

YOUTH OLYMPICS 2022: The Synodical Youth Fellowship Committee under the able leadership of its President Mr. Piyush Paul Singh and Office bearers has once again decided to organize “CNI Youth Olympics 2022” from 22nd to 25th October 2022 at the Diocese of Jabalpur, CNI under the Theme “Go Green”. The objective behind organizing this event is to motivate the young people of the CNI through the medium of sports and its aim is to bring together the young talented athletes and sportspersons between the age groups 16 to 30 years from all the 27 Dioceses of the Church of North India in an event which balances the spiritual, the mental, the physical and healthy lifestyle.

INDEPENDENCE DAY: On 15th of August, 2022 being our Independence Day we shall be having a special Service from 7:00 am onwards as we will be praying for our Nation and hosting our National flag.

SUBSCRIPTION: Dear Parishioners, all those who wish to pay their Subscription / Thanksgiving / Church offerings can pay through online. **Please write your name in remarks column while transferring the funds.** For any queries please contact Mr. R. C. Joseph (Treasurer) 9300106407



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OBITUARY: Mrs. P. J. Paul mother of Mrs. Archana Churagade fell asleep in Christ on 5th July 2022. May her soul rest in peace.



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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR AUGUST - 2022

7 TH	AUGUST	2022	NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
14 TH	AUGUST	2022	TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
15 TH	AUGUST	2022	THE INDEPENDENCE DAY
21 ST	AUGUST	2022	ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
28 TH	AUGUST	2022	TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Presbyter's Message

We are living in a world where it is very different to lead a true Christian life with true spiritual discipline. There are activities that arise out of a commitment or purpose to serve God in His kingdom. These activities are a part of our life of sanctification, and belong to the category of good works: activities that have their source in true faith, the law of God as their standard, and the glory of God as their goal. These activities include public worship, family devotions, and private devotions.

But the time in which we are living today wants us to notice the internal and external challenges to this pursuit of godliness, and thus the need to persevere in these spiritual disciplines. In the present context there are three such challenges which hinders us from leading a true Christian life:

Challenge #1: Laziness. The greatest foe of spiritual devotion is the enemy found within: the sloth or laziness of our sinful flesh. To be in the scriptures and in prayer usually requires waking up from bed early or retiring to bed late. Such spiritual exercise demands our concentration, our energy, and the engagement of body and soul. But the old man rebels against that rigorous study, because it requires too much time and energy. Why study God's Word, when the eyes are heavy late at night? Why rise to pray, when the bed is so warm and inviting early in the morning?

Challenge #2: Busyness. Another threat to the Christian life of discipline is a schedule that does not allow for such discipline. Maybe laziness is not the primary problem – it is not climbing out of bed on time that presents the issue, but finding the time for devotions is the problem. Consider a mother’s schedule: between showering, eating breakfast, dressing and feeding the children, seeing them off to the school, cleaning the kitchen, going for the work, making lunch , organizing the house, making supper, and helping with homework for the kids, where does this time for spiritual exercise fit in? The packed schedules of fathers, young people, and children are not any less hectic. Exercising ourselves unto godliness demands not only total concentration upon the things of God and His glory, but also a block of time set aside every day. But, the rush of life so quickly crowds out these activities.

Challenge #3: The entertainment and technology craze. If each of us drew a line down the center of a piece of paper, identifying one side of the paper as “devotions” and the other side of the paper as “entertainment/technology,” and then wrote down during the course of the day how much time was spent on each, I wonder what we would find? The phone, blaring its notifications, is always within reach. A whole world of information and gaming is only a swipe away. Face book, Twitter, and YouTube beg for our attention. Notifications, screens, and endless information pose a real threat to what is so vital for personal and family devotions: undistracted, concentrated, deep meditation upon the Word of God.

When we cave to the laziness of the flesh, surrender to the busyness of the schedule, and distract ourselves with entertainment and technology, the result is spiritual weakness. The Bible describes the disciplined life of the Christian, among other figures, as a soldier (II Timothy 2:3, 4), and as a runner (Hebrews 12:1, 2). If a recruit training for service in the Army refuses to complete his running, pushups, and crunches, he will be in no position to face the rigors of the battlefield. If a runner does not push himself in practice day after day, he will grow weak and flabby, unable to sprint even the first mile of the upcoming race. Likewise, one who is not disciplined in the private and public worship of God will grow weak and vulnerable, leading to a host of other temptations and sins.

Therefore, the calling of the Word of God is clear: as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, as one running the race of this life, persevere. Be disciplined, committed, and consistent in the study of the scriptures and in prayer. This is necessary in the life of the child of God – this concerns our spiritual health and strength! We must be strong to serve our God, strong to fight against sin, and strong to live faithfully in the callings God has given to us.

For this disciplined life, Jesus is both our example and our strength. Jesus Himself, taxed though he was, rose up early before dawn to pray: “And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed” (Mark 1:35). Jesus is not only our example in this regard, but it is in Him that we have the desire and strength to live this disciplined, thankful life to the glory of God. In His power, we will fight against laziness, and be committed to the worship of God in the midst of the busyness and distractions of life. Let us pray to our Almighty God to strengthen us so that we all can walk according to his Word and be a living example in this world.

BIRTHDAYS - AUGUST

1. Supriya Washington
4. Clement Peter
7. Kemaya Ruth Sathe
8. Amit Bernard
9. Sanjana Daniel, Shalini Oliver Raijive Martin
11. Ashnah Paulin Eva Ellis
12. Ened Nikhil Lall, Enoch Thangadurai, Ronica Lazarus
13. Ramsay Melville
14. Cecilia Russell, Zaina Charles
15. Nancy Rushton
16. Crystal Samantha Jones
17. Liana Baroi
18. Llewellyn Clements, Collin Samuel, Simeon Thangadurai
20. Vidya Rathod, Royston Gee
21. Jacqlene Elias, Ronald Moses, Jared Rodgers
22. Dr. Christopher Chien Liao, Alicia Dhakrey, Anshika Cak
24. Ruba Bernard, Priyanka Job
25. Kevin Clifton Gee
26. John Samuel, Jesse Joseph, Aahaan Aashish Bernard
27. Jonathan Thangadurai
28. Samantha Cathlene Rushton
29. Sheraz Thomas, Dr. Ekta Matthew

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday with God's Blessings

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS: We are happy to inform you that, the Christ Church Schools under the Diocese of Jabalpur has secured good results in the 12th CBSE and ISC Board Examination. We would like to congratulate the Principals of Christ Church Schools.

CONGRATULATIONS: We are happy to inform you that Mr. Aubrey Ian Russell secured 83% in his 10th CBSE Board Examination. We would like to congratulate him specially the Parents Mr. Douglas & Mrs. Sandra Russell.

YOUTH WEEK: Our Church Youth Fellowship members will be observing Youth Week in our Church in the month of September. The Youth of our Church will be organising several competition, in the evening everyday from 6:30 pm onwards.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL: On 3rd of October to 5th of October 2022 we have “XXIV Diocesan Council 2022” in the Christ Church Girls’ Mary George Hall, we request all the parishioners to uphold this Council in your Prayer.

SPACE FOR ADVERTISEMENT: As decided in the AGM a small space will be provided in the News letter every Month for our Church Members to put Advertisement / Memorial / Greetings / Wishes. The charges for this are as follows.

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