

CSI CHRIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO

Parish Messenger

HAPPY
Mother's Day

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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-Rev. Joe Varghese Malayil

Beloved Congregation,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As I write this, my heart is filled with both gratitude and deep emotion. The past four years (May 30, 2022 - 'May 19, 2026') at CSI Christ Church of Chicago have been a truly grace-filled chapter in my life and ministry. What we have shared together is not merely service, but a sacred journey of faith, love, and growth in Christ--one that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

You welcomed me and my family with open hearts and embraced us as your own. You loved us, cared for us, and supported us far beyond what we deserved or expected. In this fellowship, we experienced the living presence of God in powerful and quiet ways alike. Together, we prayed, worshipped, struggled, and rejoiced. Together, we witnessed God's unfailing faithfulness through every season.

As I now prepare to return to India to serve at CSI Holy Immanuel Church, Meppady, I carry each one of you deeply in my heart. This church is not just a place of ministry for me--it is my family. Leaving you is not easy, but I trust in God's perfect plan, knowing that the same Lord who united us will continue to guide each of our paths.

If at any time my decisions or actions caused discomfort, I humbly ask your understanding. My heart has always been for the Church--for its unity, its witness, and its future. Every step I took was with a sincere desire to see this congregation grow stronger and deeper in Christ.

You are a blessed and growing church with great potential. Continue to trust in the Lord with all your heart. Stay united in love. Care for one another. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, our Bridegroom, who is preparing a place for us and will return at the chosen time. Until then, may the Holy Spirit--the precious gift given to us-- guide, strengthen, and sustain you in every step of your journey.

Thank you for loving me as your own-- like a son, like a brother. Those memories, your faces, your prayers, and your kindness will remain with me always.

As we reflect on the promise of the Holy Spirit, I invite you to see ourselves as the beloved Bride of Christ, waiting with hope for the glorious day of His return (Revelation 19). Our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, has gone ahead to prepare a place for us (John 14:3), just as in the beautiful tradition of a Jewish wedding. After the betrothal, the bridegroom departs, leaving behind a gift--a sign of love, remembrance, and promise.

So it is with us. Christ has given us His precious gift-- the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4). This indwelling presence is like a divine engagement ring, a constant assurance that we belong to Him and that He will come again. The cup we share reminds us of the covenant (Matthew 26:29), and the promise we hold is unshakable (Hebrews 10:23; 2 Peter 1:4).

Therefore, as the Church--His Bride--we are called to prepare ourselves, to live holy and faithful lives, awaiting His return (Titus 2:11-13). Let us remain watchful, united, and steadfast, guided daily by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

Though I may be moving on in my journey of ministry and returning to India, the bond we share in Christ remains unbroken and eternal. Let us continue to walk in the Spirit, grow in faith, and live as a people ready for the coming of our Lord.

If the Lord tarries, I look forward to seeing many of you again--perhaps when you visit Kerala. You are always welcome, and it will be my joy to receive you with the same love you have shown me.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide, strengthen, and comfort you until we meet again.

With love, gratitude, and prayers,
Joe Achen

APRIL MEMORIES

Easter Sunday





LECTIONARY & DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

May 10, 2026, Mother's Day (Holy Eucharist-Malayalam)

Theme: God's Nurturing Love: A Call to Faithful Care

Old Testament	Exodus 2:1-10	Women's Fellowship
Psalms	Psalms 131	Women's Fellowship
New Testament/Epistle	2 Timothy 1:3-7	Women's Fellowship
Gospel	John 19:25-27	Presbyter
Kiss of Peace/Elements		Women's Fellowship
Offertory		Women's Fellowship

May 17, 2026, 6th Sunday after Easter (Holy Eucharist in Malayalam)

Theme: Holy Spirit: Promise of the Indwelling Presence

Old Testament	Isaiah 59:14-21	Mathew Karottu
Psalms	Psalms 143	Rosario Applewhite
New Testament/Epistle	Hebrews 10:8-18	Vinod Skariah
Gospel	John 21:1-14	Presbyter
Kiss of Peace/Elements		Babu K George & Molly Babu
Offertory		Elijah Chacko & Elisha Chacko

May 24, 2026, Pentecost (Holy Eucharist in English)

Theme: Pentecost: Hearing God's Voice in a Noisy World (YAYA Sunday)

Old Testament	1 Kings 19:11-18	Micah Lukose
Psalms	Psalms 29	Elijah Chacko
New Testament/Epistle	Acts 2:1-13	Allen Thomas
Gospel	John 20:19-23	Presbyter
Kiss of Peace/Elements		Shawn Mathew & Glenn Joy
Offertory		Rian Varghese & Rosario Applewhite

May 31st, 2026, Trinity Sunday (Holy Eucharist in English)

Theme: Trinity: The Divine Communion of Love

Old Testament	1 Kings 19:11-18	Usha Joseph
Psalms	Psalms 29	Rian Varghese
New Testament/Epistle	Acts 2:1-13	Ben Kurien
Gospel		Presbyter
Kiss of Peace/Elements		Manoj V Thomas & Sisy P Joy
Offertory		Shawn & Sarah Philip

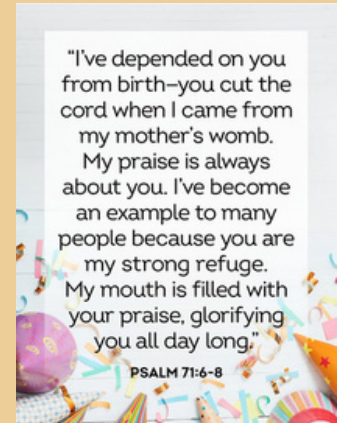
MAY CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays



1 Samuel George Pati
1 Sisy P Joy
1 Ushas Karottu
3 Geoffrey Hunt
5 Mathew Karottu
5 Han Joseph
5 Rebecca Williams
5 Joseph O. S. (Sunny)
7 Nikki Mathew
8 Vinod Skariah Chacko
8 Lilia Williams
28 Annamma Chacko
28 Nirmal Jaison John
30 Allen Manoj Thomas
30 Bindu Meresh
30 Joy T. C.
30 Usha Joseph
31 Harmony Koshy



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

Anniversaries



8 Suresh K & Anita Suresh
11 Babu K George & Molley Babu
21 Sijoe Mathew & Jasmin Mathew
25 Manohar Sigamony & Usha Sigamony
30 Manoj V Thomas & Sisy P Joy

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

John 4:16

Happy Anniversary





Monthly Accounts 2026 April			
CSI Christ Church of Chicago April Accounts 2026		INCOME	EXPENSE
Category	April	April	
Subscription	\$3,875.00		\$0.00
Offertory	\$1,053.00		\$0.00
Thanks Offering	\$590.00		\$0.00
Tithe	\$575.00		\$0.00
Special Donation	\$500.00		\$0.00
St. Martin's rent	\$0.00		\$2,200.00
Church Supplies/Communion Elements	\$0.00		\$138.00
Car Insurance	\$0.00		\$0.00
Church Car Maintenance	\$0.00		\$60.00
Church Maintenance/Emergency Repair	\$0.00		\$0.00
Church Cleaning, Land scape, Snow removal	\$0.00		\$400.00
Ch:ComEd	\$0.00		\$0.00
Ch:Peoples Energy	\$0.00		\$0.00
Ch&Psnsg Insurance	\$0.00		\$0.00
Ch:Water	\$0.00		\$0.00
Ch:Garbage	\$0.00		\$0.00
Psnsg:ComEd	\$0.00		\$84.74
Psnsg:Nicor	\$0.00		\$162.81
Psnsg:Clean/Maint	\$0.00		\$345.00
Psnsg:Internet	\$0.00		\$80.63
Psnsg:Phone, cell	\$0.00		\$148.65
Psnsg:Water	\$0.00		\$60.93
Presbyter's Honorarium	\$0.00		\$2,200.00
Presbyter healthcare	\$0.00		\$359.00
Hospitality/Refreshments	\$100.00		\$823.00
Mission/Charity	\$2,800.00		\$0.00
Women's Fellowship	\$2,795.00		\$0.00
Mens Fellowship	\$125.00		\$0.00
Sunday School	\$0.00		\$0.00
Youth	\$0.00		\$0.00
Choir	\$0.00		\$0.00
Visiting Pastor	\$0.00		\$0.00
Presbyter gift/Visiting Pastors	\$0.00		\$0.00
Legal/Tax/Visa Processing-W2/W3	\$0.00		\$100.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00		\$0.00
Carol Rounds	\$0.00		\$0.00
Family Retreat	\$0.00		\$0.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00
Kerala Fest Fundraising	\$0.00		\$0.00
CSI Council Membership / Conf	\$0.00		\$0.00
Ecumenical Council	\$0.00		\$0.00
Family Sunday/Harvest	\$0.00		\$0.00
Confirmation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Cottage Prayer	\$0.00		\$0.00
Parsonage Maintenance special Fund			\$0.00
Presbyter's PF in India	\$0.00		\$0.00
Presbyter-Visa Amendment/Processing	\$2,650.00		\$0.00
Sub Total	\$15,063.00		\$7,162.76
Ledger Summary	General	Reserve	Building Fund
Opening balance as of 04/01/2026	\$11,971.01	\$16,915.60	\$742,868.12
Add Income April	\$15,063.00		
Move building fund donations to building fund	\$0.00		\$0.00
Less (Expenses) April	\$7,162.76		
Interest credited and moved to building fund	\$0.00		
Move Tithe to Building Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00
Move Harvest Fund to Building Fund			
Move Kerala Fest to Building Fund			
Move Caroling contributions to Reserve Fund			
Closing Ledger balance end of the month	\$19,871.25	\$16,915.65	\$742,868.12

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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Mother's Day Worship Service

Sun, May 10 @10 AM

Message
Dr. Jeena Jacob

Come & Be Blessed

SUMMER FAMILY RETREAT

JUNE 19-21

Register
Soon...

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

At

CEDAR LAKE RETREAT CENTER

13701 Lauerman St, Cedar Lake, IN 46303

CSI CHRIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO



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