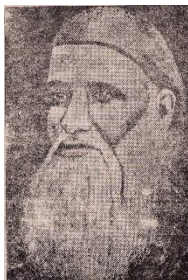


CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH



PARISH MESSENGER

Bi-Monthly



Reformation

Rethink, Renew, Reclaim

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2018

CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

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	Area 11 Representative	
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Mr. Jacob Thomas	Lay Leader (Malayalam)	312-320-7004
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VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dearly beloved in Christ;

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

“Bless the LORD, O my soul and all that is within me, bless his holy name Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits” (Psalm 103:1-2).



It is with lots of praise and thanks to the God Almighty, that I write this message. Chicago Mar Thoma Church and Youth Fellowship group was able to host the 39th Diocesan Youth Fellowship Conference (DYFC) at Trinity College, Deerfield. Chicago Mar Thoma Youth Group has done a marvelous job to fulfill the commitment that was bestowed upon them. I appreciate all those who have served the Lord with their time, talent and treasures for the fruitful organization of the conference.

DYFC 2018 was a great event and platform for the youths of different parishes to gather together to praise God and renew their faith in Jesus Christ and to rededicate their lives to serve the Lord in this world. The presence, leadership and messages of our Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Thirumeni was a great encouragement and energized the participants to attempt great things for God and expect great things from God in the future.

Mar Thoma Church is an apostolic, biblical, historical, reformed, eastern and ecumenical church. The reformation in the Church has been an attempt to delve into the foundations of Bible to declare Jesus Christ as the savior and mediator between God and human. Fixing into the core theological and ethical principles of the Bible, Church made changes in the liturgy and practices. The prayers in the liturgy were made more biblical and historical. This way of Re-forming of faith and practices happened in the Church in 1836 is titled as “reformation.”

Reformation is re-formation of faith, renewal of spiritual life and reclaiming of Christian identity. According to Romans 12:1-2, reformation is an act of repentance and reorientation of our perceptions and perspectives. Reformation is the process of transformation of body, mind and intelligence according to the will of God to submit ourselves as the “living sacrifices.” ‘Living sacrifice’ doesn’t mean simply the resources we share but it is the ‘life’ we orient to transform the world. In the process of transformation, the experience of sacrifices is involved.

However, we are everyday propelled to experience luxury and pomp without referring to the pain and burden of our brothers and sisters. Life is made safe and secure by the dazzling amusement of prosperity. On the other hand, world is ruled by the philosophies and practices of hate and violence. Marketing of hate and violence has become the business of

the world. People suffering under the yoke of hate and violence is the new multitude yearning for life. The cry of the wounded children and the tears of their mothers is the new prayer heard around the world. Every heart is throbbing with some pain and agony. For some people, pain and agony is the result of rejection of love and yet for others it happens because of anxiety.

The thought of crucified Christ and the expressions of cross are slowly disappearing from our lived experiences. Reformation informs us to transform our self by holding the cross of Christ and to share our life for the others. The world is waiting for a 'Messiah' who can redeem the world.

Church is the body of Christ instituted to declare the hope of a Messiah and called out to transform the world. As a parish our call is to transform the world and our community through worship and witness activities of the Church.

Let's pray for the forthcoming events and activities of the parish like harvest festival (Aug 18), Sunday school classes (Aug 26) and family retreat (Sept 28-30). I encourage all parish members to actively participate in all these activities and be blessed.

May the Grace, Mercies and Blessings of our God be with you all,

In the Lord's Ministry,

Rev. Shiby Varughese

ASST. VICAR'S MESSAGE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

King David, the person God called "a man after his own heart" (1 Sam.13:14), wrote these words: "My God, my God! Why have you forsaken me? Why do you remain so distant? Why do you ignore my cries for help? (Psalm 22:1). And we know Jesus echoing those words 1030 years later when he yelled them from the cross: My God, my God why have you forsaken me? (Matt. 27:46). When Job asked God why all the bad stuff was happening in his life, God was silent for 37 chapters of the Bible. Finally, God told him, "Who are you to question me?" And Job shut up rather quickly. Even today many people are asking this question. "Where is God in my difficult times? Why is He so silent? It is such a big question.

We yearn for God's presence. We call to him. And we hear nothing. He answers our longings with silence. Sometimes this silence feels unbearable. Someone has found on the



wall of a concentration camp these words: “I believe in the sun, even though it doesn’t shine, I believe in love, even when it isn’t shown, I believe in God, even when he doesn’t speak.”

God’s silence offers us the choice – faith or sight. We can either abandon our faith or learn to trust in the dark. God leaves that choice up to us. When you listen to a song, you only hear the harmony because of the emptiness between the notes. If the song is too full of notes, it becomes nothing but noise. To hear the harmony, you must let the silences have their place in the song. It’s like each note is a pearl upon a necklace and the silences are what strings them all together. May be God knows that without the silences in our lives, we will never hear the melody of faith. Let us choose to trust God in the dark as Jesus did while he was dying on the cross. Let’s sing and hear the melody of faith. May God Almighty strengthen us and equip us to shine in the darkest of circumstances and make us a powerful example of faith in action for others.

In the Lord’s Ministry,

Binu Achen

SECRETARY’S DESK

Spiritual Formation

The month of August as Sabha, we are meditating on the theme; “Reformation”. Shiby Achen has elaborated on reformation very meaningfully; and as he rightly mentioned; ***“Reformation is re-formation of faith, renewal of spiritual life and reclaiming of Christian identity.”***

Every day we are becoming either more like Jesus or less like him. Spiritual formation is the name for that process by which Christians, in union with Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, become conformed both internally and externally to the character of Christ with a purpose to be in communion with God.

Typically, we focus either year end or beginning of a new one as an opportune time to reflect on our spiritual formation and to develop habits to help us become more like Jesus; but instead we should ponder on this every day, every minute, every second; rather it should become our second habit.

We should practice; “Assessing spiritual growth – through self-examination”; “Hearing from God – by seeing Jesus in Scripture”; “Speaking to God – through Prayer”; “Engaging with God’s word – by Engaging in the Scripture”; “Communion with God – through Worship”; “Conforming internally – by Developing Wisdom”; “Conforming Externally – through Stewardship” & last but not the least; “Responding in Obedience – through Faithfulness”.

Together in His Service
Teji Thomas

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & LECTIONARY

AUGUST

Date	Schedule	Lessons		Epistle	Gospel	Area Asst.
		1	2			
5	09:30 a.m. Holy Communion in English	Isa 6: 1-8	Acts 9: 10-18	2 Cor 11: 16-31	Luke 10: 1-12	Area 12
	Mission Sunday – Mission Participation in the Divine Pain – CH 306					
12	7:30 a.m. Divine Service in English	Gen 1: 24-31	Acts 10: 9-16	Eph 1: 3-14	Matt 6: 25-34	Area 1-12
	09:30 a.m. Holy Qurbana in Malayalam					Area 10
	Identify the goodness in Creation – CH 76					
19	09:30 a.m. Holy Communion in English	2 King 23: 1-6	Rev 3: 14-22	Acts 2: 43-47	Matt 13: 33-35	Area 1
	Reformation Sunday – The Church: Reformed and Reforming – CH 201					
26	7:30 a.m. Divine Service in English	Gen 7: 11-24	Rom 6: 1-14	1 Pet 3: 17-22	John 12: 20-26	Area 1-12
	10:30 a.m. Holy Qurbana in Malayalam					Area 11
	Baptism: Dying and Rising with Christ – CH 408					

Refer to Lectionary @ <http://marthoma.in/lectionary/>

First Day of Sunday School - New Academic Year - 26th August

Sunday School Time: 08:50 am

SEPTEMBER

Date	Schedule	Lessons		Epistle	Gospel	Area Asst.
		1	2			
2	7:30 a.m. Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	Prov 4: 1-19	Acts 22: 1-5	Col 1: 24-29	Luke 4: 31-44	Area 12
	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion in English					Area 2
Jesus: The Great Guru – Education Sunday – CH 402						
9	7:30 a.m. Divine Service in English	Exo 1: 15-22	Rom 16 1-16	Acts 16: 11-15	Mark 15: 37-41	Area 1-12
	10:30 a.m. Holy Qurbana in Malayalam					Sevikha Sanghom
Women: Partners in God's Liberation – Sevikha Sanghom Day – CH 242						
16	7:30 a.m. Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	Josh 14: 6-15	Phile 1: 8-22	2 Tim 4: 1-8	Luke 1: 5-7	Area 2
	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion in English					Senior Citizens
Share the Wisdom of Elderly – Senior Citizen Day – CH 270						
23	7:30 a.m. Divine Service in English	Exo 12: 21-28	Acts 2 37-47	1 Cor 11: 23-30	Luke 22: 14-20	Area 1-12
	10:30 a.m. Holy Qurbana in Malayalam					Area 3
Holy Qurbana: Sacrament of Offering – CH 316						
30	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion in English	Mal 2: 10-16	1 Cor 13:1-14	Heb 13: 1-6	Mark 10: 2-9	Area 4
	Honor the Bond of Marriage – CH 394					
Oct 7	7:30 a.m. Holy Qurbana in Malayalam	1 Sam 25:14-28	1 Thess 4: 1-12	1 Thess 5: 12-22	Luke 10:25-37	Area 4
	10:30 a.m. Holy Communion in English					Area 5
Be the Witness of Gospel: Voluntary Evangelist's Day – CH 302						

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS – August - September			
DATE	NAME & ADDRESS	TIME	AREA
08/05 Sunday	Mr. C. V. Varughese 1508 N Oneida Ln, Mount Prospect IL – 60056. Ph. 847-668-7051	6:30 pm	7
08/05 Sunday	Mr. Eipe C. Varghese @ Church Basement Fellowship Hall Ph. 224-200-5771	7:00 pm	6
08/19 Sunday	Mr. Rajan Cherian 18826 Westwood Pl, Lake Villa IL – 60046. Ph. 224-643-7227	5:00 pm	9
08/19 Sunday	Mr. Biju Jacob 678 Jarvis Ave, Des Plaines IL – 60018. Ph. 847-346-9795	6:30 pm	6
08/26 Sunday	Mr. Achenkunj Mathew 208 Eric Ave, Mount Prospect IL – 60056. Ph. 847-912-2578	6:30 pm	7
08/26 Sunday	Mr. Mathew Eapen 9237 Cameron Ln, Morton Grove IL – 60053. Ph. 224-436-0516	6:30 pm	3
09/09 Sunday	Mr. George Oommen 6948 N Kilbourne Ave, Lincolnwood IL – 60712. Ph. 847-858-8283	6.30 pm	2
09/15 Saturday	Mr. K. J. Samuel 6083 Indian Trail, Gurnee IL – 60031. Ph. 224-388-2001	6:00 pm	9
09/22 Saturday	Mrs. Annamma Varghese 485 Freedom Ct, Gurnee IL – 60031. Ph. 847-623-9069	6:00 pm	9
09/22 Saturday	Mrs. Achyamma John 1632 Tina Ln, Flossmoor IL – 60422. Ph. 708-799-4154	6:30 pm	11
09/30 Sunday	Mr. Sam Thundiyil 9527 Lowell Ave, Skokie IL – 60076. Ph. 847-691-1096	6:30 pm	2
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP			
11 th August Saturday	09:00 am onwards – MFL Tournament @ River Trails Middle School		
SEVIKA SANGHOM			
10 th Aug	6:30 pm – Young Women Fellowship @ 9500 Golf Road, Des Plaines		
8 th Sept	8:00am – Grand Parents Day		
EDAVAKA MISSION / SEVIKA SANGHOM BIBLE STUDY			
DATE	NAME & ADDRESS	TIME	REGION
1 st Aug	Ms. Susy Thomas 1059 S. Normandy Rd, Waukegan IL – 60085. Ph. 847-623-7261	7:00 pm	D

8 th Aug	Mr. Yohannan M. Mathew & Ms. Rosamma 7820 Tripp Ave, Skokie IL – 60076. Ph. 847-612-6058	7:00 pm	A
15 th Aug	Ms. Saramma Abraham 971 Carlow Dr, Des Plaines IL – 60016. Ph. 847-390-7848	7:00 pm	B
22 nd Aug	Mr. Philip Cherian & Ms. Anna Philip 1802 Krowka Dr, Des Plaines IL – 60018. Ph. 847-308-2979	7:00 pm	C
29 th Aug	No Bible Study – Week 5		
5 th Sept	Mr. Thomas Mammen & Ms. Saramma Mammen 6213 Wildflower Ln, Gurnee IL – 60031. Ph. 847-336-3086	7:00 pm	D
12 th Sept	Mr. K. C. Samuel & Ms. Annamma Samuel 5423 N. Forest Glen Ave, Chicago IL – 60630. Ph. 773-972-9201	7:00 pm	A
19 th Sept	Mr. Mathew Chandy & Ms. Soozy Mathew 753 Meadow Dr, Des Plaines IL – 60016. Ph. 224-766-9080	7:00 pm	B
26 th Sept	Mr. Abraham Koshy & Ms. Annamma Koshy 1345 Miami Ln, Des Plaines IL – 60018. Ph. 847-297-0643	7:00 pm	C
03 rd Oct	Mr. K. J. Samuel & Ms. Ponnamma Samuel 6083 Indian Trails, Gurnee IL – 60031. Ph. 224-388-2001	7:00 pm	D

EDAVAKA MISSION

08/11	Combined Prayer Meeting – 06:30 pm at CMTC
09/08	Combined Prayer Meeting – 06:30 pm at CMTC
Every Sunday	Prayer Cell Meeting – 09:15 am at CMTC starting September
Bi-Monthly	Visiting Sick & Elderly Members – Details on Date & Time to follow
2 nd Aug – 5 th Aug	2018- Edavaka Mission Annual Convention Main Speaker – Bro. David John (Thampan) Mavelikara, Kerala

SENIOR CITIZEN FELLOWSHIP

08/23	Senior Fellowship Meeting – 10:00 am at CMTC
09/20	Senior Fellowship Meeting – 10:00 am at CMTC

CHOIR

1 st & 3 rd Saturday	English Choir Practice	2 nd & 4 th Saturday	Malayalam Choir Practice
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

12 th Aug	Teachers Retreat – After Holy Qurbana Service in Malayalam
19 th Aug	Sunday School Anniversary & Parents Meeting
26 th Aug	First Day of Sunday School – New Academic Year Begins 08:50 am
23 rd Sep	Teachers Training

Intercessory Prayer

Every **Thursday @ 9pm** Teleconference call details:
Phone No. 641 715 0700 Access code 872060#

BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

08/01	Ms.	Freny Mathew	08/13	Ms.	Rachel Varghese
08/01	Mr.	Joshi George	08/14	Mr.	Georgie Abraham
08/01	Ms.	Saramma M. Varghese	08/14	Mr.	Shanon George
08/01	Mr.	Jacob Arackal	08/14	Mr.	Aaron B. Cherian
08/01	Mr.	Benny K. Issac	08/14	Mr.	Eipe C Varghese
08/02	Ms.	Anjali Jaya Mathew	08/14	Ms.	Aney M. Abraham
08/02	Ms.	Ann Elizabeth Mathew	08/14	Ms.	Sherry Jacob
08/03	Mr.	Proxoson J Cherian	08/15	Dr.	Abraham George
08/04	Ms.	Aleyamma Ninan	08/15	Ms.	Sosamma Varughese
08/04	Ms.	Dona S. George	08/15	Ms.	Susamma Philip
08/04	Mr.	Jacob Koshy	08/15	Mr.	K. J. Samuel
08/04	Ms.	Ancy S. Mohan	08/15	Ms.	Annamma John
08/05	Ms.	Princy S. Mathew	08/16	Ms.	Shara Mary Alex
08/05	Ms.	Loveleena Alex	08/16	Ms.	Syna Sujai
08/05	Ms.	Lillikutty Thomas	08/16	Ms.	Grace Jessa Mathew
08/06	Ms.	Sarina P Issac	08/16	Ms.	Shayne S Varughese
08/06	Ms.	Rensy J Mathew	08/16	Ms.	Neethu Elsa Thomas
08/06	Ms.	Mariamamma John	08/17	Mr.	Jeffy Joseph Thomas
08/06	Mr.	Easo T. Varghese	08/18	Ms.	Mary George
08/06	Mr.	Caleb Thomas Philip	08/18	Ms.	Regina G. Mathew
08/07	Ms.	Renay Alex	08/18	Mr.	Sunny Paul Kanampully
08/08	Ms.	Aleyamma Abraham	08/18	Mr.	Issac Philip
08/08	Ms.	Sabitha Mathew	08/18	Ms.	Saon Das Mathew
08/09	Ms.	Preetha K. John	08/19	Ms.	Aleyamma Cherian
08/09	Ms.	Jessy J. Koshy	08/20	Mr.	Manoj N. Oommen
08/10	Ms.	Mariamamma Mathai	08/21	Ms.	Steffi Oommen
08/10	Ms.	Mariamamma Thomas	08/21	Ms.	Abigail Mariam George
08/10	Mr.	Bejil O. Thomas	08/22	Dr.	M. V. Mathew
08/10	Mr.	Philipose C. Thomas	08/23	Ms.	Saritha Mathew
08/10	Ms.	Christa Alex	08/24	Mr.	Biju Koshy Varghese
08/11	Ms.	Jincy Philip	08/24	Mr.	Ankit Gupta
08/11	Ms.	Bincy Philip	08/24	Dr.	Angie Samuel
08/12	Mr.	Pallathu J. Mathai	08/24	Ms.	Leena Cherian
08/12	Ms.	Veena Shebby Samuel	08/26	Ms.	Aleyamma Varghese
08/12	Ms.	Binu Joseph	08/26	Ms.	Vivian Mae Joseph
08/12	Mr.	Ciju Cherian	08/26	Mr.	Jinu C. Thomas
08/12	Mr.	Emory Thomas Vivian	08/26	Mr.	Alwin Abraham
08/12	Ms.	Saramma George	08/26	Ms.	Gabrela Grace Varghese

08/27	Ms.	Sunu John	08/30	Mr.	Joel G. Mathew
08/28	Ms.	Sara Elizabeth Mathew	08/30	Ms.	Ashley E. Abraham
08/28	Ms.	Shyla Annie Varughese	08/30	Ms.	Anu Thomas
08/28	Ms.	Salomi George	08/30	Mr.	Robin A. Mathew
08/29	Mr.	Vince Sam George	08/30	Ms.	Ashley R. Mohan
08/29	Ms.	Hana Mini Geno	08/30	Ms.	Rachelamma Mathai
08/30	Mr.	N. Mathew Philip	08/31	Ms.	Marina P Issac
08/30	Mr.	Bobby George	08/31	Mr.	E. J. Jacob

SEPTEMBER

09/01	Ms.	Kunjumol Cherian	09/09	Mr.	Liju Philip
09/01	Mr.	Sabu Kuruvilla	09/09	Mr.	Dylan Michael Pearlman
09/01	Mr.	Jake A John	09/09	Ms.	Sharon Moncy Chacko
09/01	Ms.	Aliamma Chacko	09/09	Ms.	Gianne Marie Thoppil
09/01	Ms.	Viji George	09/09	Mr.	Subit John Mathew
09/02	Ms.	Isabella Maria Jacob	09/09	Mr.	John P. Chacko
09/03	Mr.	Jensen P. Mathew	09/09	Mr.	Jacob George
09/03	Ms.	Linsu Abraham	09/10	Ms.	Leelamma Cherian
09/04	Mrs	Aleyamma Varghese	09/10	Ms.	Lillykutty George
09/04	Mr.	Stanley George	09/10	Mr.	George Iype
09/04	Ms.	Lalu A. Thomas	09/10	Mr.	John Abraham
09/05	Mr.	Bijoy K. Samuel	09/10	Ms.	Ashley Miriam John
09/05	Mr.	Selvin Zachariah	09/10	Ms.	Leelamma Jacob
09/05	Ms.	Mariamamma V. Mathew	09/10	Mr.	Sibi M. Jacob
09/05	Mr.	K. O. Oommen	09/10	Mr.	Aju Abraham Mathew
09/05	Ms.	Anupa Serah Saji	09/11	Ms.	Saramma Mathews
09/06	Ms.	Madison Bethany Joseph	09/11	Ms.	George Oommen
09/06	Mr.	Biju Jacob	09/11	Ms.	Alisha Mary Johnson
09/06	Mr.	Nevin A. Mathew	09/12	Ms.	Sandy Thomas
09/06	Mr.	Jeffin K. Koshy	09/12	Mr.	Christopher Samuel
09/06	Mr.	Oommen Cherian	09/12	Mr.	Mithin C Joseph
09/07	Mr.	Varghese V. Cherian	09/12	Mr.	Daniel George Thomas
09/07	Ms.	Saira Leela Thomas	09/13	Ms.	Sherry P. Shibu
09/07	Ms.	Sara Joseph	09/13	Ms.	Linzy Heijmen
09/07	Ms.	Saramma Thomas	09/13	Mr.	Danu Thomas
09/07	Mr.	Joshua Rincy	09/15	Mr.	Amal Chakkanattu Eipe
09/08	Ms.	Emily Ann Mathew	09/15	Ms.	Anitha S. Mathew
09/08	Mr.	Joel Thomas George	09/15	Mr	M. C. Issac
09/08	Ms.	Reeba Mathew	09/15	Ms.	Kiara Leeann Philip

09/15	Mr.	P.Cherien John	09/25	Mr	Varghese K. Varghese
09/16	Mr.	Dipin Mohan	09/25	Mr.	Yohan Abraham Mathai
09/16	Ms.	Soji M Thomas	09/26	Mr.	Ajit Jacob
09/16	Ms.	Bini K. Mathews	09/26	Mr.	Naithen Niju Pothen
09/18	Mr.	Charles Mathew	09/26	Mr.	John Samuel
09/19	Mr.	Shebby K. Samuel	09/26	Ms.	Soumya E. Mathew
09/19	Ms.	Joanna Molly Mathew	09/26	Ms.	Diana Elizabeth Chacko
09/20	Ms.	Sarah Ronnie Koshy	09/27	Mr.	Ahin Philip Mathew
09/20	Ms.	Ashly M. Mathew	09/27	Mr.	Kevin K Varghese
09/21	Ms.	Saramma Thundiylil	09/27	Ms.	Shebin Moncy Chacko
09/21	Mr.	Cherien K. Chacko	09/27	Mr.	Jacob Shinoj George
09/21	Mr.	Jerin Varghese	09/28	Ms.	Neethu E. Thampy
09/22	Mr.	Nidhin Mathew	09/29	Ms.	Ancy John
09/22	Mr.	Alvin Varghese	09/29	Ms.	Riya Johnson
09/22	Ms.	Joanne Lilly Kanampully	09/29	Ms.	Amy Ann Koshy
09/22	Mr.	Siji V. Koshy	09/29	Ms.	Aleyamma George
09/22	Mr.	John Kurien	09/29	Ms.	Jessica M. John
09/23	Ms.	Ann Sara Rajan	09/29	Mr.	Eapen Chacko
09/23	Mr.	Abel John	09/30	Ms.	Annamma Varghese
09/24	Mr.	Jerin K. Koshy	09/30	Mr.	Finny M. Varghese
09/24	Mr.	Jonathan Issac Varghese	09/30	Ms.	Rachelamma Oommen
09/24	Ms.	Tracy George	09/30	Ms.	Staicy Jacob

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST

08/01	Mr. & Mrs	John Kurien	08/17	Mr. & Mrs.	Cherien S Thomas
08/03	Mr. & Mrs.	Besil T. Mammen	08/18	Mr. & Mrs.	Issac George
08/03	Mr. & Mrs.	John Abraham	08/18	Mr. & Mrs.	Jacob K Verghese
08/05	Mr. & Mrs.	George M. Kuzhiparampil	08/20	Mr. & Mrs.	Mohan T. Varghese
08/06	Mr. & Mrs.	Blesson George	08/20	Mr. & Mrs.	Gigi P. Sam
08/06	Mr. & Mrs.	Robin Joseph	08/21	Mr. & Mrs.	Sunny Paul Kanampully
08/07	Mr. & Mrs.	Praveenmon Thomas	08/23	Mr. & Mrs.	Kuruvilla P. Samuel
08/08	Mr. & Mrs.	Thomas Varughese	08/24	Mr. & Mrs.	Jobby Jacob
08/09	Mr. & Mrs.	Eipe C Varghese	08/25	Mr. & Mrs.	Sean H. Hayes
08/10	Mr. & Mrs.	Thomas Mathew	08/25	Mr. & Mrs.	Thomas George
08/15	Mr. & Mrs.	George K. Mathew	08/25	Mr. & Mrs.	Mathew P. Samuel
08/16	Mr. & Mrs.	George Iype	08/26	Mr. & Mrs.	Cecil O Joseph
08/16	Mr. & Mrs.	George Mathew Molackal	08/26	Mr. & Mrs.	Koshy K. Mathai
08/17	Mr. & Mrs.	Varughese M. Melethil	08/27	Mr. & Mrs.	P. A. Phillipose
08/17	Mr. & Mrs.	Deepak Varghese	08/28	Mr. & Mrs.	Joe Thomas

08/28	Dr. & Mrs.J. D. Khandekar	08/30	Mr. & Mrs.Kedangail S. Philip
08/28	Mr. & Mrs.Kochunnen George	08/30	Mr. & Mrs.Renchi K. Thomas
08/29	Mr. & Mrs.Mathew Eapen	08/30	Mr. & Mrs.Jacob Thomas
08/30	Mr. & Mrs Jomy Cherian		

SEPTEMBER

09/01	Mr. & Mrs.Mathew Varughese	09/10	Mr. & Mrs.Thomas George
09/02	Mr. & Mrs.Senju Johnson	09/10	Mr. & Mrs.Biju Philip
09/02	Mr. & Mrs.Shibu M. David	09/11	Mr. & Mrs.Jerry Tom Thomas
09/03	Mr. & Mrs.Zachariah T. Chacko	09/13	Mr. & Mrs.Abraham E. Thomas
09/03	Mr. & Mrs.Jibu Mathew	09/14	Mr. & Mrs.Linu Manthanathu Joseph
09/04	Mr. & Mrs.Thomas Thomas	09/14	Mr. & Mrs.George Oommen
09/04	Mr. & Mrs.George V. Cheriyan	09/17	Mr. & Mrs.Jaysen Thomas
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09/07	Mr. & Mrs.Abraham Koshy	09/24	Mr. & Mrs.Aniyan Varghese
09/10	Mr. & Mrs.Eapen Chacko	09/28	Mr. & Mrs.Lijin Varghese
09/10	Mr. & Mrs.Alex P. Mathew	09/30	Mr. & Mrs.Thomas Mammen

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PARISH PUBLICATION / NEWSLETTER

The main source to disseminate information regarding various Parish related activities are through, “**Weekly Digest**” – released every Friday of the week and Bi-Monthly newsletter, “**Messenger**” e-mailed on the last day of preceding month and paper copy mailed to each family mailing address. Kindly forward all inputs for Weekly Digest by 7:00 pm on Thursday and for Messenger by 20th of the preceding month of publication. Please inform the Vicar or Secretary in case of any inputs, inquiries or corrections to these publication. Changes in address & phone numbers should be informed to the Vicar, Secretary and the Trustees. Please **e-signup** at www.chicagomarthoma.org for weekly newsletter, for all Weekly Digest, Messenger and Announcement items, please email Secretary, secretary@chicagomarthoma.org or thesecretarycmtc@gmail.com

VISIT US ONLINE

Please visit us online at www.chicagomarthoma.org and find information on Chicago Mar Thoma Church. Please contact **Mr. Teji Thomas, Parish Secretary (818) 445-4790** for any assistance.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

Use the CMTC Membership Form available at CMTC Website Resources -> Forms. You may obtain form from the Vicar or Parish Office. Return the filled form with due documents to The Vicar for approval.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Parish Fellowship Hall in the basement can be booked by members for prayer fellowship. Please contact Trustees/Achen for more information

CMTC YEAR 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Organization	Program	Start Date	End Date
Edavaka Mission	Convention	2-Aug	5-Aug
Church	Student Dedication		
Church	Sunday School Teachers Retreat	12-Aug	
Church	Wisconsin HC Service	18-Aug	
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Harvest Festival	18-Aug	
Church	Student Dedication		
Church	Sunday School Anniversary	19-Aug	
Church	First Day of Sunday School	26-Aug	
Sevika Sangham	Sevika Sangham Vaaram	2-Sep	9-Sep
Sevika Sangham	Grand Parents Day - (HC short service for Senior Citizens)	8-Sep	
Youth Fellowship	Fellowship Night	8-Sep	
Church	Sevika Sangham Sunday	9-Sep	
Church	Wisconsin HC Service	15-Sep	
Church	Family Retreat	28-Sep	30-Sep
Sevika Sangham	Fall Fest	6-Oct	
Church	MTVEA Sunday / Sanadha Suvishesha Sangha Dinam	7-Oct	
Church	Yuvajana Sunday	14-Oct	
Church	Yuvajana Vaaram	14-Oct	21-Oct
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Snehaadharavu (HC service for Senior Citizens - Home bound aged parents)	20-Oct	
Church	Wisconsin HC Service	20-Oct	
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Blood Donation Drive		
Church	Youth Sunday	21-Oct	
	Family Sunday		
Church	Tithe Sunday	28-Oct	
Church	World Sunday School Day	4-Nov	
Church	Parish Convention	8-Nov	10-Nov
Church	Parish Day	11-Nov	
Youth Fellowship	Thanksgiving Dinner/Service Project	17-Nov	
Church	Wisconsin HC Service	17-Nov	
Church	Parish General Body - (Election of 2019 Executive Committee)	18-Nov	
Church	House to House Carol Rounding	24-Nov	16-Dec
Church	25 Day Lent	1-Dec	25-Dec
Edavaka Mission	Serving Breakfast & Distributing Gift	15-Dec	
Church	Christmas Carol Service - Senior Citizens (Home bound aged parents)	15-Dec	
Church	Wisconsin HC Service	15-Dec	
Church	Mar Thoma Sabha Day - HC Service	21-Dec	
Church	Carol Service	22-Dec	
Church	Christmas - Feast of Nativity	25-Dec	
Youth Fellowship	Midwest Regional Conference	27-Dec	30-Dec
Edavaka Mission	Chain Prayer - Sunday after Holy Communion Service	30-Dec	
Church	Watch Night Service	31-Dec	

Recurring Events

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Neighbourhood Ministry	First Monday of Every Month - Bessie's Table First United Methodist Church; 668 Graceland Ave, Des Plaines, IL 60016
Church	Fasting Prayer - Every Tuesday @ Church - 10:00 AM
Edavaka Mission/Sevika Sangham	Combined Prayer Meeting @ Church/Regions - Every Wednesday
Senior Citizen	Prayer Meeting - Every 4th Thursday @ Church 10:00 AM (April-September)
Church	Every Thursday - Intercessory Prayer - Teleconference Call
Young Family Fellowship	Prayer Meeting - Every Second Saturday @ Church - 5:00 PM
Edavaka Mission	All Area Combined Prayer Meeting - Every Second Saturday @ Church - 6:30 PM

Chicago Mar Thoma Church

2018 Family Retreat

“Koinonia with Christ; Diakonia in the World” – Ephesians 5

@

240 Potter Road, Des Plaines

September 28th – September 30th

Speaker: Rev. Fr. Mathews George – Vicar St. Gregorios
Orthodox Church, Elmhurst

Registration ends 16th September'2018

Registration Fees:

Single Person - \$ 75.00

Family - \$ 150.00 (max 4 persons) additional member \$ 25.00

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TRUSTEES OFFICE

Dear Fellow Faithful,

Trust you are appreciating the season of summer God has gifted us. Despite the summer activities at its peak, most of our member families are taking responsible monetary care to ensure commitment for His Kingdom through Parish. This reflects our love for divine place of worship, and the respect for the privilege God has given to gather in His temple for corporate worship which is a distant dream to many even in America.

Recently we received a Thank you note from a man who received help from our Parish for his cancer treatment, we are humbled to learn the mighty ways God is touching lives through all of us. Parish do receive many such request, but we do not have sufficient funds to provide minimum useful help. If you feel moved by divine Spirit for such cause, please donate with memo “Medical Support” which will benefit a needy human near or far. On the same note, if you know a person or family struggling here locally, please let Vicar know in confidence, our Parish may be able to give them some support through the Tithe fund with all possible confidentiality.

Appeal:

1. Please review your family subscription payment so far this year (2018). If God has given, do provide minimum \$100 per month as subscription; this means by end of July 2018 we should have given at least \$700.
2. Encourage to enroll in Bill Pay for Subscription payment, this will help Parish to get steady stream of monthly income through monthly subscription. We thank the families who have started using Bill Pay for Subscription.
3. It is utmost important for Parish to be financially healthy, especially now our construction loan has transitioned to mortgage

(\$600,000). If there exist dues for your dear family (part of 1800), kindly clear the dues by December 2018.

May we be blessed. May we have unity and victory in Christ.

Together in His Service

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TREES



DOWN

1. Isaiah 44:14

ACROSS

1. Psalm 104:16
2. Ezekiel 27:15
3. Genesis 30:37
4. 1 Kings 19:4
5. Hosea 4:13
6. Psalm 45:8
7. Luke 19:4

TREES IN THE DESERT

In Isaiah 41:19, how many different kinds of tree does God promise to plant in the wilderness and the desert?

Ian Brown. *Along the Puzzle Trail*. Greenville: Emerald House, 2001.

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