

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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Beyond Data: The Wisdom of Human Experience

Artificial intelligence does not go through experiences. They do not have natural bodies; they do not feel joy or pain; they do not mature through relationships; and they do not know, from within, what love, work, friendship, or responsibility truly mean. They have no moral conscience, because they cannot discern good from evil, grasp the ultimate meaning of situations, or take responsibility for the consequences of their actions.

They may be able to imitate human language, behavior, and analytical skills. They may even appear to be empathetic and understanding. But, lacking the emotional, relational, and spiritual dimensions that nurture human beings in wisdom, they do not themselves understand what they are producing. This leads us to a profound realization: the greatness of humanity lies in the greatness of those who have lived and understood life. We are not merely insignificant characters in someone else's technological revolution.

The creators of artificial intelligence may dream of a humanity optimized in purely technical terms—a humanity without flaws, eventually reaching the point of a transhuman project. But there is a fundamental difference between human beings and algorithms.

For an algorithm, a mistake is something that needs to be corrected. For a human being, however, a mistake may become the beginning of profound transformation. For an algorithm, failure is a flaw to be optimized and removed. But for a human being, failure can become a special moment of God's grace—a moment experienced by the prodigal son, Peter, and Paul.

Artificial intelligence cannot repent—cannot experience metanoia. It has no sin to turn from and no soul capable of turning toward God. It can only recalibrate itself.

A human being, on the other hand, who has failed and been forgiven knows what mercy means because he or she has tasted it. Human experiences, failures, and weaknesses are not merely flaws to be fixed by technology. Rather, they are part of the school of life through which a person is shaped into what God has destined them to become. This process cannot be avoided. It cannot be downloaded. It cannot be programmed.

The wisdom that comes from life experiences is the gift of a soul that has lived, loved, endured, failed, been forgiven, and grown. It is profoundly different from the "knowledge" that comes from processing data.

Artificial intelligence may possess vast amounts of information, but wisdom is born from a life lived.

Rev D.S. Arun

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 5 - Cottage Prayer at Church sponsored by Christudhas Family

Sept 12 - Women's Fellowship Retreat at Church

Sept 13 - Women's Sunday

Sept 26, 27 - Ecumenical Cricket Tournament

Sept 27 - CSI Formation Day



AUGUST EVENTS

CHURCH PICNIC - AUG 1



AUGUST EVENTS

PARSONAGE BBQ - AUG 8

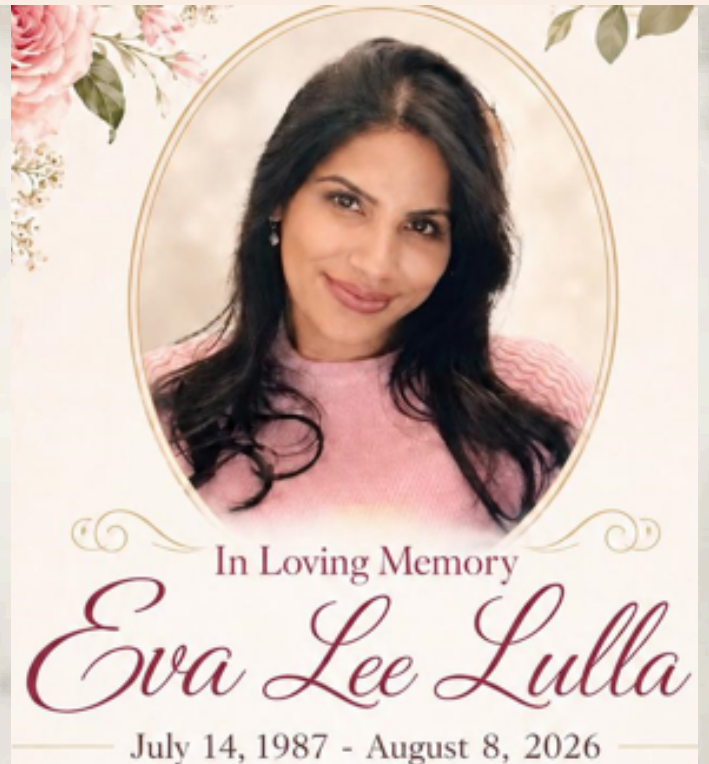


AUGUST EVENTS

HARVEST FESTIVAL - AUG 30



OBITUARY



***Eva Lee, daughter of Susheela and Eipe Lee
was called to glory on Aug 8th.
Funeral services were held at church on Aug 15th.
Please continue to uphold the family in your prayers.***



LECTIONARY & DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS SEPTEMBER 2026

September 6, 2026 14th week after Pentecost

Theme: From Chains to Freedom: The Gospel of Liberation (Malayalam)

Old Testament	Exodus 3:7-10	Biju John Kurien (Mundackal)
Psalms	Psalms 146	Nathan Chacko
New Testament/Epistle	1 Timothy 1:8-11	Molly Babu
Gospel	Luke 4:16-21	Presbyter
Kiss of Peace/Elements		Babu Philip & Valsamma Philip
Offertory		Elisha Chacko & Amaya DR

September 13, 2026, Women's Sunday -15th Week after Pentecost (English)-Service led by Women's Fellowship

Theme: Women Who are Faithful and Fearless

Old Testament	2 Kings 22: 11-20	Women's Fellowship
Psalms	Psalms 18: 1-19	Women's Fellowship
New Testament/Epistle	Romans 16: 1-17	Women's Fellowship
Gospel	Matthew 15: 21-28	Presbyter
Kiss of Peace/Elements		Women's Fellowship
Offertory		Women's Fellowship

September 20, 2026, : 16th Week after Pentecost (Malayalam)

Theme: Pluralism: Faith and Friendship

Old Testament	Jeremiah 29:1-7	Sujith Babu Kurian
Psalms	Psalms 37:1-24	Nathan Chacko
New Testament/Epistle	Romans 12:9-18	Joe Lukose
Gospel	Luke 11:5-10	Presbyter
Kiss of Peace/Elements		George & Sheeba Ampalloor
Offertory		Carter & Mason Karottu

September 27, 2026: Senior Citizen Sunday ; 17th Week after Pentecost (English)

Theme: Purposeful Living: The Best is yet to come

Old Testament	Joshua 14:6-13	Golden Age Fellowship
Psalms	Psalms 16	Golden Age Fellowship
New Testament/Epistle	Philippians 3:12-16	Golden Age Fellowship
Gospel	John 21:18-23	Presbyter
Kiss of Peace/Elements		Golden Age Fellowship
Offertory		Golden Age Fellowship

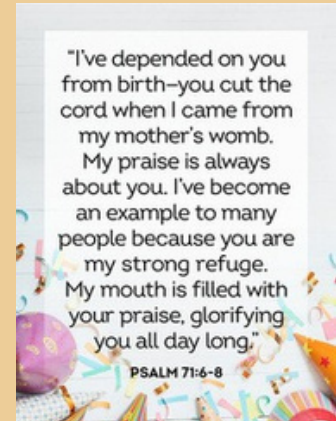
SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays



1 Angela Tomin
2 Biju John Kurien
8 Lini Varughese
8 Rishy Chacko
9 Esther Babu
11 Marykutty Thomas
12 Sherly Isaac
13 Joe Lukose
13 Melvyn Valanjattil Thomas
14 Emily Thomas
16 Sujith Babu Kurian
21 Leela Mammen
24 George Thomas Ampalloor
24 Liam Kurian
25 Sam C James
27 Sheba Ampalloor
28 George David
29 Elizabeth Mathew
30 Jeena Jacob



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

Anniversaries



2 George Jacob (Sajan) & Jeena Jacob
3 John Thomas & Sheela Thomas
6 Sathyaseelan S Jacob & Santha Sathyaseelan
6 Rojy Philip & Athor Philip
10 Nityan Joy & Shiny Saramma Joy
20 Ranjit Sigamony & Linda Sigamony

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

John 4:16

Happy Anniversary



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
Sep 26-27	Ecumenical Cricket Tournament
Sept 27	CSI Formation Day
Oct 16-17	Annual Convention 6pm-9pm
Oct 17	Ecumenical Sunday School Fest
Oct 18	Choir Sunday/Parish Day
TBD	Ecumenical Council Convention
Nov 1	Confirmation Service led by the Most Rev. Reuben Mark
Nov 1	World Sunday School Day (Daylight Savings Day)
Nov 22	General Body Meeting for the Election of Executive Committee members for 2027
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