Sudan has its fare share of internal conflicts. Terror attacks in many parts of the world have made people hostile to one another. Our own country has not been spared with constant cross border terrorism.

How does the birth of Jesus Christ who came into our world as a human being over two thousand years ago change this? John describes the coming of Christ as follows: 'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth'. Jesus is described as God's living 'Word'. Why is he called so? Just as words give us meaning, so also the living Word enables us to know who God is as well as understand our purpose and meaning of our lives. Jesus became a human being, in every way like us except that he was sinless. He made his dwelling among human beings. God is interested in the whole of the human race in spite of the messy state that we are in and that is why he sent his Son to come and dwell with us.

What was the problem with the human race? The human race had disobeyed God and had allowed sin to come into their lives. That rebellion continues with every generation of human beings. The result of that rebellion is our alienation from God. However, God took the first step in reconciling us to himself. Jesus came into this world to experience life as a human being in all its totality so that he would be able to understand our weaknesses and short comings; so that when we are tempted he is able to help us. More than that, God sent his Son Jesus to die for us on the cross so that we may have eternal life. Jesus came into the world to inaugurate the kingdom of God and to call people to be members of that kingdom by offering them the forgiveness of sins. This was possible because he came down into this world as the Saviour who would save people from their sins.

At his birth there was great rejoicing in heaven and on earth because he was bringing in healing and reconciliation between human beings and God and also healing between people. Prophets had prophesied about his coming, but now he had come in human form. Looking at Jesus they were able to understand who God was. He was full of grace and truth. Jesus reveals God's grace and the truth that he is the way, the truth and the life. We are living between the aeons of Christ's first coming and his second. While we rejoice and celebrate his birth at Christmas, we are also eagerly anticipating his second coming. May we this advent season prepare our hearts and minds to receive Jesus into our lives as Lord and King. May we lead such exemplary lives as his disciples that we will always be found ready when he comes again.

Wishing each one of you a meaningful Christmas and a very happy and blessed New Year!

Shalom

Paul Swarup

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| Rev. Dr. Christopher S. Raj | ➤ Presbyter |
| Rev. Fr. Jaikumar | ➤ Asst. Presbyter |

Calendar of Events

Advent

Sunday, December 3rd, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Watchful expectation for the appearing of Christ

- 9:00 a.m. Joint Thanksgiving Service to mark 47 years of union of the CNI
11:00 a.m. Ekta Utsav (Delhi Diocesan Fete)

Friday, December 8th, 2017

- 7:00 p.m. The Capital City Minstrels Concert.

Saturday, December 9th, 2017

- 10:00 a.m. CNS Annual Sports Day.

Sunday, December 10th, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The word of God demands a response from its hearers.

- 8:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist - English
10:05 a.m. Carol Service - Tamil
11:45 a.m. Sung Eucharist - Hindi
6:00 p.m. Carol Service - English

Friday, December 15th, 2017

- 3:00 p.m. Aman Ka Utsav (Central Park, Connaught Place)
6:00 p.m. Nagaland Conservatory Choir

Sunday, December 17th, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The coming of the Christ is good news for the oppressed.

- 8:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist - English (including Nativity Play by Sunday School Children. Christmas Tree immediately after Service)
10:05 a.m. Sung Eucharist - Tamil
11:45 a.m. Carol Service - Hindi (with Nativity Play)
12:30 p.m. Sunday School Programme & Christmas Tree - Tamil
1:30 p.m. Christmas celebration and contributory fellowship lunch Hindi (at back lawns)
4:00 p.m. Christmas Concert by DCC
6:30 p.m. Christmas Concert by DCC

Sunday, December 24, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Lord's coming gives joy and peace to his people.

- 8:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist - English
10:05 a.m. Sung Eucharist - Tamil
11:45 a.m. Sung Eucharist - Hindi

Calendar of Events



Christmas, New Year & Epiphany



Sunday, December 24th, 2017

CHRISTMAS EVE

11:45 p.m. Midnight - Sung Eucharist - (English) with blessing of the Crib, Lectern & Font

Monday, December 25th, 2017

CHRISTMAS DAY

The birth of the Saviour who is the Word made flesh.

8:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist - English

10:15 a.m. Sung Eucharist - Tamil

12:00 Noon Sung Eucharist - Hindi

2:00 Welcoming & Sharing the message of Christmas with

-10:00 p.m. people of other faiths.

Saturday, December 30th, 2017

10:00 a.m. Christmas celebration with LPCEF children

Sunday, December 31st, 2017

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Thanksgiving for the year gone by.

8:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist - English

10:05 a.m. Sung Eucharist - Tamil

11:45 a.m. Sung Eucharist - Hindi

11:45 p.m. Midnight Sung Eucharist - English

Monday, January 1st, 2018

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

8:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist - English

10:05 a.m. Sung Eucharist - Tamil

11:45 a.m. Sung Eucharist - Hindi

Sunday, January 7th, 2018

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

The coming of the wise men from the East is a sign that Christ is for all mankind.

9:30 a.m. Combined Covenant Service followed by fellowship Lunch

5:30 p.m. Praise & Worship & Study - English

Saturday, February 10th, 2018



11:30 a.m. onwards

Sunday Services

(November 1st, 2017 to February 28th, 2018)

- 8:30 a.m. ➤ Sung Eucharist - English (Sunday)
- 10:05 a.m. ➤ Sung Eucharist - Tamil (Sunday)
- 11:45 a.m. ➤ Lord's Supper - Hindi (Sunday)
- 5:30 p.m. ➤ Praise & Worship & Study - English (Sunday)

Summer Timings

(March to October)

- 8:00 a.m. ➤ Sung Eucharist - English (Sunday)
- 9:35 a.m. ➤ Sung Eucharist - Tamil (Sunday)
- 11:15 a.m. ➤ Lord's Supper - Hindi (Sunday)
- 6:00 p.m. ➤ Praise & Worship & Study - English (Sunday)
- 6:00 p.m. ➤ Prayer Cell every Tuesday

Important dates to remember in 2018

Ash Wednesday	☞	February 14 th
Palm Sunday	☞	March 25 th
Good Friday	☞	March 30 th
Easter Day	☞	April 1 st
Ascension Day	☞	May 10 th
Pentecost	☞	May 20 th
Advent Sunday	☞	December 2 nd

The Cathedral Family warmly welcomes all new members

Members who require any assistance or guidance can contact the Presbyters or any of the Church office bearers.

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*May the joy of the angels,
The eagerness of the shepherds,
The perseverance of the wise men,
The obedience of Joseph and Mary,
And the peace of the Christ child
Be yours this Christmas.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. Amen*