

Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia  
4937 Church Avenue,  
Feasterville-Trevoose, PA 19053

Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - Malayalam Holy Communion  
2<sup>nd</sup> - English Holy Communion  
4<sup>th</sup> - English Holy Communion  
5<sup>th</sup> - Malayalam Matins

Teleconference Prayer - Every Wednesday @ 8:30 PM

Fasting Prayer - Every Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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Newsletter of  
Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia  
September 2025



THE INAUGURATION OF THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA,  
ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, MADRAS, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1947



THE SOLEMN DECLARATION OF UNION

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Important Days of the Church Calendar

Date	Event
09/06/2025	Sunday School Competitions
09/07/2025	Education Sunday
09/14/2025	Women's Sunday
09/21/2025	Choir Sunday
09/27/2025	CSI Formation Day
09/28/2025	Senior Citizen's Sunday
10/05/2025	Laity Sunday
10/19/2025	Church Day
10/26/2025	Reformation Sunday
11/02/2025	Sunday school Sunday
11/09/2025	Unity Sunday
11/23/2025	Thanksgiving Sunday
11/29/2025	House to House Caroling
12/13/2025	House to House Caroling
12/20/2025	Christmas Carol
12/25/2025	Christmas Day
12/31/2025	Watchnight Service



From Achen's Desk

Dear Friends,

As we approach the month of September, I greet you with the peace and joy of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we approach the anniversary of the formation of the Church of South India on September 27, we pause to give thanks for this remarkable and Spirit-led moment in the history of the Christian Church. The formation of the CSI in 1947 stands as a powerful witness to the unity that Christ prayed for—"that they all may be one" (John 17:21).

The Church of South India was born out of the union of Anglicans, Methodists, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, and other Reformed traditions—a bold and unprecedented step at the time. Just weeks after India gained independence, this union symbolized a new kind of freedom: freedom from division, and a step toward unity in diversity. This was not merely an administrative arrangement. It was a theological and spiritual affirmation that Christ is greater than our denominations, and that the mission of the Church is best served when we walk together.

The CSI has always stood as a living example of ecumenism in action. While respecting the rich traditions of its constituent churches, it has chosen to focus on what unites us: the Word of God, the sacraments, the calling to serve the poor, and the proclamation of the Gospel. This unity, however, is not finished work. It continues to challenge us today to look beyond our own boundaries, to engage in dialogue, and to work toward reconciliation within the wider Body of Christ.

As members of the Church of South India—or as fellow Christians inspired by its witness—we are called to live this unity in our daily lives:

- To build bridges between people of different backgrounds, denominations, and beliefs.

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- To stand with the marginalized, just as Christ did.
- To nurture new generations in faith, hope, and love.
- To be good stewards of the Gospel and of creation.

Let us remember that the Church is not just a structure or an institution—it is the People of God, called together in love and sent out in mission. As we give thanks for the vision and courage of those who formed the Church of South India, may we too be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in our time. May our church communities continue to reflect unity, justice, peace, and compassion.

Let us celebrate this anniversary with a renewed commitment to be the Church that Christ calls us to be.

Rev. Sandeep Jacob

### *Wedding Anniversaries:*

**Congratulations and best wishes to all the couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries in the month of September. We will be remembering you in our intercessory prayers, and kindly request you to join the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service. May God continue to bless your married life with love, joy and peace.**

Dr. Vivek George Koshy & Dr. Nileena George	09/14
Mr. Jacob Russal and Dr. Mrs. Soby Jacob Russal	09/19
Mr. Prasad Philip and Mrs. Seeja Prasad	09/23
Mr. Mathew Abraham and Mrs. Rejini Abraham	09/26



***May you truly sense God's love as you celebrate your Wedding Anniversary and see the future years together as memories to be made.*** **By M.S.Lowndes**

### **CSI Formation Day (September 27, 1947)**

Four different church traditions were brought together in the CSI; Anglican (Episcopal), Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist. All these churches had been established in India through the missionary work of churches in Europe, America, and Australia, which had started their work in India at different periods from the beginning of the 18th century.

The Church of South India Scheme was the first practical attempt of its kind towards a union, based on the following points enunciated in the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral:

- The Holy Scripture of the Old and the New Testaments containing all things necessary to salvation and as being the rule and ultimate standard of faith.
- The Apostles' Creed as the Baptismal Symbol and the Nicene Creed as sufficient statement of the Christian faith.
- The two sacraments ordained by Christ Himself — Baptism and the Supper of the Lord — ministered with the unfailing use of Christ's words of Institution and elements ordained by Him.
- The Historic Episcopate locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying need of the nations and people called of God into the union of His Church.

The Church of South India union ceremony happened at St George's Cathedral in Madras on 27 September 1947, a month after India achieved its independence from the United Kingdom. It was formed from the union of the SIUC, (South India United Church itself a union of churches from the Congregational, Presbyterian, and Reformed traditions); the southern provinces of the (Anglican) Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon; and the Methodist Church of South India. The inaugural service was presided by Bishop Rt. Rev. C. K. Jacob, of the Anglican diocese of Travancore and Cochin. As part of it, nine new bishops, drawn from all the traditions, were consecrated to serve with five Anglican bishops already in the office.<sup>[18]</sup> Each new bishop was ordained with the imposition of hands by the presiding bishop, along with two more Anglican bishops (Rt. Rev. A. M. Hollis and Rt. Rev. G. T. Selwynthe) and six presbyters from the uniting Churches, also laying hands.<sup>[18]</sup> This reconciliation of the Anglican views with those of the other uniting denominations, on the doctrine of apostolic succession, realized in the formation of the Church of South India, is often cited as a landmark in the ecumenical movement.

Source: Wikipedia

## Birthday Greetings:

The following members will be celebrating their birthdays in the month of September. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

Mr. Jonah Issac Mathew	09/01
Mr. David Ninan	09/02
Miss Lesa Thomas	09/03
Dr. Jacky Reny	09/10
Mr. Saju Issac Mathew	09/16
Mr. Marc Ivan	09/16
Mrs. Deepa Ninan	09/16
Dr. George Vivek Koshy	09/19
Mrs. Reena George	09/21
Mrs. Jiji Ivan	09/23
Mr. Jacob Korah	09/24
Mrs. Susan Mathew	09/27
Miss Everleh Kay Jacob	09/27
Mr. Jaisen Jacob	09/29
Rev. Sandeep Jacob	09/29



*God's richest blessings be upon you as you celebrate yet another year on this journey with Christ and as you commit each day into the hands of the Lord.*



## Lectionary for September 2025

September 07    **13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Malayalam Holy Communion**  
**Education Sunday**  
**Theme: Education as the Ministry of the Church**  
**1 Lesson:** Nehemiah 8: 1 - 8  
**Psalm**        119: 41 - 48  
**2 Lesson:** Acts 18: 24 - 28  
**Gospel:**        Matthew 5: 1 - 12  
**Lay Ministry:** Mr. Abraham Kunnel & Family

September 14    **14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Communion (English)**  
**Women's Sunday**  
**Theme: Remembering & Celebrating Women's Ministry**  
**1 Lesson:** Judges 4: 4 - 16  
**Psalm**        132  
**2 Lesson:** Philippians 4: 1 - 7  
**Gospel:**        Luke 8: 1 - 3  
**Lay Ministry: Women's Fellowship**

September 21    **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Malayalam Holy Communion**  
**Choir Sunday**  
**Theme: Music of the Redeemed Lord**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson**    Exodus 15: 1 - 13  
**Psalm**        107: 1 - 16  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson**    Revelation 14: 1 - 5  
**Gospel**        Luke 1: 68 - 79  
**Lay Ministry: Choir Members**

Lectionary for September/October 2025

September 28      **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Communion (English)**  
**Senior Citizen's Sunday**  
**Theme:                Caring and Accepting the Elderly**

**1 Lesson:** Genesis 46: 28 – 34; 47: 1-10

**Psalm**            21

**2 Lesson:** 1 Timothy 5: 1 - 10

**Gospel:**        Luke 2: 25 - 35

**Lay Ministry:** Youth Fellowship

October 05      **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Malayalam Holy Communion**  
**(Laity Sunday)**

**Theme:**        **Priesthood of All Believers**

**1 Lesson:** Isaiah 61: 1 - 11

**Psalm**            135: 12 - 21

**2 Lesson:** 1 Peter 2: 1 - 10

**Gospel:**        John 17: 1 - 8

**Lay Ministry:** Laity Fellowship

October 12      **18<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday for the Mentally and Physically**  
**Challenged**

**Theme:**        **Disability: Care and Honor**  
**English Holy Communion**

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson**      2 Samuel 9: 1 - 13

**Psalm**            146

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson**     Acts 9: 32 - 35

**Gospel**            Mark 3: 1 - 16

**Lay Ministry:** Sunday School Children

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AMERICA REGION 1& 2

# Women and Laity Retreat

SEPTEMBER 27TH  
8:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

HOSTED BY CSI CHRIST CHURCH IN PA

**SPEAKERS:**

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**REV. JOJI M GEORGE,**  
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