

**[+CMTC: 2073 ] CMTC Weekly Digest: May 1st, 2026**

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Fri, May 1, 2026 at 6:45 AM

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**WEEKLY DIGEST**



**THE CHICAGO MAR THOMA  
CHURCH**

**Friday May 1st, 2026**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



**SUNDAY  
MAY 3  
2026**

ഭൂ-ഭവനദാന പ്രസ്ഥാനം,  
ക്രിസ്തുവിനോടൊപ്പമുള്ള  
തീക്ഷ്ണ സ്നേഹസഞ്ചാരം  
**Bhoo-Bhavana Dana Prasthanam,  
Walk with Christ in Passionate Love**

**7:30AM | Divine Service**

Message  
Mr. Jinoj Mathew



**Holy Qurbana in Malayalam -10 AM**

First Lesson: Jer 31:1-6, Second Lesson: Eph 3:14-19  
Epistle: 1 John 1:1-10, Gospel: John 21:15-19

**IGNITE**

Worship Service will be held at  
Parish Fellowship Hall@ 10AM



Message  
Mr. Blessen T Jacob

**Divine Service (English): 7:30 AM Join Live Streaming**

**Holy Qurbana (Malayalam): 10 AM Join Live Streaming**

**Prayer**

Lord God,

Let Your light be our unwavering beacon, illuminating the singular next step. Fortify our hearts with patience and resilience, and awaken within us the quiet strength that dwells in the sanctuary of Your presence. May we draw from the wellspring of enduring strength that flows from the knowledge that we are never alone.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen.

## Parish Announcements

### Space for the Future Building Project

By the grace of God, we are entering the City's Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) hearing process, with a public hearing expected on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026. All parishioners who are able are encouraged to attend the City Hall public hearing. The Parish especially requests the presence of office-bearers from every sub-organization. Kindly pray for divine guidance over the proceedings, for gracious support from all participants—including our neighbors—and for a favorable outcome.

We encourage every family to consider making a generous financial commitment through pledges.

Please use the link provided to view an informative video about the Space for the Future Building Project and to make your pledge today.

[Space For The Future Informative Video](#)

[Space For The Future Pledge Form](#)

### **Tuesday Fasting Prayer**

Will be held at 10:00 am at Church with optional Zoom

[Tuesday Prayer: Join Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 836 3456 1383

Passcode: 156818

Dial by your location : +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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### **Wednesday Online Bible Study**

Will be held via Zoom at 8:00 pm

The weekly Online Bible Study is coordinated on alternate weeks by the Parish Mission and Sevika Sangham.

Please join and be spiritually enriched.

[Wednesday Online Bible Study: Join Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 898 0070 4611

Passcode: 083373

Dial by your location : +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 898 0070 4611 | Passcode: 083373

## Altar Flowers

Families who wish to sponsor altar flowers for a week are kindly requested to contact our Lay Leaders. The cost for sponsorship is \$35. You may prayerfully consider sponsoring altar flowers in thanksgiving on occasions such as birthdays or wedding anniversaries.

## Website

[Parish Website](#)

## Forms

[Parish Forms](#)

## YouTube

Please click on the link below and subscribe to get access to all live stream links.

[YouTube](#)

## Area & Sub-Organization Announcements

### Area Prayer Meetings

There will be an area prayer meeting of Area 4 on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at residence of Mr. John Mathew (Renji) and Sally ([8701 W. Stolting Rd, Niles, IL 60714](#))

## Sunday School

**Kids Ministry** will be held on May 8th at 7:00 PM at church. Dinner will be provided. Please use the link below to register.

ALL ARE WELCOME  
COME HUNGRY  
.....LEAVE BLESSED .....

LIGHTED  
TO  
LIGHTEN

Sunday School Kids Ministry  
**BIBLE STUDY**

**Venue:**  
**Chicago  
Marthoma  
Church**

**Date:**  
**May 8th,  
Friday at  
7:00pm**

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and  
a light to my path." –  
Psalm 119:105



SHIJY  
ALEX



SUSAN  
EDAMALA

DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED

[Register for Kid's Ministry](#)



# CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

# VBS 2026

Lights  
Color  
Action

**JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>-20<sup>TH</sup>**

Chicago Mar Thoma Church  
240 Potter Road Des Plaines IL 60016

SHINING A LIGHT ON  
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

# ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

**Registration Fee: \$50/Child until May 31, 2026**  
**Late Fee: \$60/Child (Only for CMTC Students)**

[Register for VBS](#)

The Midwest Junior Camp will be held at Detroit Mar Thoma Church from July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students who are interested are kindly requested to share their names with their teachers.



## Youth Fellowship

**Young Adults Ministry:** The Youth Fellowship will host the first meeting of the Young Adults Ministry today (Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>) at 7:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Alvin and Mrs. Angel Varghese ([6146 Maplewood Ave, Chicago, IL 60659](#)). All youth ages 21 and over are heartily invited to attend.

**Mother's Day Video:** Youth Fellowship is preparing a special Mother's Day video and invites everyone to participate!

- In-Person Recording Session: Join us in the Baby Room on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, immediately following the Holy Communion Service.
- Video Submissions: If you are unable to attend the recording session, you can submit your video online.
- Submissions deadline : Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 11:59 PM.
- If you have any questions or experience technical issues with the recording or submission, please reach out to Youth Fellowship Secretary Mr. Shane Abraham or YF Social Media Coordinator, Mr. Joel Mathew.



# Mother's Day VIDEO

Come to the baby room on May 3rd after the Holy Communion Service to be part of this year's Mothers Day video! If you can't attend in person, click the following link!

[Submit Mother's Day Video](#)

**Yuvajana Sakhyam**



**CHICAGO MAR THOMA  
YUVAJANA SAKHYAM**

# Bible QUIZ

**14  
JUNE**

**SUNDAY  
1:00 PM**

**BOOK OF JUDGES (80%)  
CHURCH HISTORY (20%)**

Organizations  
and area  
prayer groups  
can participate  
this year

Register your  
team by  
17- May-2026

**For more information please contact**

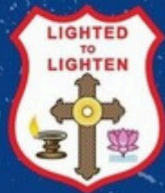
**JOMI ROSHAN**  
Convener  
**847-287-8036**

**KEZIAH BYJU**  
Co-Convener  
**708-603-8526**

*Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path - Psalms 119:105*

The quiz portions will be : 80% from the Book of Judges and 20% from topics related to the Mar Thoma Church.

[Register for Bible Quiz](#)



**CHICAGO MAR THOMA**

**YUVAJANA SAKHYAM**

*in association with*

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**



**MARTHO**

**VOLLEYBALL**

**LEAGUE 2026**

**SUNDAY, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> 2026**

Yuvajana Sakhyam is looking for two new team owners for the Mar Thoma Volleyball League. If you're interested in sponsoring a team, please reach out to YS Secretary Mrs. Deepa Abraham or Sports Convenor Mr. Aju Mathew.

[Register for Martho Volleyball](#)

**Parish Mission**



മാർത്തോമ്മാ സന്നദ്ധ  
സുവിശേഷക സംഘം  
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

പ്രവർത്തനോദ്ഘാടന

സമ്മേളനം

2026-2029

Theme:

**“ROOTED IN CONVICTIONS,  
DRIVEN WITH PURPOSE”**

Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2026

8:30 PM (EST) / 7:30 PM (CST) /  
6:30 PM (MST) / 5:30 PM (PST)



**Inaugural Speech:**

**Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar  
Paulos Episcopa**  
Diocesan Bishop



**Main Talk:**

**Rev. Rency Thomas George**  
Director, Mar Thoma Church  
Animation Centre



ZOOM INFORMATION:

Meeting ID: 872 4274 0053

Passcode: 101010

Your Prayerful Participation is requested

Rev. Ashish Thomas  
Vice President

Mr. George Varghese  
Secretary

Mr. Varghese K. Joseph  
Treasurer

Dr. Alex Thomas  
Assembly Member

Prayer Cell: There will be no Prayer Cell meeting starting next week; it will resume with the beginning of the next Sunday School academic year.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: All Area Monthly Prayer Meeting will be held on Saturday May 09<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6.30 pm at Church. All Parishioners are encouraged to attend this prayer meeting.

Sevika Sanghom

CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH  
SEVIKA SANGHOM

**FOOD SALE**  
**SUNDAY, 17th MAY 2026**

*Taste of Home,  
Wrapped in Love.*

കപ്പി ബിരിയാണി  
Kappo Biryani

നാവിൽ കപ്പലോടും  
വെജ്. പുലാവ് & മുട്ട റോസ്റ്റ്  
Veg Pulao & Egg Roast

Home made Pickles

Kerala Snacks

### Prayers & Blessings

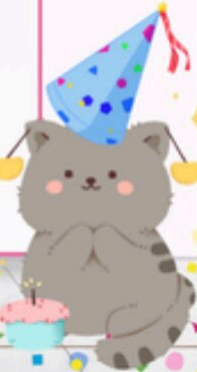
To all our beloved parishioners celebrating the gift of a new year in life and the sacred covenant of marriage this week: may the Triune God, in His infinite love, surround you with abounding grace, uphold you with unfailing mercy, fill your hearts with the peace that surpasses all understanding, and bless you richly, now and unto ages everlasting.

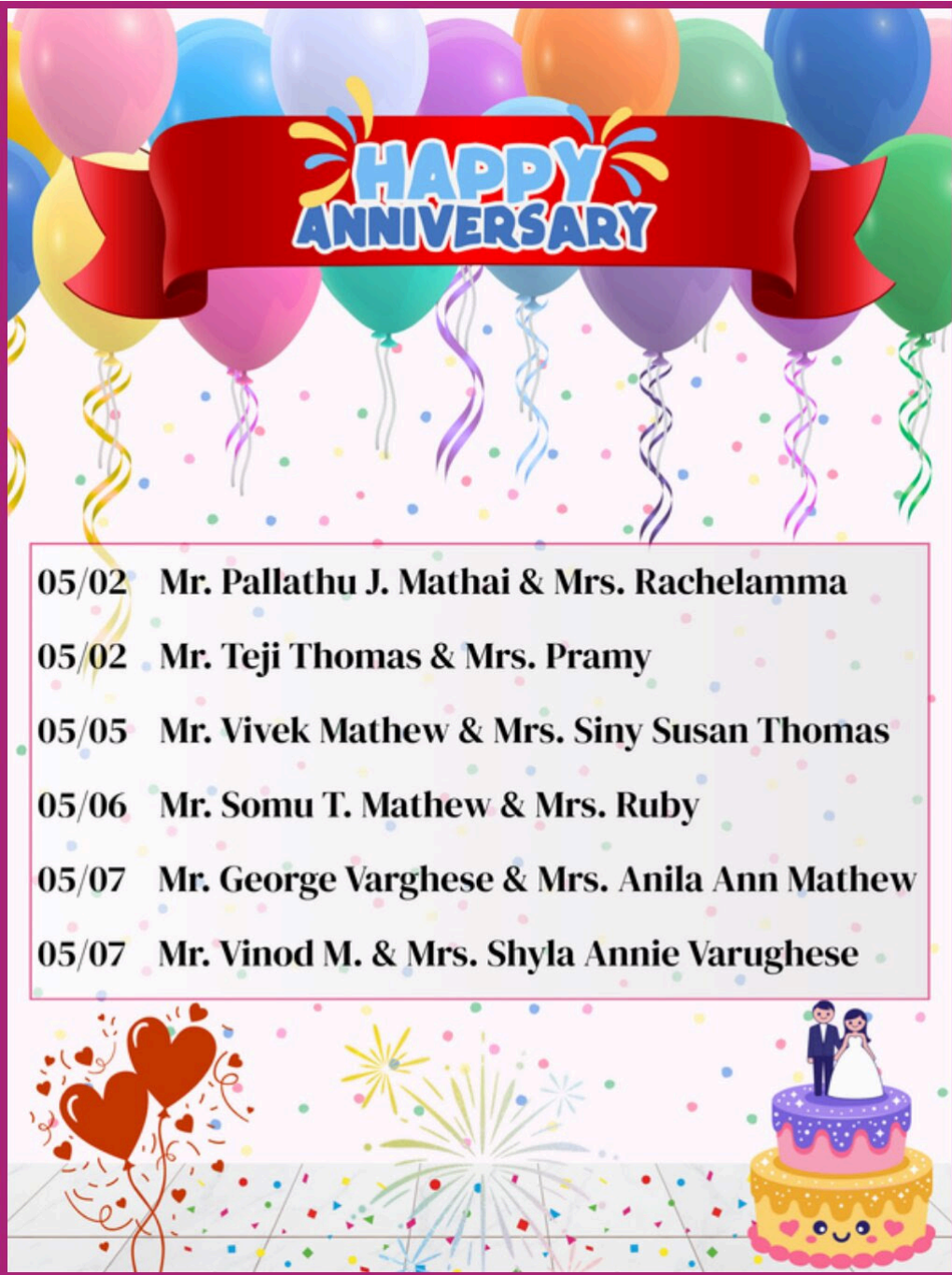


# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



05/01 Sam M. Thomas  
05/01 Chacko V. George  
05/02 Kunjamma Thomas  
05/02 Mathew P. Samuel  
05/02 Marwin M. Varghese  
05/03 Aleyamma Mathew  
05/03 Royce Mathews  
05/03 Bindhu Karimpanamannil  
05/03 Steive Thomas  
05/03 Alicia Chacko  
05/03 Alvin George  
05/03 Annelise Miriam George  
05/04 Mariam Varghese  
05/04 Aleyamma Thomas  
05/04 Arphy Roy  
05/05 Zachary David George  
05/05 Joshua Dipin Mohan  
05/06 Koshy K. Mathai  
05/06 Beena Thomas  
05/06 Sujith Issac Sajan  
05/07 George Varughese  
05/07 Vincy George  
05/07 Ashlin S. Monish  
05/07 Abin Jomy  
05/07 Isabella Sanish George





05/02 Mr. Pallathu J. Mathai & Mrs. Rachelamma

05/02 Mr. Teji Thomas & Mrs. Pramy

05/05 Mr. Vivek Mathew & Mrs. Siny Susan Thomas

05/06 Mr. Somu T. Mathew & Mrs. Ruby

05/07 Mr. George Varghese & Mrs. Anila Ann Mathew

05/07 Mr. Vinod M. & Mrs. Shyla Annie Varughese

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

**Prayerfully, Together in His service,**

Mr. Monish K. John

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