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2025 Motto

“Here am I. Send Me!” - Isaiah 6:8

"അടിയൻ ഇതാ, അടയാനെ അയക്കേണമേ" - യെശയ്യാ 6:8

Annual Convention — May 9-11

Happy Mother's Day!

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Editorial

Mothers forever!

Jesus' mother Mary was an ordinary woman who had an extraordinary experience of motherhood. Even though she knew Jesus' life was ordained by God she had to live out the real experiences of conception, childbirth, raising a baby to adulthood and then letting go to watch Jesus step into His ministry and fulfill His final destiny. Nothing about this would have been easy, in fact in the Gospel of Luke (2:34-35), we see Simeon blessing Jesus' parents and telling Mary specifically that 'a sword will pierce her soul'.

There may be many times when we feel this way as mothers or mothers yet to be. We may not all be destined to have children of our own flesh, but we all have the unique God-given ability to mother. Even if we have children our role in their lives changes as they grow older and walk in the destiny God has planned for them. This can be difficult to accept but we must resist the urge to hold them back for ourselves. We should instead remind ourselves that they belong to God first, and like Mary we should let them walk the path that God has ordained for them even if it tears at our heart.

Only a few interactions between Jesus and His mother Mary are recorded in the Bible, and one of the most poignant images is a helpless Mary watching Jesus' agonizing crucifixion. Two things are important to note; one is that Jesus was keenly aware of His mother's presence and two, that He provisioned for her care. This is the humanity of the cross; Jesus meeting the real need of a grieving mother to be comforted and cared for. This was an amazingly tender moment amid the intensity of everything that was going on at the time, but the fact is that Jesus recognized that Mary would always be a mother even after His life on earth had ended, and so He offered John to be her son.

This should give us all great hope, especially as mothers; that our Lord sees us and cares for us deeply. And no matter what season of life we are in, may we be encouraged to believe that any person God places in our lives to nurture and selflessly serve for their wellbeing and benefit is our God-given place of motherhood today.

Happy Mothers Day to you all!

Reshma George
Editor

Achen's Message



Dear Beloved in Christ,

Warm greetings to you in the name of our Risen Lord!

As we journey through the post-resurrection Sundays this month, we are invited to continue living in the joy and power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. These Sundays remind us that the resurrection was not a one-time event to be remembered, but a living reality that transforms our everyday lives. The appearances of the risen Christ to His disciples were moments of renewal, reassurance, and commissioning—and they continue to shape our calling today as a community of faith.

The month of May also marks a special milestone in the life of our parish: it is the 39th anniversary of our church. As we remember and celebrate this significant moment, we pause to reflect on God's unfailing faithfulness over the years. From humble beginnings to where we stand today, it has been a journey carried by grace, prayer, and the deep commitment of many.

I take this opportunity to recognise and honor the contributions of our elders, both past and present. Their vision, sacrifices, wisdom, and untiring service have laid the foundation upon which we continue to build. Whether through their ministry, leadership, time, or generous investments—spiritually and materially—they have been God's instruments in shaping our faith community. We praise and thank God for our elders; their stories, prayers, and presence have been a source of strength and inspiration to many. May their example continue to encourage future generations to walk in faith and service.

As we step into another year in the life of our church, let us be ever mindful of our calling to be resurrection people—bringing hope, healing, and the good news of Jesus into the world around us. Let us continue to grow in worship, fellowship, discipleship, and outreach, leaning on the Lord who has carried us thus far.

May this month be filled with resurrection joy, grateful remembrance, and renewed purpose.

In His Service
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Bible Study

The weekly Bible study will be held every Wednesday from 8:00 pm onwards. Please plan to attend the Bible study through our church Zoom link.

Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship

The Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship will take place every Thursday from 10:00am to 12:00 noon in the church sanctuary. Please join the fellowship through **Zoom** link.

Board Meeting

The monthly board meeting (in-person) will be held on May 11th, 2025, at 1:30pm.

39th Annual Gospel Convention

The 39th Annual Gospel Convention will be held on May 9th, 10th and 11th 2025.
Theme: Here I am, send me, Isaiah 6:8.

Cottage Prayer

- Jordan area prayer - No prayer has been scheduled.
- Gilead in-person area prayer will be held on **Saturday, May 17th, 2025**, at 6:30 PM. This prayer fellowship will be hosted at the residence of Christy Abraham and Shirley Elizabeth Abraham. The address is 60 Meadowlark Dr., Brampton, ON L6Y 4V6.
- Shalom area prayer - No prayer has been scheduled.

If you wish to be included in the parish e-mail list to receive special notices, please send your e-mail ID to the Secretary at secretary@csichurchtoronto.org



May 4, 2025 2nd Sunday After Easter	Re-Reading the Scripture with the Risen Lord		
	Old Testament	II Chronicles 34: 29-33	English Service Read by Abraham Varghese & Family
	Psalm	19: 7-14	
	Epistle	Acts 8: 26-40	
	Gospel	Luke 24: 13-27	
May 11, 2025 Annual convention	Here am I, Send Me		
	Old Testament	Jeremiah 9: 1-10	Malayalam Service Read by Senior Members
	Psalm	47	
	Epistle	I Timothy 4:6-16	
	Gospel	John 20:19-23	
May 18, 2025 4th Sunday After Easter	Believing in Christ: The Truth		
	Old Testament	Exodus 34:1-9	English Service Read by Jefferson Sam & Family
	Psalm	119: 89-96	
	Epistle	Ephesians 4: 7-16	
	Gospel	John 17: 6-19	
May 25, 2025 5th Sunday After Easter	Mission with Christ's Spirit		
	Old Testament	II Kings 2:9-16	Malayalam Service Read by Rev. Binu Philip & Family
	Psalm	105: 1-11	
	Epistle	Acts 7: 54-60	
	Gospel	Matthew 28: 16-20	



BIRTHDAYS

01	Molamma Ninan	17	Diya Serin Binu
01	Minu Samraj	18	Rapti Ghosh
02	Nomiya Pulickathadathil Jacob	18	Manu Varghese George
03	Joby Abraham	19	Evann Manu Varghese
03	Hannah Rose Tom	20	Mini Fredrick
04	Joanna Ann Shinu	20	Leah Elza Joseph
06	Beena Annet Hans Thomas	21	Johanne Mathew
06	Hannah Jessy Cherian	22	Abhilash Raj
06	Christina Rose David	23	Santhosh Zac Koshy
06	Jeffin Mohan Cheriyan	23	Erwin Sandeep Ninan
06	Gilbert Thomas Kizhakkepalakkal Shabu	23	Elvy Ann Mathew
07	Smitha Victor Sam	23	Merlyn Mathew
08	Andrew Paul	24	Evan Sandeep Ninan
08	Asher Sam	24	Preethy Saramma Abraham
08	Tony Koshy Abraham	24	Adam David
09	Asha Susan Joy	25	Daisy Pothen
11	Swarup Itty	25	Sushmita Keerthi
11	Williams Silvanose	25	Christo Kingston
11	Ashwini Ann Regi	27	Jenny Cherian
15	Noah Varghese Jithun	27	Preetha Anie Philips
16	Joann Sosha Jacob	28	Sam George



BIRTHDAYS

28	Abner Vinu	30	Ann Abraham
28	Sanal N. David	31	Samuel Chacko
28	Aiden Noah Eappen	31	Hazel Soman
29	Simi K. Sunny	31	David Raja Singh
30	Rev. Binu Philip	31	Rishon Abraham

ANNIVERSARIES

06	Roshan Peter & Githa Hutton
07	Nainan P. Thomas & Littymol Xavier
09	Joy Abraham & Ann Abraham
10	Rev. Binu Philip & Roshen Elizabeth Raju
17	Sandeep Charuvil Ninan & Aparna Sabu
18	Tim Eapen & Ninu Ann Varghese
18	Issac Job Stanly & Sherin Mariyan Jacob
21	Mathew Abraham & Surekha Jacob
21	Santhosh Philip George & Asha Kurien
23	Shaji Levison Moothedom & Daisy Pothen
24	P. J. Skariah & Annamma Skariah
26	John Mathew & Sheeba. R Thomas
26	Anil Raj Daniel & Steephamol S.S
27	Mathew Modayil Kuruvilla & Elizabeth Kuruvilla
28	Regi Koshy & Smitha Baby Thomas
28	Littin Jacob John & Nomiya Pulickathadathil Jacob

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Convention 2025



CSI CHURCH, TORONTO

39th ANNUAL GOSPEL CONVENTION

MAY 9, 10, 11 2025

THEME: "Here am I, Send me"
(Isaiah 6:8)

SPEAKERS

		
REV. SIBU ABRAHAM MATHEW	REV. REJI ISSAC	REV. JACOB K ALIAS
Vicar, St Mathews Marthoma Church, Milton	Vicar, Jerusalem Marthoma Church, London	Vicar, CSI Christ Church Toronto

 | Friday, May 9, 2025 7:00 - 9:00 pm Saturday, May 10, 2025 7:00 - 9:00 pm Sunday, May 11, 2025 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

 | **CSI Church, Toronto** (1315 Kipling Ave, Etobicoke, ON M9B 3N7)

 | **Join live:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF6C8AxfhNgMAVqQBvcMmww/live>

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