

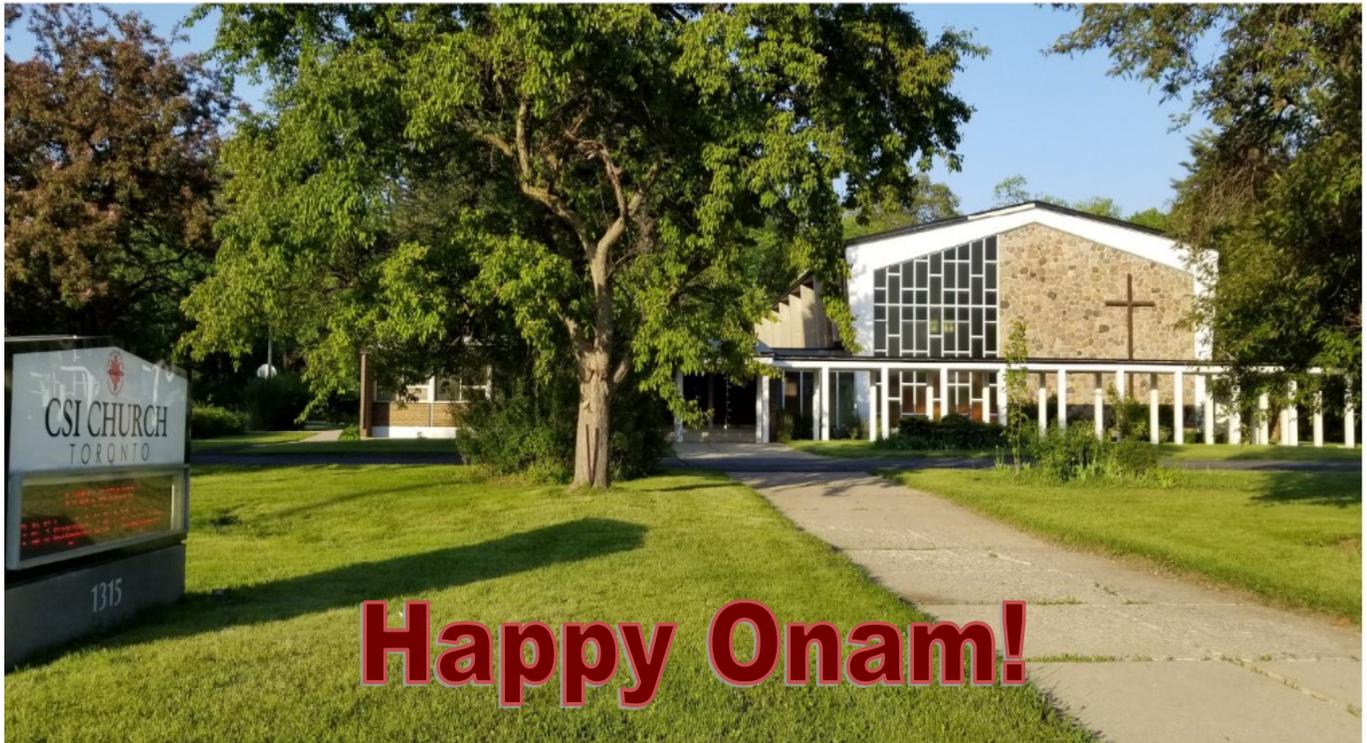


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2025 Motto

“Here am I. Send Me!” - Isaiah 6:8

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

Sep 5-6: Women's Fellowship Retreat

Sep 7: Onam Lunch

Sep 21: Senior Citizen's Sunday & Men's

Fellowship Food Sale

Sep 28: Choir Sunday

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Editorial

God's Gift Economy

We live in the 'Digital Age' but age-old world problems like poverty and hunger still persist, sadly mainly due to systemic issues rather than a shortage of resources. The overall messaging of governments and leaders worldwide is one of scarcity; that there is not enough for everyone, but the real problem with the world today is that it is focused on the wants of a few rather than the needs of all. As a result, the present systems of education and work are structured to instill a sense of urgency in people to get ahead and push oneself up to the top! Poverty and hunger should be everyone's problem, but we see more clamour over the need to protect wages and jobs for those who have it, rather than meaningful action to ensure there are fair opportunities for everyone.

There will never be political will to change the status quo, but there are things we can do as Christians to not only help and support those in need, but to also instill a sense of care for others in our children that is rooted Biblical principles. As another academic year begins this month many of our children will embark on or return to their academic journey, and while it is not wrong to expect children to be ambitious, it is best to teach them to compete to better themselves rather than to outdo someone else. Being competitive to the point where we start to see everyone else through a lens of othering is definitely harmful, and yet that is the way things run today. As Christians we should remember that God's standards do not follow the world's, and He chooses the weak, the foolish and the lowly things of the world to shame the wise and the strong (I Corinthians 1:25-31).

The economics of God's Kingdom also runs contrary to earthly math. God's economy is one of abundance even when the means and resources are meager, and the Bible proves it. In I Kings 17:12 we see the widow at Zarephath who had enough flour and oil for one last meal, and yet later in verse 16 it is written that, '...the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah'. Similarly in the Gospels we see Jesus bless five loaves and two fish that a little boy had to feed more than five thousand people. Salvation was God's free gift, and it cannot be achieved or earned by anyone. It is God's power at work that meets humanity's most basic need of food, and its deepest groaning for salvation. Let us allow God's power to work in us as only He is able to supply all our needs.

Reshma George
Editor

Achen's Message



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

As we step into the month of September, we are reminded of God's unfailing grace and the countless blessings that He continues to pour into our lives. September is a month filled with opportunities for thanksgiving, reflection, and renewed commitment to our faith and responsibilities as a parish family.

This month is significant for several reasons: September marks the start of a new academic year for our students. As they begin another chapter in their journey of learning and growth, we uphold them in our prayers. Education is a God-given gift and a powerful tool to transform lives. Let us encourage our children and youth to pursue wisdom grounded in God's Word, remembering that *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge"* (Proverbs 1:7).

Music has always been an integral part of our worship and spiritual life. On Choir Sunday, we take time to acknowledge and appreciate the dedicated service of our choir members who lead us in praising God week after week. Through their voices, they help us lift our hearts closer to heaven. As the psalmist says, *"I will sing to the Lord as long as I live"* (Psalm 104:33). Let us pray for our choir, encouraging them to continue using their talents for God's glory.

We are also blessed to celebrate Senior Citizens' Sunday this month. Our elders are living testimonies of God's faithfulness and the carriers of our faith heritage. They have walked before and we can learn from their journey, as the Scripture reminds us: *"Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained in the way of righteousness"* (Proverbs 16:31).

On September 27, we commemorate the Formation Day of the Church of South India. This day reminds us of the vision and sacrifice of those who came together in 1947, setting aside denominational differences to form a united church rooted in the gospel of Christ. As members of the Church of South India, we are called to continue this legacy of unity, service, and mission. Let us renew our commitment to building a Christ-centered community that serves God and our neighbors faithfully.

Beloved in Christ, as a church family, let us continue to walk together in faith, supporting one another in worship, prayer, and fellowship. May this month be a time of thanksgiving, renewal, and deepened commitment to God's mission. May the Lord bless our families, strengthen our ministries, and guide us in His ways.

With prayers and blessings,

In Christ's Service,
Binuachen



Bible Study

The weekly Bible study will be held every Wednesday from 8:00pm 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.

Women's Fellowship Retreat

'Built To Bloom' Women's Fellowship Retreat will be held on **September 5 and 6, 2025** at Alpine Resort, 449 Island View Rd., Roseneath, ON. For further information, please feel free to contact Women's Fellowship Director, Asha Joy.

Onam Lunch

The church will be hosting an Onam Lunch on **September 7, 2025**, immediately following the worship service. A full-fledged traditional Keralite festival meal will be served in the basement. Inviting all members to join. For further information, please feel free to contact our Achen or Secretary, Abraham K. Varghese.

Board Meeting

The monthly board meeting will be held (in-person) on **September 14, 2025**, at 1:30pm immediately after social hour.

Men's Fellowship Food Sale

A food sale organized by the Men's Fellowship will be held on **September 21, 2025**, immediately after the worship service. For further information, please feel free to contact our Men's Fellowship Director, Febin Varkey Mathews.

Senior Citizen's Sunday

Sunday, **September 21** will be celebrated as Senior Citizen's Sunday.

Choir Sunday

Sunday, **September 28** will be celebrated as Choir Sunday.

Cottage Prayer Meetings

- **Jordan** area prayer will be held in-person on **Saturday, September 13, 2025, at 7:00pm**. This prayer fellowship will be hosted by Shaji Levison Moothedom and Daisy Pothen at their residence at 30 Stillwater Cres. Brampton, ON L6X 3L5.
- **Gilead** area prayer will be held in-person on **Saturday, September 20, 2025, at 6:30pm**. This prayer fellowship will be hosted by Vinod Maliyekal and Binssy Mathews at their residence at 27 Seaton Place Drive, Stoney Creek, ON L8E 3E3.

- **Shalom area prayer** will be held in-person on **Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 6.30pm**. This prayer fellowship will be hosted by Susan Joseph and Suby Mathews & family, at 29 Dalmatian Crescent, Scarborough, ON M1C 4W4 .

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Women's Fellowship Retreat
“BUILT TO BLOOM”

built bloom

Speakers - Rev. Binu Philip and Mrs Roshen Raju

SAVE THE DATE **SEPTEMBER 5,6
2025**

**ALPINE RESORT, 449 ISLAND VIEW RD,
ROSENEATH, ON**

**“She is clothed with strength and dignity;
and she laughs without fear of the future.”
— Proverbs 31:25**

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

September 7, 2025 14th Sunday After Pentecost	Unity in Service		
	Old Testament	Exodus 4:27-31	English Service
	Psalm	28	Read by
	Epistle	I Corinthians 3:1-15	Jinoj Titus & Family
	Gospel	John 17:9–23	
September 14, 2025 15th Sunday After Pentecost	God and People of all Faiths		
	Old Testament	Amos 9:1-12	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	66	Read by
	Epistle	Romans 2:17-29	Alen Paul & Family
	Gospel	John 10:14-18	
September 21, 2025 16th Sunday After Pentecost - Senior Citizen's Sunday	Accepting and Caring for the Elderly		
	Old Testament	Genesis 46:28-34, 47:1-10	English Service
	Psalm	21	Read by
	Epistle	I Timothy 5:1-10	Senior Citizens
	Gospel	Luke 2:25-35	
September 28, 2025 Choir Sunday	Sing through the eyes of the Faith		
	Old Testament	II Chronicles 20:1-4, 14-23	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	118	Read by
	Epistle	II Thessalonians 1:3-12	Choir
	Gospel	Luke 2:29-32	



BIRTHDAYS

1	Jacob. M John	13	Shiny Shibu
1	Levia Grace	13	Sravan Onteru
1	Bijoy Bhutia	14	Rachel Cherian
1	Anu Roshan Thomas	15	Venerable K. Sam Thomas
2	Sarah. M John	16	Jomy Philip
2	Neena Kuruvila	17	Mithul Binny Itty
2	Ashwin Joe Varghese	18	Hancy Sudhakaran
4	Roshan Peter	19	Rohit Mathew Oommen
5	Jezlyn Maria George	19	Thejus John
5	Jomel Varghese	19	Rachel Grace Joshua Moothedom
7	Ancy Jacob	19	Aby Kattil John
7	Felix Abraham Varghese	20	Akshay Alex Cherian
7	Elizabeth Verghis	20	Aiden Ashwin Varghese
8	Jain Daniel	21	David Meshach
8	Priya Rachel Abraham	21	Aiswarya Francie Challat
8	Calvin Jacob	22	Eva Bose
10	Jithin George	23	Aleesha Shan
12	Allan Roy	24	Annika Cherian
13	Raj Hariharan	24	Sophy Aji Mathews
13	Varghese John	24	Noah Solomon Govada
13	John Mathew	24	Mathews Joel George



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| 25 | Anju Anna Jacob | 28 | Elizabeth Mathai |
| 27 | Alen Paul | 29 | Reebu Mariam Jeffin |
| 28 | Suja Sara Koshy | 30 | Richu Koshy Thomas |
| 28 | Smitha Baby Thomas | | |

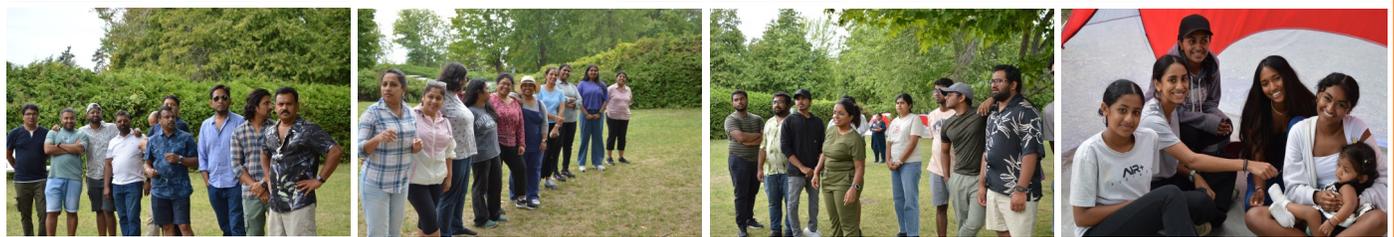
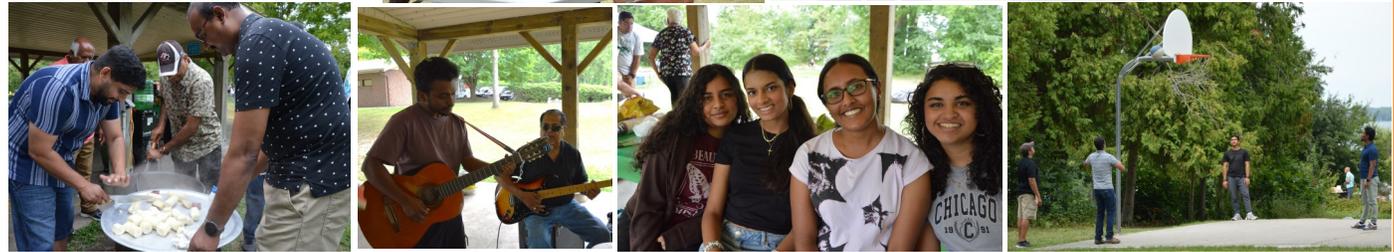
ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3 | Jinoj Titus & Rajitha Jinoj |
| 10 | Selvarajan Thampy Puthenkulangara & Eva Bose |
| 11 | John Cheriyan Mathew & Vismaya Mary Villees |
| 11 | George Mathew & Siji Joseph |
| 11 | Bejosh Mathew & Hazel Soman |
| 12 | Alen Paul & Raina Achu Roy |
| 16 | Rennie Philips Joseph & Preetha Anie Philips |
| 20 | Sravan Onteru & Anitha Onteru |
| 22 | Manu Varghese George & Moncy Manu |
| 24 | Mridul Mathew Kuruvilla & Mary Mridul Mathew |
| 28 | Aaron Fredrick Simon B & Mini Fredrick |

2025 Church Picnic







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