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WEEKLY DIGEST



THE CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

Friday April 24th, 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

240 Potter Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016

SUNDAY
26 APRIL
2026

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സഹയാത്രികൻ

Risen Lord : The Co-Traveller

Holy Qurbana in Malayalam - 7 AM

Holy Communion in English- 10 AM

First Lesson: Exod 33:12-16
Second Lesson: Acts 18:1-11
Epistle: 2 Cor 4:7-15
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

12 PM
Talk by -

Dr. J Khandekar, MD

Medical Oncologist- Endeavor Health

Topic: Medical Careers

Organized by
Young Family
Fellowship



Holy Qurbana (Malayalam): Join Live Streaming

Holy Qurbana (English): Join Live Streaming

Prayer

Merciful Lord,

Draw near to Your people in this time of sorrow, and surround them with Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Grant them strength, hope, and the assurance of Your unfailing love. Be with the beloved families of those whom You have called to their eternal home and rest; fill them with Your comforting presence and abiding peace.

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

Amen.

Parish Announcements

Area Prayer Meetings

There will be an area prayer meeting of Area 7 at the residence of Mrs. Mariamma Varghese (Ammini), [700 Albany Ln, Des Plaines](#) on Saturday, April 25th at 6.30 pm.

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 anticipated on May 12th, 2026. We humbly request your fervent prayers and support for our "Space for the Future" building project.

We prayerfully 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)

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.

Notes of Appreciation

L.E.A.D. Graduation: We have a new batch of L.E.A.D. (Layperson Education and Development) graduates from our Church. Congratulations!! -

Mr. Blesson Jacob (Area 11), Mr. Sims Chacko (Area 9) ,
Mr. Rubin Varghese (Area 9), Mrs. Sally Varghese (Area 9)

Website

[Parish Website](#)

Forms

[Parish Forms](#)

YouTube

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

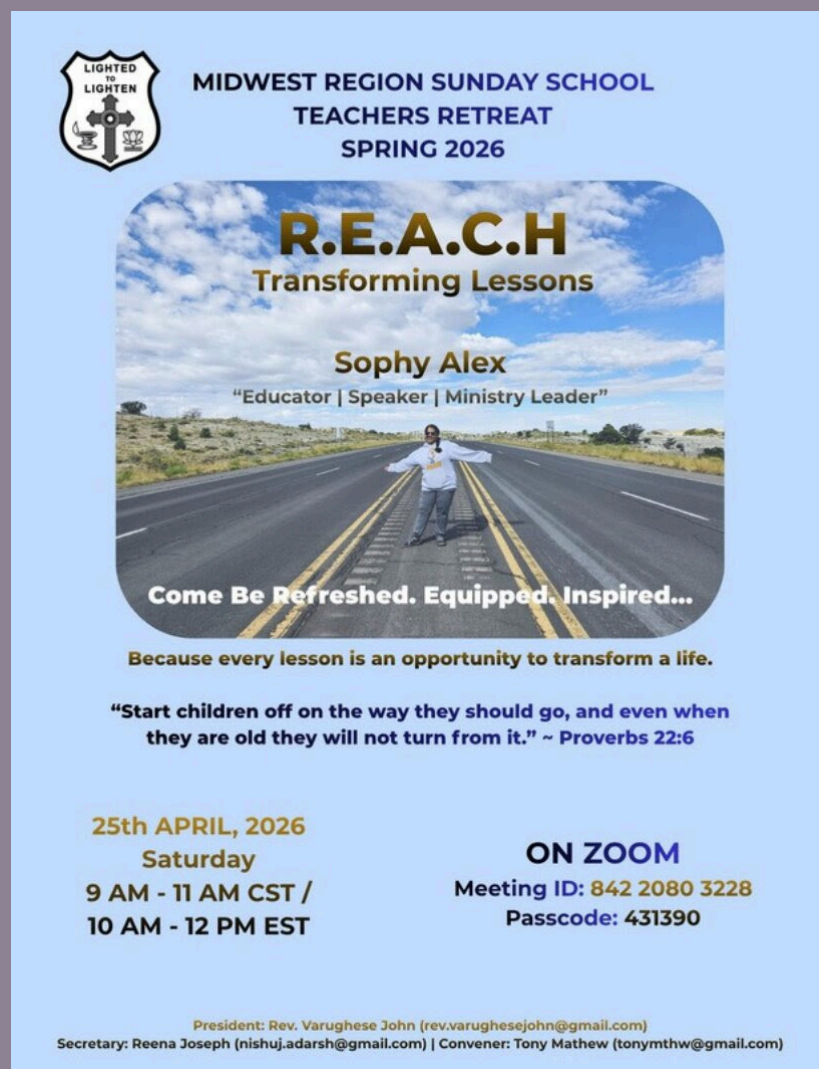
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Area & Sub-Organization Announcements

Choir

The English Choir will meet for practice this Saturday from 2pm to 4pm.

Sunday School



**LIGHTED
TO
LIGHTEN**

**MIDWEST REGION SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS RETREAT
SPRING 2026**

R.E.A.C.H
Transforming Lessons

Sophy Alex
"Educator | Speaker | Ministry Leader"

Come Be Refreshed. Equipped. Inspired...

Because every lesson is an opportunity to transform a life.

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." ~ Proverbs 22:6

25th APRIL, 2026
Saturday
9 AM - 11 AM CST /
10 AM - 12 PM EST

ON ZOOM
Meeting ID: 842 2080 3228
Passcode: 431390

President: Rev. Varughese John (rev.varughesejohn@gmail.com)
Secretary: Reena Joseph (nishuj.adarsh@gmail.com) | Convener: Tony Mathew (tonymthw@gmail.com)

- 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 at 8:40 am. 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.
- **Bible Quiz:** The Chicago Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam will be conducting the 2026 Inter-Organization Bible Quiz on Sunday, June 14th, following the Holy Qurbana service. Teachers and students are encouraged to participate. We need a team consisting of three members to represent Sunday School. Please reach out to Superintendent Mrs. Shyla Varughese or Secretary Ms. Anupa Saji if you are interested

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 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.

A colorful illustration for a camp poster. It features a large, bearded giant in a helmet and armor holding a shield, standing on a path. A small boy with a bow and arrow is facing him. In the background, there are tents, a campfire, a church, and trees. The entire scene is framed by a decorative border with stars and leaves.

THE TALE OF THE MIDWEST REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL JUNIOR CAMP 2026

Dates: July 31 - August 2
Theme: Facing Your Giants
1 Samuel 17:45

Leader:
Rev. Abraham Kuryvillia

Venue:
Detroit Mar Thoma Church
24518 Lahser Road
Southfield, MI 48033

President:
Rev. Varughese John
rev.varughesejohn@gmail.com

Secretary:
Reena Joseph
nishuj.adarsh@gmail.com

Convener:
Dr. Suma Thomas
ss_supt@detroitmarthoma.org

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

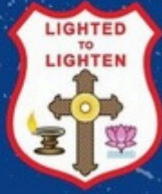
JOMI ROSHAN
Convener
847-287-8036

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 26TH 2026

Register for Volleyball

Youth Fellowship

Young Adults Ministry: 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.

Sevika Sanghom



CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH
SEVIKA SANGHOM

FOOD SALE

SUNDAY, 17th MAY 2026

*Taste of Home,
Wrapped in Love..*

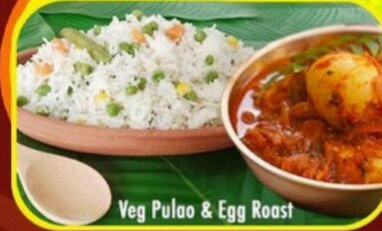
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ബിരിയാണി



Kappo Biryani

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കപ്പലോടും

വെജ്. പുലാവ് & മുട്ട റോസ്റ്റ്



Veg Pulao & Egg Roast



Home made
Pickles

Kerala
Snacks



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.
- Diocesan Conference

Choir Committee
 Chairman : Rev. Robin Varghese
 Convener : Mr. George Varghese

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 Chairman : Rev. Abraham Kuruvilla /
 Convener : Rev. Arun Varghese
 : Mr. Alex Koshy

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 Convener : Dr. Shiji Tom

MTVEA Southwest Region Office Bearers

Rev. Abraham V. Samson : President
 Mr. George Varghese : Vice President
 Mr. Roby Chalagiri : Secretary
 Mr. Matthew Lukose : Treasurer

Hotel Information
 Hotel accommodations for the conference are available at the Renaissance Dallas North Hotel (1590 Lyndon B Johnson Freeway, Dallas, TX, 75234).
 Participants can take advantage of a special group discount rate of \$109 + tax per day by using the **discount code MTC** when booking.
 To secure your reservation and ensure you receive the discounted rate, please call the hotel directly at **214-442-2142**.
 Last date to reserve for the discounted rate is August 5, 2026.

Conference Registration Deadline
August 1st 2026

Souvenir Advertisement Details

We invite you to support our conference by placing an advertisement in our conference souvenir. Details give below.

Premium Placements	Back	Cover	Page
Inside Front	Inside	Back	
			: \$3,000
			: \$2,000
			: \$1,500
Inside Platinum Full Page			: \$1,000
Inside Gold Full Page			: \$ 750

Interior Placements

Inside Full	: \$500
Inside Half	: \$300

Please send an electronic copy of the matter in "JPEG/PDF" format to
 Email: mtvea2026@gmail.com


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Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Diocese of North America

MTVEA XVIIIth DIOCESAN CONFERENCE DALLAS 2026
<https://mtveanationalconf.org>

Theme:
Come and See: The Divine Invite (John 1 : 39,46)



August 20th - 23rd
 (Thursday 3 pm to Sunday 2 pm)

Venue:
 The Mar Thoma Church of Dallas Farmers Branch
 (11550 Luna Rd, Farmers Branch, Texas - 75234)
MTVEA Southwest - Centre A

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 23rd, 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 : Conference President
 214-886-4532

Mr. Shaji S. Ramapuram : General Convener
 972-261-4221

Conference Leaders


 Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa


 Rev. Dr. Mothy Varkey

Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists' Association (MTVEA) Diocesan Council of North America

Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa : President
 Rev. Ashish Thomas : Rev. Joel Samuel Vice President
 Thomas : Mr. George Varghese : Mr. Varghese Diocesan Secretary
 K. Joseph : Dr. Alex T. Thomas : Secretary
 Treasurer
 Assembly Rep.

2026 MTVEA Diocesan Conference Committee

President : Rev. Abraham V. Samson
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 Convener : Mr. Saji George

Food Committee
 Chairman : Rev. Sibi Abraham /
 Rev. Justin Pappachan
 Convener : Mr. Chacko Johnson

Register for MTVEA Diocesan Conference

Young Family Fellowship



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

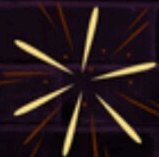
[Register for Medical Career Session](#)

Prayers & Blessings

To all our dear parishioners celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries, may this special day bring you the choicest blessings of grace, mercy, and peace from heaven.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

04/23 Neha Elizabeth Cherian
04/24 Manoj Thomas
04/24 Steve Biju Philip
04/24 Stalen Stanley Mathew
04/25 Mariyamma Mathew
04/25 Lovely Jacob
04/25 Iype Thomas
04/25 Nisha Suneel
04/25 Alina Varghese
04/26 Abraham Mathew
04/27 Saleena Kuruvilla
04/27 Joel G. Thomas
04/27 Nathaniel Thomas Steive
04/28 Issac Parampottil
04/28 Orathu C. Chacko
04/28 Sosamma George
04/28 Sujatha M. Abraham
04/28 Varghese Abraham
04/28 Georgina Mathews
04/28 Asha Varghese
04/28 Susan Shibu David
04/28 Ashley Chacko
04/28 Abel S Thomas
04/28 Abiah Anna George
04/29 L. M. Mathew
04/29 Arumpolil V. Mathew
04/29 Jobin Mathew George
04/29 Sharon Biju Philip
04/29 Novia Varughese
04/29 Elora Mary Steive
04/30 George V. Cheriyan



Happy Anniversary

04/24	Mr. Benoy & Mrs. Leena Cherian	
04/25	Mr. John & Mrs. Santhamma J. Mathew	
04/25	Mr. Money T. & Mrs. Sunina Chacko	
04/25	Dr. Joe Mathew & Mrs. Sarah George	
04/25	Mr. Jinu C. Thomas & Mrs. Jincy C. Jinu	
04/26	Mr. A.K Varghese & Mrs. Bessy A George	
04/26	Mr. Yesudasan P. George & Mrs. Grace Yesudas	
04/26	Dr. Alexander Mathai & Mrs. Rachel Idicula	
04/26	Mr. Brian C Oommen & Mrs. Cheryl Sara Oommen	
04/27	Mr. Chackkanattu Thomas & Mrs. Annamma Abraham	
04/27	Mr. Sam Jacob Jacob & Mrs. Anila Sam	
04/28	Mr. Sanish George & Mrs. Dona S. George	
04/29	Mr. Thomas P. Samuel & Mrs. Beena Thomas	
04/29	Dr. Varghese Saji & Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Mathew	
04/30	Mr. Shiju & Mrs. Riyamaria Sunny Mathai	

"The Lord is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one. Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever." Psalm 28

Prayerfully, Together in His service,

Mr. Monish K. John
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