



Tamil Catholic Association USA

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Easter Message

In his resurrection, Jesus Christ has made us his own. The God, who loved Jesus so much, is the God who loves us deeply and knows us by name. In his resurrection Jesus Christ makes us God's own. By his resurrection, Jesus is on his way to God, and he is taking the whole world with him. The resurrection not only changes Jesus, it changes all of us. After the resurrection of Jesus, the disciples were changed. The most telling evidence of the resurrection is, not the empty tomb, but the transformation of the disciples. Their disappointment changed into cheerful joy. Their fear changed to an evangelical boldness. In less than two months, the fearful disciples became the courageous apostles; and they stood before the thousands in the presence of the Jewish authorities, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our Easter celebration is the core of
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Value of Tamil

Dear members of the Tamil Catholic Association family,

I wish you all a very happy Tamil New Year. I wish to share a few facts about our language in the following paragraphs, I hope this would help our kids to know the value of our language.

Tamil Literature:

Tamil literature has existed for over two thousand years. The earliest epigraphic records found date from around the third century BCE. The earliest period of Tamil literature, Sangam literature, is dated from the 300 BCE – 300 CE. Inscriptions in Tamil Language from 1st century BCE and 2nd century CE have been discovered in Egypt and Thailand. The two earliest manuscripts from India, to be acknowledged and registered by UNESCO Memory of the World register in 1997 & 2005 were in Tamil. More than 55% of the epigraphical inscriptions – about 55,000 – found by the Archaeological Survey of India are in the Tamil language. Tirukkural and the Chilapatikaram are classics of Tamil literature. So are Manimekalai of Ilam Ko Adigal, Kambar's Ramayanam, Sekkilar's Periya Puranam. Subramania Bharaty of the last century infused

patriotism, a new vigor and used the language to equip people to fight for human dignity, and sense of freedom. Modern Tamil literature has its own place in the world arena.

Who Speaks Tamil?

Tamil ranks 17th among the top twenty of the world's most spoken languages. It is written in a typical, non-Latin script, and is one of the cognate languages in the Dravidian family, sharing its features with Malayalam, Telugu, Kannada and many other languages of the family, including the Thai, the language of Thailand. Tamil comprises 12 vowels, 18 consonants and 1 'aytham'. According to some experts, Tamil is now spoken by about 80 million people in India (predominantly in Tamil Nadu, South India), Sri Lanka and Singapore, and in Malaysia, Mauritius, Fiji, Burma, South Africa, England, Vietnam, Reunion and in several other countries where the Tamils have migrated.

How Old is Tamil?

Tamil has majorly been an oral Language. As per widely accepted theory the earliest system of Tamil writing is either called Tamil Brahmi or Dameli, and is borrowed from the Ashokan Brahmi and changed to the phonetically needs of Tamil. The writing

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our Christian faith. Our faith is not just a call to believe in a set formula, or dogma, or belief. But it is a call to see new life beyond the empty tomb. Can we see in the dead ends of our life - a new beginning, in our wounds - the healing of the risen Lord, in our misunderstandings - the light of the risen Lord, in our tension and stress - the peace of the risen Lord, and finally in the daily deaths-the fullness of life of the risen Lord awaiting us?

There is so much of violence, destruction and killings around us. Communities are divided-people are searching for meaning in life. In families, people sometimes live as strangers. These people should be able to see in us, the path to a new life of the resurrection, from the tomb of death. If this is not reflected in our life, this Easter celebration will lack its real meaning.

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system came as late as 250BC (Ashoka period 272-232 BC). Scholars categorise the attested history of the language into three periods, Old Tamil (300 BC – 700 CE), Middle Tamil (700–1600) and Modern Tamil (1600–present).

Syntax

Tamil is a consistently head-final language. The verb comes at the end of the clause, with typical word order Subject Object Verb (SOV). However, word order in Tamil is also flexible, so that surface permutations of the SOV order are possible with different pragmatic effects. Tamil has postpositions rather than prepositions. Demonstratives and modifiers precede the noun within the noun phrase. Subordinate clauses precede the verb of the matrix clause.

Tamil is a null subject language. Not all Tamil sentences have subjects, verbs, and objects. It is possible to construct grammatically valid and meaningful sentences which lack one or more of the three

Words of Tamil origin occur in other languages. Popular examples in English are cheroot, mango, mulligatawny, curry, catamaran, pandal, tyer, coir. Tamil words are also found in Sinhala and Malay.

Reference:

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தமிழ் மன்ற பக்கம்

அன்புடை TCA USA அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கு, தமிழ் மன்றத்தின் இனிய தமிழ் புத்தாண்டு வாழ்த்துக்கள்.

இந்த தமிழ் புத்தாண்டில், TCA தமிழ் மன்றம், தமிழ் பள்ளியின் முதல் ஆண்டு நிறைவு விழாவை கொண்டாடுகின்றது.

தமிழ் பள்ளியின் வெற்றிக்கு முக்கிய காரணம், ஆசிரியைகளின் அயரா உழைப்பும், பெற்றோர்களின் தூண்டுகோலும், பிள்ளைகளின் ஆர்வமே. தமிழ் பள்ளி மேலும் பல முன்னேற்ற திட்டங்களை இந்த வருடம் நிறைவேற்ற உள்ளது. அதற்கு உங்கள் அனைவரின் ஆதரவையும் வேண்டுகின்றோம்.

Apr 11th 2010 அன்று, தமிழர் திருநாளை குறித்து, "அமெரிக்க வாழ் தமிழர்களில், அதிக குதுகலம் கணவனுக்கா? மனைவிக்கா?" என்னும் தலைப்பில், வழக்காடுமன்றம் நடத்தப்படவுள்ளது. கணவனுக்கே என வாதாடுபவர்கள், ஜோசப்பின், ரோசலின் மற்றும் டாப்னி. மனைவிக்கே என் வாதாடுபவர்கள், இளங்கோ, தாஸ் பிரிட்டோ மற்றும் தாமஸ். அனைவரும் பார்த்து ரசிக்கவும்.

உங்களுக்கு தெரியுமா? "காசு" எனும் தமிழ் வார்த்தையே, "Cash" என்னும் ஆங்கில வார்த்தைக்கு ஒரு மூலமாக அமைந்தது என்று.

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KIDS' PAGE

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APRIL
BEES
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CHOCOLATE
EASTER
EGG
FLOWERS
GARDEN
GRASS
GREEN
MAY
PUPPY
RAIN
SUNSHINE
UMBRELLA

Word and Letter Brain Teaser

Follow the clues below to get the 8-letter mystery word. But this is tricky, for each letter in the correct answer, you'll have two letters to choose from.

Hint: The mystery word names a group of people in American history.

Here are the clues: The first letter is in PEACE but not in CAR. The second letter is in GIVE but not in VERY. The third letter is in MILK but not in HIKE. The fourth letter is in GOAT but not in BOTTLE. The fifth letter is in FREE but not in BE. The sixth letter is in HIM but not in THEN. The seventh letter is in YAM but not in THAT. The eighth letter is in SEAT but not in BEAM.

The mystery word is _____.

Editor's Note

Hello TCA members! Happy Tamil New Year! I hope you enjoy this issue, and if you have any suggestions for the newsletter, please email me at tcanewseditor@yahoo.com.

Otherwise, please contact an EC member and they will pass on the information. Do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to help in any other way (*sponsoring, submitting articles...*), or if you would like me to include an advertisement.

Thank you for your support!

Sibyl Medabalimi

Guide the Easter Bunny through the maze to find the Easter Eggs

