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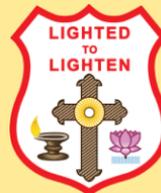
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Weekly Digest



THE CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

Friday March 20th, 2026

Worship Schedule



CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

240 Potter Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016

Sunday 22 MARCH 2026

Cross: Manifestation Of Grace

("The 6th Sunday of the Lent")

Malayalam Holy Qurbana @ 7 AM

English Holy Communion @ 10 AM

First Lesson: Mic 7:15-20

Second Lesson: Rom 5:8-21

Epistle: 1Pet 2:17-24

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Holy Qurbana (Malayalam): Join Live Streaming

Holy Qurbana (English): Join Live Streaming

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

During this Great Lent, help us to tear out everything that stands between You and us. Grant us the grace to see more and more from Your perspective.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Parish Announcements

Self-Denial Offerings

The funds we set apart through self-denial during the Great Lent and offered as our Self-Denial Offering are used for Gospel ministry through the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association (MTEA). A Self-Denial Offering box is placed in the lobby. Families are requested to prayerfully share their Self-Denial offerings between now and **Uposhana Varam** (Self-Denial Week).

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.

Parish AV Team

The Parish AV Team is in need of members to help support our various services and programs. We welcome youth and adults aged 13 and above who are willing to be trained and serve on a rotating schedule. No prior technical experience is required—training will be provided. All that is needed is a willingness to learn, commitment, and a heart to serve.

If you feel called to be part of this ministry, please share your name with Mr. Albin George or one of the parish office bearers.

Space for the Future Building Project

By the grace of God, the follow-up Technical Review Board meeting went well, and we are now moving forward to the next stages of application submission and review in the City approval process.

We humbly request your continued prayers for this project and encourage families to prayerfully extend their financial support through pledges.

[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

We will resume the Wednesday Online Bible Study after Easter, as we are currently observing our evening Lenten prayer meetings during this season.

Call To Be Involved

Those who wish to be part of the Ignite Service Worship Team, preach during the Lenten Prayer meetings, and/or assist during Sunday services are kindly requested to give your names to our Vicars.

Let us prayerfully step forward to serve and use the gifts God has entrusted to us for His glory.

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

Senior Fellowship Meeting

A meeting of the Senior Fellowship will be held today (Friday, March 20th) at 10:00 am at the church. All seniors are warmly requested to attend and join in the fellowship.

Choir

Practice: There will be an English choir practice at church this Saturday, March 21st, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Please attend prayerfully.

General Body Meeting: As per the decision of the Chicago Mar Thoma Church Choir Executive Committee, the Choir General Body Meeting is scheduled as detailed below:

Venue: Chicago Mar Thoma Church

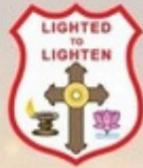
Day & Date: Sunday, March 22, 2026

Time: Immediately after the Second Holy Communion Service

Choir members are requested to join the GB meeting.

Yuvajana Sakhyam

The Yuvajana Sakhyam 2026 program inauguration will be held on March 21st Saturday at 4:00 pm. Yuvajana Sakhyam is inviting everyone's prayerful presence for the Inauguration.



CHICAGO MAR THOMA YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

2026 PROGRAM *Inauguration*

21 March, 2026

04:00 PM - 06:00 PM

240 Potter Rd, Des Plaines IL 60016



Mr. George Molakal
Special Talk - "Stolen FOCUS"

Rev. Ashish Thomas
President

Rev. Biju Yohannan
Vice President

Roy Thomas
Vice President

Deepa Abraham
Secretary

Jibin George
Treasurer

Worship * Study * Witness * Service

Sunday School

Time: Sunday School will start at 8:40 am this Sunday

Easter Sunday: On Easter Sunday (April 5th), we will not have Sunday School classes.

Second Semester Examination: The Second Semester Exam will be held on April 19th.

Youth Fellowship

The Youth Fellowship will kick off of the new year programs on Sunday March 22nd. All Youth Fellowship members are reminded to be present for the kick off.

Parish Mission

Prayer Cell: To intercede for others, Prayer Cell will be held on Sundays during the Sunday School time in the Children's room. All are invited to join.

Lent Prayer: Our evening Lenten Prayer meetings are currently underway. Please see the schedule below.

As in previous years, **Medical Aid** will be collected during these meetings through offertory and donations.

All are requested to attend prayerfully and participate in this time of spiritual reflection.



**CHICAGO
MAR THOMA
CHURCH**

2026 Lent Prayer Schedule



TIME
Mon-Fri - 7PM
Sat&Sun - 6PM



DATE	NAME	ADDRESS
March 8 Sun	Mr.Biju Jacob	678 Jarvis Ave, Des Plaines 60018
March 9 Mon	Mr.Shibu Koshy	70 Ridgewood Ln, Dyer,IN 46311
March 10 Tue	Mr.Saji Kurien	At Church
March 11 Wed	Mr.Joji C Abraham	At Church
March 12 Thu	Mr.Mathew Varughese	547 Waikiki Dr, Des Plaines IL 60016
March 13 Fri	Mr.Anian Varghese	6436 N Kilpatrik Ave,Lincolnwood IL 60712
March 14 Sat	Mr.Aju Mathew	At Church
March 15 Sun	Mr.Alex Thomas	At Church
March 16 Mon	Mr.Abraham K Abraham	9364 Margail Ave, Des Plaines IL 60016
March 17 Tue	Mr.Vinod Varughese	621 Grosvener Ln, Elk Grove VL IL 60007
March 18 Wed	Mr.Monish K John	2134 N Williamsburg St ,Arlington Hts IL 60004
March 19 Thu	Mr.Daniel C Varghese	At Church
March 20 Fri	Mr.Alvin Varghese	6146 Maplewood Ave,Chicago IL 60659
March 21 Sat	Mr.Varkey Samuel	At Church
March 22 Sun	Mr.NM Philip	At Church
March 23 Mon	Mr.Sabu Lahethu	At Church
March 24 Tue	Mr.Mathew Mathai	At Church
March 25 Wed	Mr.KJ Samuel	6083 Indian Trails,Gurnee,IL 60031
March 26 Thu	Mr.Jacob Thomas	905 W Jarvis Ave,Chicago 60645

Devotional Book Subscription: Those who are interested to subscribe the Devotional Book, Vedapadana Sahai, either by renewing or to join as a new subscriber, please contact Mr. Biju Jacob before 31st March, 2026.

Midwest Region Voluntary Evangelists' Association: A General Body meeting of the Midwest Region Voluntary Evangelists' Association will be held on Sunday, March 22nd at 4:00 pm via Zoom. As per the bylaws we need to elect a lay vice-president, secretary and treasurer and 2 auditors for the term 2026-2029 commensurate, with the term of Diocesan Assembly.

The prayerful presence of all the members is requested.

Agenda for the meeting:

1. Election of Midwest Region VEA office bearers, and 2 auditors for the term 2026-2029
2. AOB with permission of the Chair

Midwest VEA General Body: Join Zoom Link

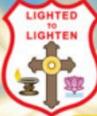
Diocesan Announcements

North American Diocesan DSMC

(Department of Sacred Music and Communications)

Congratulations: We extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Leboy Wilson Thoppil, our Malayalam Choir Leader, upon his election as the Diocesan DSMC Secretary for the term 2026–2029. May his tenure bring greater glory to God’s Kingdom and enrich the musical ministry of our Diocese. God bless and guide Leboy in this new responsibility.

Native American Mission



MAR THOMA MISSION BOARD - DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA
NATIVE AMERICAN MISSION
Planting seeds of faith and hope that will grow for generations.

2026 VBS/BIBLE CAMPS

Join us as we partner with Native American communities across the USA to share God’s love through Vacation Bible School/Bible Camps.

Our mission is to walk alongside Native American children and families, offering hope, encouragement, and the life-giving message of Jesus Christ.

Together we seek to serve, learn, and build lasting relationships rooted in Christ’s love.

*Come Serve. Come Learn.
Come be part of God’s work.*

Scan to Register



Register By: April 1, 2026

Registration will be considered on a first come basis as space is limited.

If You Are Interested in Participating, Please Contact:
Rev. Christopher P. Daniel (Convener)
cpdachen@gmail.com
732-754-8131
Mr. O. C. Abraham (Coordinator)
ocnirmala@aol.com
302-690-7103

Mar Thoma Mission Board
marthomamissionboard@gmail.com | 516-377-3311

- June 1-5** - Oklahoma Bible Camp
Broken Bow, Oklahoma
- June 4-7** - Houma Bible Camp
Dulac, Louisiana
- June 10-13** - Alabama Bible Camp
Mt. Vernon, Alabama
- June 25-28** - Arizona Bible Camp
Fort Defiance, Arizona
- July 12-16** - Utah Bible Camp
Bluff, Utah
- July 16-19** - New Mexico Bible Camp
Farmington, New Mexico

Prayers & Blessings

On behalf of our Vicars and the entire parish, we pray and wish all who are celebrating their birthdays, wedding anniversaries (or both) experience joy, divine grace and providence in abundance this new year.

Happy Birthday

Susamma Iype	03/20
Biju Philip Neerampalackal	03/20
Molly B Jacob	03/21
Aju K John	03/21
Shinoj Mathews George	03/22
Reju Cherian	03/22
Siby Mathew	03/22
Jeffia Mary Varghese	03/22
Sherin Chacko	03/22
Joanna Varughese	03/22
Jaysen Thomas	03/23
Sunil M. Thomas	03/23
Ryan P. Johnson	03/23
Nidhin Sunny Raphael	03/24
Shon Mammen Thomas	03/24
Swetha A. Mathai	03/24
Praisya Mariam Cherian	03/24
Saramma Ammini Varghese	03/25
Pushpa Iype	03/25
Neil David	03/25
Alisa Alphonsa Johnson	03/25
Gigi Alex	03/26
Leena Varghese	03/26
Kuruvilla Abraham	03/26
Sarah Verghese	03/26

Happy Anniversary

03/21 Mr. Sajan P. Issac & Mrs. Jancy Sajan

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and

to walk humbly with your God?" **Micah 6:8**

Prayerfully, Together in His service,

Mr. Monish K. John

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