

CSI CHRIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO

Parish Messenger



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

Malayalam service: 1st and 3rd Sundays.

English service: 2nd Sunday

Youth and Young Adults (YAYA) Worship 4th Sunday

Sunday services can be attended in-person or online.

[Zoom Link](#)

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Sun 9:15 - 9:50 AM : Sunday School

Sun 9:30 - 9:50 AM : Bible Study

Sun 10 AM - 12 NOON : Worship Service

Fri 9:00 AM : Fasting Prayer

Sat Evenings : Cottage Prayer

Be still, and know that I am God. Psalms 46:10a.

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Dear Christ Church members,

It feels that our natural desire is for stability, yet change is inevitable. Change always raises a mixture of emotions. While we feel excitement and anticipation for the new, there is fear and worries about the unknown. The most difficult part of facing a change is to make decisions that affect even others around you. We are however comforted by the words of wisdom from Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

As a congregation, we have been going through quite a bit of changes recently. We have moved from our long-time home to the current location; We are getting a new presbyter. We are continuing to wait for decisions from Episcopal Diocese about the future of our worship location. And there are quite a bit of discussions going on about the future of CSI in this country with the North American Council possibly disbanding and a new Diocese establishing. There is indeed quite a bit of fear about our future. I pray that God carries us with the confidence of a child going through a crowd holding on to the father's hand and the courage of a child in mother's arms.

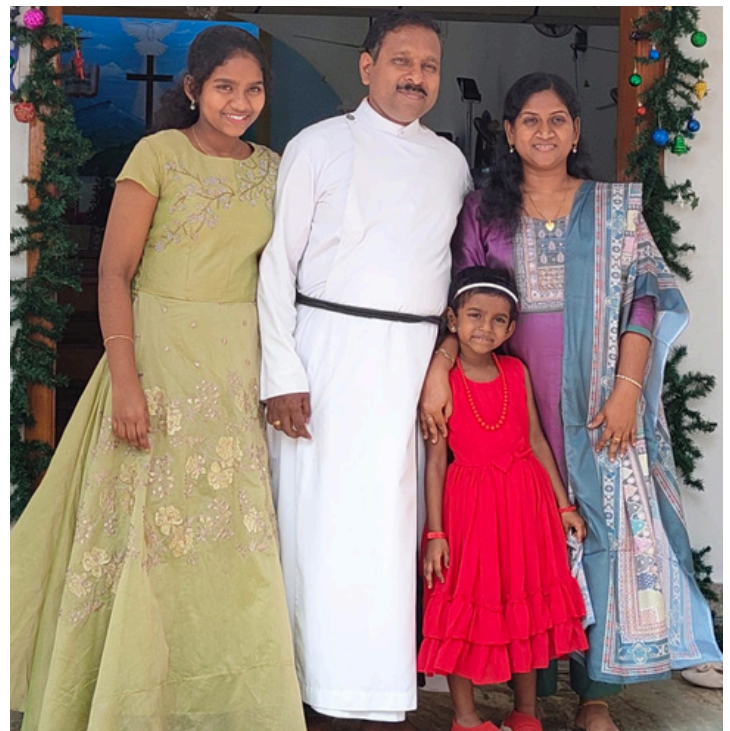
Our presbyter of the last four years, Rev. Joe Varghese Malayil has taken charge at the CSI Meppady church, settling down, and getting ready to lead his new congregation. I thank achen for his dedication and leadership in our church. I pray that Achen, Christina kochamma, Ryan, and Luca continue to be a blessing wherever they are placed and wish them God's abundant blessings.

We are eagerly awaiting our next presbyter, Rev. Arun D.S., Reji Sumam kochamma, Ameya, and Arunodaya. As they are preparing for a transition in their lives, let us keep them in our prayers that the Lord guides them, fill them with wisdom, and that they become channels of blessing in our lives.

Our parsonage renovation is in progress. We are hoping to make it an even more pleasant living space and be ready by Arun achen's arrival. Achen and family will be arriving via Etihad on Thursday June 6th 8:35 AM at O'Hare. Those who are able to are requested to gather to receive achen and family either at the airport or the parsonage.

We have a busy summer ahead. Ecumenical Family Night will be on June 6th and our youth group and choir are preparing to present a song. Our family retreat is coming up June 19-21. There will be more communication coming up regarding these and other upcoming programs - CSI Conference, VBS, picnic, etc. Please keep all church activities in prayers.

Premjit William
Secretary



MAY MEMORIES

Golden Age Fellowship Trip



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Achen's Farewell





LECTIONARY & DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

June 7, 2026 1st Week after Pentecost/Education Sunday- (Holy Eucharist-Malayalam)

Theme: From Bondage to Freedom: God Walks with the Oppressed

Old Testament	Deuteronomy 26:5–11	Micah Philips
Psalm	Psalm 146	Lubina Varghese
New Testament/Epistle	Philemon 10-18	Jolly Philips
Gospel	John 4: 5-14	Presbyter
Kiss of Peace/Elements		Joshua & Jonathan Kurien
Offertory		Lovy & Jain George

June 14, 2026, Environment Sunday/2nd Week after Pentecost (Holy Eucharist-English)

Theme: Creation Speaks: Listening to God's Voice in Nature

Old Testament	Job 12: 7-12	Soma Lukose
Psalm	Psalm 19	Nathan Chacko
New Testament/Epistle	Revelation 22: 1-6	George Jacob
Gospel	Luke 12: 24-34	Presbyter
Kiss of Peace/Elements		Ipe & Susheela Lee
Offertory		Jonah & Jenah Oommen

June 21, 2026, 3rd Week after Pentecost (Holy Eucharist in English)

Theme : Worship: In God's Presence, For God's Purpose

Old Testament	Isaiah 6: 1-8	Ben Lukose
Psalm	Psalm 100	Glenn Joy
New Testament/Epistle	Acts 2: 42-47	Shibu Kurian
Gospel	Mark 12: 28-34	Presbyter
Kiss of Peace/Elements		Sujith Kurian & Jincy Sujith
Offertory		Premjit & Bini William

June 28, 2026, Father's Day (Holy Eucharist in Malayalam) -Worship led by Men's Group

Theme: Loving Father

Old Testament	Deuteronomy 10: 12-22	Men's Group
Psalm	Psalm 68:1-12	Men's Group
New Testament/Epistle	James 1: 19 - 27	Men's Group
Gospel	John 14:1-8	Presbyter
Kiss of Peace/Elements		Men's Group
Offertory		Men's Group

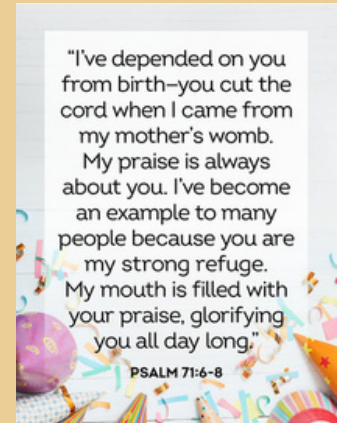
JUNE CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays



- 1 Jolly Philips
- 1 Usha Sigamony
- 2 Sulochana Abraham
- 3 Micah Philips
- 3 Cynthia J. Sigamony
- 5 Lubina Meljo Varghese
- 6 Joshua Kurien
- 6 Jonathan Kurien
- 15 Ethan M Karottu
- 17 Anupa Joseph (Anu)
- 17 Elizabeth George David
- 19 Priya George
- 23 Dilu Idichandy
- 25 Thomas Koshy (Babu)
- 27 John Thomas (Saji)
- 27 Emmanuel Roji Philip
- 28 Maya Rintu Philip



*May God's blessing
be on each and
everyone of you !!!*

Anniversaries



*Those who remain in Love,
remain in God and God remains
in them.*

John 4:16

Happy Anniversary

- 8 John Karottu & Saramma John Karottu
- 18 Sujith Babu Kurian & Jincy Sujith
- 22 Koshy Mathew (Raju) & Sahaja Koshy
- 30 Babu Philip & Valsamma Philip





**HONORING GRADUATES
CLASS OF 2026**



***Sarah Ampalloor
Doctor of Medicine
New York University***



***Alka Meresh
Juris Doctor
DePaul University College of Law***



CSI Christ Church of Chicago
Calendar Of Events Of The Year 2026

DATES	EVENTS
Jan 18	Annual General Body
Jan 25	Council Sunday
Feb 1	Installation of the Executive Committee for 2026
Feb 8	Healing Ministry Sunday
Feb 14/21	Lenten Retreat 10 am-12 pm
Feb 18	Ash Wednesday – Service at 6:30 PM
Mar 7	Ecumenical Council World Day of Prayer
Mar 8	International Women's Sunday
Mar 29	Palm Sunday
Mar 30-Apr 1	Vespers
April 2	Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion Service
April 3	Good Friday - Service 6:00 PM-9:30 PM
April 4	Women's Fellowship Chain Prayer & Evening Prayer at Church 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
April 5	Easter Sunday
May 10	Mother's Day
TBD	Chicago Ecumenical Council Family Night
TBD	Youth Gathering at Parsonage
TBD	Regional Youth Retreat
June 7	Education Sunday/Celebrating Graduates
June 21	Father's Day
June 19-21	Weekend Family Retreat
July 12 	Theological Sunday
July 17-18	Unity VBS
July 23-26	35th CSI North American Family Conference (Dallas, TX)
Aug 1	Church Picnic
Aug 2/9	Back to School Prayer
Aug 9	Student Sunday
Aug 30	Harvest Sunday/Family Sunday
Sept 12	Women's Retreat
Sept 13	Women's Sunday
TBD	Choir Retreat

Sept 20	Senior Citizen Sunday
Sept 27	CSI Formation Day
Oct 16-17	Annual Convention 6pm-9pm
Oct 18	Choir Sunday/Parish Day
TBD	Ecumenical Council Convention
Nov 1	World Sunday School Day (Daylight Savings Day)
Nov 22	General Body Meeting for the Election of Executive Committee members for 2025
Nov 27, 28, 29	Christmas Carol Rounds
Dec 5, 6, 12, 13	Christmas Carol Rounds
Dec 5	Ecumenical Council Christmas Celebration 5pm
Dec 12/19	Carols and Lessons Service -5:30pm
Dec 12/19	CSI Unity Carol Service -5:00pm
Dec 25	Christmas / Sunday School Christmas Program 10 am
Dec 31	Watch night service -10:30 pm
Jan 17	Annual General Body meeting
Jan 31	Installation of New Church Executive Committee/Joint Committee Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let's pray together for an own place of worship!
Join our prayer programs until we buy the church. 🏠🏛️.

JOIN ZOOM TONIGHT: 7 PM
WEDNESDAY PRAYER

Many Spl. Prayer Events

Full Bible Reading Plan by Church

Wednesday Prayer Through Zoom - 7 pm

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**SUMMER
FAMILY
RETREAT**

JUNE 19-21

Register Soon...

Theme:
"Be still, and know that I am God"
Psalm 46:10

At
CEDAR LAKE RETREAT CENTER
13701 Lauerman St, Cedar Lake, IN 46303

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**ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF
KERALA CHURCHES IN CHICAGO**

**Family Night
2026**

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Mar Thoma Sleeha Syro-Malabar Cathedral
5000 St. Charles Rd, Bellwood, IL

Dinner 5 PM – 6 PM
Public Meeting 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Christian-themed cultural programs
7:30 PM onwards

Chief Guest:
Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa
(Diocesan Bishop of North America Diocese of Mar Thoma Church)

President, Rev. Biju Yohannan:	224-304-9311
Secretary, Benjamin Thomas:	847-529-4600
Chairman, Rev. Fr. Joice Pappan:	718-419-1838
Convener, Dr. Sibil Philip;	630-697-2241
Program Coordinator, Johnson Vallyil	847-830-7276