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Fri, Apr 17, 2026 at 7:10 AM

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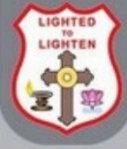
WEEKLY DIGEST



THE CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

Friday April 17th, 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

240 Potter Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016

**SUNDAY
APRIL 19
2026**

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കർത്താവിന്റെ സ്നേഹക്ഷണം.
Come and Dine :
Invitation by the Risen Lord

Divine Service in English - 7:30 AM
Holy Qurbana in Malayalam - 10 AM

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:1-8, Second Lesson: Rev 3:14-22
Epistle: Acts 27:27-36, Gospel: John 21:1-14

IGNITE

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



Message
Mr. Monish John



Divine Service (English): Join Live Streaming

Holy Qurbana (Malayalam): Join Live Streaming

Prayer

Gracious Lord,

We thank You for the gift of a new Sunday, for leading us into a new season, and for the beauty of Your creation— blossoming trees, the songs of birds, and the many signs of Your goodness around us.

We humbly ask that You grant renewed hope and abiding peace to this world, especially to those who are suffering most in these days. Teach us to pause, to reflect on Your blessings, and to intercede faithfully for those in need.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen.

Parish Announcements

Area Prayer Meetings

The Vicars and Parish Executive Committee have reflected on the significant decline in Area Prayer Meetings and fellowship. In light of this, the Vicars, along with the Parish Executive Committee, recommend the following guidelines for the revival of Area Prayer Meetings:

1. Each area should conduct at least two prayer meetings per quarter. Area Representatives shall take the lead in scheduling these meetings.
2. Meetings are recommended to be home-based, beginning at 4:00 pm, with minimal refreshments.
3. At least two Area Prayer Meetings can be conducted simultaneously.

4. The Parish looks forward to beginning this Area Prayer revival in May 2026
5. These guidelines do not restrict any special or celebratory prayer gatherings currently being held.

We encourage all members to prayerfully renew our commitment to strengthening this vital aspect of our parish life.

Space for the Future Building Project

By the grace of God, we are now entering the city's hearing process. We humbly request your fervent prayers and support for our "Space for the Future" building project.

We prayerfully encourage every family to extend their most generous financial support through pledges.

Please see the link for the informative video on the Space for the Future Building Project and 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)
Meeting ID: 836 3456 1383 | Passcode: 156818

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

Choir

The Malayalam Choir will not have practice this Saturday.

Sunday School


- Second Semester Examination: The Sunday School second semester exam will take place this Sunday, beginning promptly at 8:30 am.
- Teacher Retreat: A mandatory Teacher Retreat will be held via Zoom on Saturday, April 25th. As one of our two required annual training sessions, all teachers are expected to attend.

Teacher Retreat Registration

Teacher Retreat: Join Zoom Link

- Memory Verse Competition: The competition will be held on Sunday, May 3rd. The deadline to register is April 26th. Please provide your name to your teacher to sign

up. Information can be found in the flyers located in the lobby.

Memory Verse Competition – Sunday, May 3 rd , 2026 (after the Holy Communion Service)			
Competition	Grouping	Assignments	Notes
Memory Verse (NRSV) 	Nursery	Any 5 verses from the lessons & Psalms 23	Oral Format
	Pre-K - KG	Memory verses from lessons 1-10, Psalms 23, Psalms 123	
	1 st - 2 nd Grade	Memory verses from lessons 1-20, Psalms 127, Psalms 100	Bonus Memory Verses of the student's choice is optional in addition to the given portions. (Reference REQUIRED) (See Guidelines)
	3 rd - 4 th Grade	Memory verses from lessons 1-20, Psalms 1, Psalms 121	
	5 th - 6 th Grade	20 verses included in Diocesan exam, Psalms 113, Psalm 61	
	7 th - 8 th Grade	20 verses included in Diocesan exam, Matthew 5:1-12, Psalm 34:1-10	
	9 th - 10 th Grade	20 verses included in Diocesan exam, Psalm 42, Proverbs 3:1-12	
	11 th - 12 th Grade	20 verses provided by teacher, Psalms 5, Psalms 46	
			Written Format (Time limits: 45 mins)

Memory Verse

1. **Last day of registration is April 26th.**
2. The memory verses must be in English and should be legible. The Bible version to be used must be NRSV.
3. Each Grade will be ranked individually. Time limit is 45 minutes for the written format.
4. No notes, textbooks, or Bibles shall be used during the competition.
5. Students must provide a minimum of 50% of the assigned verses to be eligible for any of the prizes.
6. Students can say/write **BONUS** memory verses of their choice in addition to the memory verses from the lessons and the given portions. Points will be given for the bonus verses as well.
7. References for the memory verses from the lessons and the given portions: is NOT REQUIRED.
8. References for any **BONUS/ADDITIONAL** memory verses of the student's choice: is **REQUIRED**.
9. **Points WILL not be given if references for the bonus/additional verses are not provided.**
10. Memory verse shall be graded on the following categories:
 - ◆ Total number of verses
 - ◆ Accuracy

- Kids' Ministry: Join us for Kids' Ministry on Friday, May 8th, at 7:00 pm at the church. Dinner will be provided. Please register in advance to help us with the headcount.

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



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



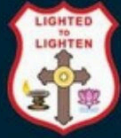
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SUSAN
EDAMALA

DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED

[Register for Kid's Ministry](#)



CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

VBS 2026

Lights
Color
Action

JUNE 17TH-20TH

Chicago Mar Thoma Church
240 Potter Road Des Plaines IL 60016

SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION STATION

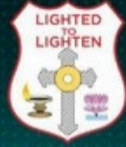
JOHN 8:12

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 31st to August 2nd. Students who are interested are kindly requested to share their names with their teachers.

Yuvajana Sakhyam



Chicago Mar Thoma
Yuvajana Sakhyam

Food Sale

2026

APRIL 19TH SUNDAY

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വാഴയിലയിൽ
മീൻ പൊളിച്ചത്



'അമ്മ വിളമ്പിയ
അഹാരം പോലെ ...!'

Kindly request your prayers and participation.



**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

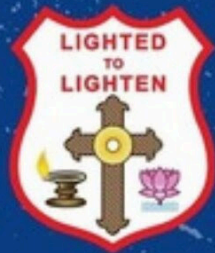
Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path - Psalms 119:105

The Yuvajana Sakhyam is planning to host an Inter-Organization Quiz Program on Sunday, June 14th, at CMTC following the Holy Qurbana service. All Church Organizations and Area Prayer Groups are warmly invited

to participate in this event. Each team should consist of 3 members, and the registration fee is \$50 per team

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 26TH 2026

Registration is now open for the second season of Martho Volleyball League (MVL 2026) organized by Yuvajana

Sakhyam in association with Youth Fellowship.

Registration Fee: \$20 per player (to be paid at the Church or via Zelle to CMTYS Trustee Mr. Jibin Y George at +1 (224) 659-6918; Memo: CMTYS Volleyball).

Click '[Register Now](#)' once on the website to sign up.

[Register for Volleyball](#)

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM

Venue: Feldman Recreation Center, Des Plaines, Illinois

Eligibility:

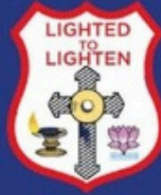
Players must be CMTC members

Men – 13 years and above

Women – 12 years and above

Youth Fellowship

Youth Fellowship BOWLING



JOIN US FOR AMAZING NIGHT OF
BOWLING, FELLOWSHIP, FOOD,
AND FUN! STARTS AT 6:30 SHARP!

6:30 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH

LOCATION: BOWLERO

824 E RAND RD, MT PROSPECT,
IL 60056

REGISTRATION LINK IN BIO



- All youth are invited to join for this time of fun and fellowship. If you're able to attend bowling night, please fill out this form by April 20th! The form is very short. Link:

[Register for Bowling Night](#)

- The Youth Fellowship will host the first meeting of the Young Adults Ministry on Friday, May 1st, 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.

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.
- **Monthly Prayer Meeting:** All Area Monthly Prayer Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2026, 6.30 pm at Church. All Parishioners are encouraged to attend this prayer
- **Diocesan Conference**

<p>Choir Committee Chairman : Rev. Robin Varghese Convener : Mr. George Varghese</p> <p>Publicity and Media Committee Chairman : Rev. Abraham Kuruvilla / Convener : Rev. Arun Varghese : Mr. Alex Koshy</p> <p>Medical Committee Chairman : Rev. Varghese John Convener : Mrs. Biji Mathew</p> <p>Web & Technical Committee Chairman : Rev. Abraham V. Samson Convener : Dr. Shiji Tom</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Souvenir Advertisement Details</p> <p>We invite you to support our conference by placing an advertisement in our conference souvenir. Details give below.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Premium Placements</th> <th>Back</th> <th>Cover</th> <th>Page</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Inside Front</td> <td>Inside</td> <td>Back</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>: \$3,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>: \$2,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>: \$1,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>: \$1,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>: \$750</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Interior Placements</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Inside Full</td> <td>: \$500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inside Half</td> <td>: \$300</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please send an electronic copy of the matter in "JPEG/PDF" format to Email: mtvea2026@gmail.com</p>	Premium Placements	Back	Cover	Page	Inside Front	Inside	Back					: \$3,000				: \$2,000				: \$1,500				: \$1,000				: \$750	Inside Full	: \$500	Inside Half	: \$300	<p style="text-align: center;">Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Diocese of North America</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MTVEA XVIIIth DIOCESAN CONFERENCE DALLAS 2026</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://mtveanationalconf.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Theme: Come and See: The Divine Invite (John 1:39,46)</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">August 20th - 23rd (Thursday 3 pm to Sunday 2 pm)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venue: The MarThomaChurchofDallasFarmersBranch (11550 Luna Rd, Farmers Branch, Texas - 75234) MTVEA Southwest - Centre A</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">MTVEA Southwest Region Office Bearers</p> <p>Rev. Abraham V. Samson : President Mr. George Varghese : Vice President Mr. Roby Chelagiri : Secretary Mr. Mathew Lukose : Treasurer</p> <p>Hotel Information</p> <p>Hotel accommodations for the conference are available at the Renaissance Dallas North Hotel (1590 Lyndon B Johnson Freeway, Dallas, TX, 75234).</p> <p>Participants can take advantage of a special group discount rate of \$109 + tax per day by using the discount code MTC when booking.</p> <p>To secure your reservation and ensure you receive the discounted rate, please call the hotel directly at 214-442-2142.</p> <p>Last date to reserve for the discounted rate is August 5, 2026.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Conference Registration Deadline</p> <p style="text-align: center;">August 1st 2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Zelle</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MTVEA Southwest Center - A Office Bearers</p> <p>Rev. Abraham V. Samson : President Mr. Shaji S Ramapuram : Vice-President Mr. Philip Mathew : Secretary Mr. Philip Mathew : Treasurer</p>																																	

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

The Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists' Association (MTVEA) Southwest Center - A warmly invites you to join us for the upcoming MTVEA Diocesan Conference. It is our privilege to host this spiritually enriching gathering, and we earnestly look forward to your participation.

The conference will be held from **Thursday, August 20th to Sunday, August 23, 2026**, at **The Mar Thoma Church of Dallas Farmers Branch**, located at 11550 Luna Rd., Farmers Branch, TX 75234.

Our theme for this year's conference is "**Come and See: The Divine Invite**" (John 1:39, 46). We are highly honored to have esteemed leaders guiding us through the Word of God during these days. The main speakers for the conference will be our beloved Diocesan Bishop, **Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa** and the esteemed **Rev. Dr. Mothy Varkey**.

The highlights of the conference will include Bible studies, main talks, discussions, intercessory prayers, revival meetings, fellowship, melodious music, and Talent Eve

To assist the hosting center with adequate preparations, we request that you register as early as possible.

The financial commitment for the conference is as follows: Conference Total Fee: \$150.00 (Registration Fee: \$50 (Non-refundable)+ Conference Fee: \$100). Conference registration deadline August 01st 2026.

We humbly request that you keep the conference, the leadership, the organizing committees, and all the participants in your daily prayers. May God strengthen and guide us to organize and conduct this event successfully for His glory.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Abraham V. Samson **Mr. Shaji S. Ramapuram**
Conference President General Convener
214-886-4532 972-261-4221

Conference Leaders



Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa



Rev. Dr. Mothy Varkey

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K. Joseph : Dr. Alex T. Thomas : Secretary
Treasurer
Assembly Rep.

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Convener : Mr. Saji George

Food Committee

Chairman : Rev. Shibi Abraham /
Rev. Justin Pappachan
Convener : Mr. Chacko Johnson

Register for MTVEA Diocesan Conference

Young Family Fellowship

The Young Family Fellowship is organizing a session on Medical Careers on April 26th, immediately following the English Holy Communion service.

Our member, Dr. Janardan Khandekar, will be leading the session. We invite all young families to join us for this informative presentation.



CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

Young Family Fellowship



TOPIC: MEDICAL CAREERS

FEATURED SPEAKER

Dr. Janardan Khandekar, MD

Medical Oncologist • Endeavor Health



DATE

April 26, 2026
Sunday



TIME

~12:00 PM CST
After English Holy Communion
Service



VENUE

CMTC
Chicago Mar Thoma Church



Young Family Fellowship - Chicago Mar Thoma Church

Please register before April 24th, 2026.

[Register for Medical Career Session](#)

Diocesan Announcements

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

Illouma 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

To all our dear parishioners celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries, may this special day remind you of God's renewing grace. May your lives continue to blossom with His joy, peace, and abundant blessings in the year ahead.

Happy Birthday

04/17 Mathew P. Chandy
04/17 Zachariah Edamala
04/17 Reshma Susan Thomas
04/18 Roshan C. Samuel
04/18 Andrew Phillipose
04/19 Reni Blesson George
04/19 Philip Abraham
04/19 Angel Maria-Teji Thomas
04/19 Alby Joji Abraham
04/20 Sheela George
04/20 Omana Thomas
04/20 George K. Mathai
04/20 Steve J. Chacko
04/20 Serah Susan Thomas
04/21 Sunina Moncy Chacko
04/21 Dian Reshma Joseph
04/21 Susan Roy
04/21 Anitta M. Koshy
04/21 Evelyn Anne Varghese
04/21 Jayden Cijy Varghese
04/22 P. T Gheevarghese
04/22 Molamma Shaji
04/22 Rachel Cherian
04/22 Sneha Susan Varghese
04/22 Sherwin M. Varghese
04/22 Shalini Zachariah
04/23 Mathai N Varghese
04/23 Saramma Thomas
04/23 Ponnamma Samuel
04/23 Annamma Mathew
04/23 Sheeba Varughese
04/23 Shillo K. John
04/23 Ashil Royce
04/23 Stephen Thomas
04/23 Neha Elizabeth Cherian





Happy Anniversary

04/19 Mr.Liju & Mrs.Staicy Jacob

**04/21 Mr.George K. &
Mrs.Sheela Chacko**

**04/21 Mr.Reju Cherian &
Mrs. Jothimol Thomas**

**04/23 Mr.Thomas J. &
Mrs.Anuja Kolath**

**04/23 Mr.Rajan &
Mrs.Annie John**

**04/23 Mr.Mobi &
Mrs.Annamma Abraham**



"For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with excellence, and excellence with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, and endurance with godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love."

2 Peter 1:5-6

Prayerfully, Together in His service,

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