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Happy Father's Day!

2026 Motto

"Thus far the Lord has helped us" - I Samuel 7:12(b)

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June 7: Sunday School Anniversary

June 26-28: Annual Gospel Convention

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Editorial

God's Big Plan.

We often ask what God wants us to do in life or what is God's will for our life? The Bible has numerous passages of God's assurance and promises to provide for our needs. Matthew 6: 30-33 reminds us that our Heavenly Father knows our most basic worldly needs and Jesus instructs us to, "...seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you". So, we have already been told what to do, and yet we ask and often seemed confused about this especially during the tough or dry seasons of life.

If we focus too much on ourselves we can get confused and rush into things. Abraham and Sarah thought they were bringing God's plan to fruition through Hagar and Ishmael. Their intentions were good, but it was human thinking, and therefore driven by self-interest and impatience. We don't need to help God out; we just need to trust in His promises and have patience with His timing. Abraham, Hannah, Jacob, Joseph, all waited for years for God's promises to be fulfilled, but their wait was not in vain.

The Bible teaches us that God loves us, and He has plans for our well-being (Jeremiah 29:11), but it is His purposes that prevail, not ours (Proverbs 19:21). These two verses clearly show us that we have a part in furthering God's plans – it is not the other way around. Therefore, we should be focused on understanding the bigger context of God's will and purposes. Our life is more than what we should eat, drink or do; so, the right thing to ask is simply, "what is God's will?"

May we train ourselves to be centered on Christ and the big picture of His sacrifice for the salvation of humanity, and may unwavering patient faith be our mark as Christians in a hurried and hedonistic world that waits for no one!

Reshma George
Editor

Achen's Message



Dearly Beloved in Christ

Greetings to all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

I, from the bottom of my heart thank God almighty for the precious opportunity He has given us to be with you here in Toronto. We also thank all of you for receiving and accommodating us with much love and affection as part of your fellowship. I recognize that it is your prayer and supplications that brought us here. We are grateful to all parish members for the wholehearted support and cooperation you are giving to me. May God bless you all. I admit myself to be the least and last and seek God's guidance and your prayers to do God's ministry here.

The Gospel convention will be held on June 26 to 28, and I request your prayers and participation for the same. We need to be extremely vigilant in prayer in these days. Let us thank God for our providing a place of worship in this land.

I also express my gratitude to the Ministry of Malayalam Lokam for such a remarkable initiative to maintain a connection with the homeland. May God Bless you all.

“When the last tree is cut off
When the last fish is dead
When the last river is polluted
We realize that we cannot eat money.”

This quotation is a warning sign board of human greed over the environment, as we enter the month of June which reminds us about the environment (June 5th). Ecological crisis is a burning issue in the world around. Humans are trying to transform environmental sources into money, watching over the environment with commercialized eyes. It leads to the destruction of our God gifted environment.

Creation is longing to be free of this oppressive force. The groaning of creation announced in the Earth is read in Romans 8:18-25. Several prophets of Israel were not only sensitive to injustice against the poor and the weak but also to the suffering of Earth due to human sin and greed (Jeremiah 12:4). We need to realize the truth that Nature is not something outside us, rather we are something inside it. So, for the Christian eco-spirituality is a spirituality, “That they may have life and have it to the full” (John 10:10), putting connectedness and the loving handling of the earth and nature central in God's name and together with God.

Albert Einstein said that everything in the universe is alive and relational. Nothing is static. Energy keeps rearranging itself in new forms by creating new relationships with the environment. The human person cannot be a detached observer but is himself/herself a participator. All this is in harmony with the biblical account that the world is made in the image of God. Poet Robinson Jeffers wrote, “It is time for us to kiss the earth again.” Let the power of the Holy Spirit help us to join our hearts and minds in knowledge and strength to liberate creation.

Faithfully in Christ,
Sooraj Achen



Bible Study

No weekly bible study has been scheduled.

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 the church Zoom line.

Sunday School Anniversary

The Sunday School anniversary will be held on June 7, 2026 immediately after the worship service. For more information, please contact Sunday School Director, Mrs. Ani Chacko.

Women's Fellowship Retreat

The Women's Fellowship retreat will be held at Fives Oaks Centre from June 12–14, 2026. For more information, please contact Women's Fellowship Director, Mrs. Asha Susan Joy.

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

The monthly board meeting will be held on June 14, 2026, immediately after the social hour.

Annual Gospel Convention

The annual gospel convention will be held from June 26-28, 2026 from 6.30pm onwards at CSI Church Toronto. The Guest Speaker for the Convention will be Rev. Nebu K. Varghese (Co-Minister, St. Mathews Marthoma Church, Milton).

Cottage Prayer Meetings:

- **Gilead Area Prayer:** This in-person area prayer will be hosted by Mr. Robin George and Mrs. Preethy Abraham at their residence at 58 Oaktree Dr., Caledonia, ON N3W 0E7, on Saturday, June 14, 2026 at 5:00 pm.
- **Jordan Area Prayer:** This in-person area prayer will be hosted by Mr. Santhosh Cherian and Mrs. Jenny Cherian at their residence at 10 Louvain Dr., Brampton ON L6P 1W4, on Saturday, June 20, 2026 at 6.30 pm.
- **Shalom Area Prayer:** No prayer meeting has been scheduled.

June 7, 2026 Students' Sunday	Jesus: The Ultimate Influencer		
	Old Testament	II Chronicles 20:13-19	English Service
	Psalm	89:19-37	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 18:24-28	Sunday School Students
	Gospel	John 8:12-20	
June 14, 2026 Environment Sunday	Creation Speaks: Listening to God's Voice in Nature		
	Old Testament	Job 12:7-12	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	19	Read by
	Epistle	Romans 8:18-25	Santhosh Zac Koshy & Family
	Gospel	Luke 12:24-34	
June 21, 2026 3rd Week after Pentecost	Worship: In God's Presence, For God's Purpose		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 6:1-8	English Service
	Psalm	100	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 2:42-47	Zacharia Mathew & Family
	Gospel	Mark 12:28-34	
June 28, 2026 4th Week after Pentecost	Discipleship: Come and See, Go and Tell		
	Old Testament	Zachariah 8:18-23	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	66	Read by
	Epistle	Romans 10:9-17	Sanju Cherian & Family
	Gospel	John 1:39-42	

		Work as Worship: Honouring God in Our Professions	
July 5, 2026 Stewardship Sunday	Old Testament	Exodus 31:1-11	English Service
	Psalm	104:1-24	
	Epistle	Colossians 3:22-25	
	Gospel	Luke 17:7-10	



BIRTHDAYS

1	Leonard Fredrick	15	Rejini Gajraj
1	Jefin Mathews	15	Ajin Annie Varghese
1	Rohith Peter	15	Santhosh Mannil Eappen
1	Sneha Liz Mathew	17	Smitha Rency
2	Oommen Cherian	18	Evika Molly Febin
2	Jordan Shinu	18	Mithun Philip
5	Asher Russel	19	Akshay Koshy
6	Pearl Shirin Samson	19	Sheeba. R Thomas
6	Kiara Susan Joseph	19	Alex Oommen
7	Aaron Thomas Ninan	19	Jayden Chacko Jacob
7	Felisa Lee Mathews	19	Serah Ann Littin
8	Abraham G. Joy	19	Arnold Prem
8	Joshua Oommen George	19	Renju Annie Samuel
8	Zuben Jacob Parakal	20	Gabriel Abraham Jijo
10	Elizabeth Pothan	20	Bejosh Mathew
10	Nithin Dev Devakumar Anitha	21	Noah Jacob
11	Mary Joseph	21	Liji John
11	Norah Kurien	21	Tianna Lelia
12	Elora Ann Tony	21	Sandeep Mathew Varghese
12	Anitha Francis	21	Ayrah Ann Littin



BIRTHDAYS

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| 21 | Roshan Mathews | 27 | Ida Elizabeth George |
| 24 | Daniel Philip Varughese | 28 | Shawn Cherian |
| 25 | Anumol Cherian | 28 | Jayden V Sandeep |
| 26 | Abey Joseph | 29 | Mithul Nimmy Manuel |
| 26 | Jeslin Mathew | 30 | Riya Sara Thomas |
| 27 | Christopher Gajraj | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 | Monsi Kurian Jacob & Serina Monsi Kurian Jacob |
| 5 | Zachriah Philip & Elizabeth Philip |
| 7 | Joseph P. Mathews & Sonia Mathews |
| 9 | Jomy Philip & Aby Babu |
| 10 | Santhosh Zac Koshy & Suja Sara Koshy |
| 12 | Robin George & Preethy Saramma Abraham |
| 12 | Abey Joseph & Reshma Joseph |
| 17 | Santhosh Mannil Eappen & Teena John |
| 21 | Christopher Gajraj & Rejini Gajraj |
| 21 | Zacharia Mathew & Jeny Jean Mathew |
| 28 | Mathew George & Susan Mathew |
| 29 | Sam Paratt Kuruvilla & Jincy Jose |
| 30 | Betson Abraham Mathew & Anjali Ann Dominic |
| 30 | Rajiv Abraham & Sonia Joseph (Dr) |



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June 14, 2026

Ecology Sunday

Let the Creativity Begin!



Please have your child create an art, craft, or painting inspired by creation for Ecology Sunday. All artwork will be displayed in the basement.

Dads, this is your chance to prove the glue gun and crayons aren't just for emergencies!

Farewell Service



Farewell Service Cont'd



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