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WEEKLY DIGEST



THE CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

Friday May 15th, 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

240 Potter Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016

SUNDAY
MAY 17
2026

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ജീവിപ്പിക്കുന്ന കർത്താവ് ; ::

Holy Spirit: The Lord and Giver of Life

7:30AM | Divine Service

Message
Mr. Kennedy Mathew Molakal



Holy Qurbana in Malayalam - 10 AM

First Lesson: Ezek 36:25-29, Second Lesson: Rom 8:1-11
Epistle: Gal 5:16-26, Gospel: John 14:15-21

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

Message
Mr. Sims Chacko



Divine Service (Eng): 7:30 AM
Join Live Streaming

Holy Qurbana (Mal): 10:00 AM
Join Live Streaming

Ephphatha Holy Qurbana at 4:00 PM

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Lord and Giver of Life, breathe into us what we cannot produce ourselves— faith where there is doubt, hope where there is weariness, and love where there is coldness.

You who hovered over the waters at creation, hover over us now. Sustain us, renew us, and make us alive in You.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Parish Announcements

Space for the Future Building Project

The City's Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) meeting on Tuesday (5/12) did not result in approval of our request, and the City Council will meet on June 1st, 2026, to review the case.

The Parish deeply honors and appreciates your prayers, commitment, and support throughout this process. Our "Space for the Future" Building Committee and Parish Executive Committee will continue prayerfully reviewing the available options and next steps. We will keep you informed as we move forward. Let us continue to remain united in prayer and trust in God's guidance.

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](#)

Monthly Messages

[Vicar's Message](#)

[Associate Vicar's Message](#)

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 revised cost for sponsorship is \$50. 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 subscribe to get access to all live stream links.

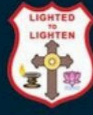
[YouTube](#)

Area & Sub-Organization Announcements

Area Worship / Prayer Meetings

1. There will be a thanksgiving special prayer meeting on Saturday May 16th at 6:00 PM at the Parish Basement Fellowship Hall organized by Dr. P.V. Cherian & Family. All Area 8 families, please join.
2. There will be an area prayer meeting of Area 6 on Sunday May 17th at 4:00 PM at residence of Mr. Vinod Varughese and Mrs. Shyla Varughese (621 Grosvenor Ln Elk Grove Village IL 60007). This is the Area Prayer format with an early start time. All Area 6 families, please join.

Sunday School



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.



Senior Fellowship

The next meeting of the Senior Fellowship will be held at the Church on Thursday, May 21st, 2026, at 10:00 am. All seniors are warmly invited to join in this time of bible study, fellowship, and joy.

Youth Fellowship

Praise Night will be held on Friday, May 15th, at 6:30 PM at the church. The evening will be dedicated to praising and worshiping God, followed by fun fellowship activities. We warmly encourage all youth to join us for this blessed and joyful evening. Food will be served.

Midwest Sports Tournament: The Chicago Mar Thoma Church Youth Fellowship will be hosting this year's Midwest Sports Tournament on Saturday, June 13, 2026, beginning at 9:30 AM at the Jack A. Claes Pavilion ([1000 Wellington Ave, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007](#)). Registration will be open from May 10 through May 20, 2026. All youth ages 13 and above are welcome to register their own teams.

Registration Fees: Men's Basketball — \$250, Women's Volleyball — \$180

Please reach out to the Youth Fellowship office-bearers for registration details. The Youth Fellowship is also seeking sponsors willing to contribute toward the cash prizes for both Men's Basketball and Women's Volleyball. All sponsors will be appropriately acknowledged. If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring, please contact the convenors Mr. Aaron Cherian or Mr. Christopher Chacko, or the Midwest Regional Representative, Mr. Ryan Thomas.

Diocesan Youth Fellowship Conference (DYFC): This year, Ascension Mar Thoma Church will be hosting the Annual Diocesan Youth Fellowship Conference (DYFC) from July 23rd –26th in Philadelphia, PA. The conference theme is “Corrected, Not Cancelled.” To learn more about the conference, please visit: [DYFC 2026 Website](#)



ASCENSION MTC, PA
JULY 23-26, 2026

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 23RD
\$325 EARLY BIRD (ENDS MAY 24TH)
\$350 REGULAR REGISTRATION

MAIN SPEAKER:
REV. MACK BRANDON
(AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH NJ)



REGISTER HERE!

ANY QUESTIONS?
www.dyfc2026.org - dyfc2026amtc@gmail.com

DYFC 2026 Info

DYFC registration form below. Early bird registration is \$325 and closes on May 24th. Regular registration is \$350, with registration closing on June 23rd.

[Register for DYFC 2026](#)

Parish Mission



Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists' Association
Midwest Region, Diocese of North America

Midwest Region Monthly Prayer Meeting

[Inaugural Meeting]

Wednesday, 20th May, 2026 @ 7PM (Central Time)

Meeting will be held via



**ZOOM details will be
provided later**



Message: Rev. Thomas B
(Vicar, Los Angeles MTC)

Please join and be Blessed

Rev. Ashish Thomas(President)

Mr. Abraham K. Abraham(Secretary)

Dr. Mathew Sadhu(Vice President)

Mr. Nirmal Mathews(Treasurer)

Yuvajana Sakhyam

General Meeting: There will be a YS General meeting on Sunday May 17th at 9.30 AM in the church balcony. All YS members are kindly requested to join the meeting.



**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

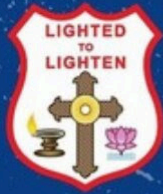
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Co-Convener
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Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path - Psalms 119:105

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 Martho Volleyball



LIGHTED TO LIGHTEN

**MAR THOMA YUVAJANA SAKHYAM
MIDWEST REGION
DAY PICNIC 2026**

WORSHIP | STUDY | WITNESS | SERVICE

Join us for a fun-filled day of fellowship, games, and food!

Date: May 25 (Memorial Day)

Time: 10 AM to 4 PM

Location: Brewer Park, (Byron Center, MI)

What to Expect:

- Outdoor Games & Activities
- Music & Fellowship
- Delicious Food
- Fun for All Ages!

Bring Along:

- Picnic mats / chairs
- Sports gear
- Water bottles

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" – Psalm 133:1

Rev. Biju Yohannan, President (224) 304-9311 | Ancy, Secretary (773) 822-9309
Sanu, Coordinator (313) 929-5001

Registration Fee: \$10 per person (Children under 5 are free). Registration Deadline: May 17th, 2026

[Register for Midwest YS Picnic](#)

Sevika Sanghom



CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH SEVIKA SANGHOM

FOOD SALE SUNDAY, 17th MAY 2026

*Taste of Home,
Wrapped in Love.*

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Kappa Biryani

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Veg Pulao & Egg Roast

Home made
Pickles



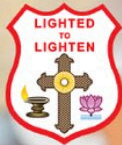
Kerala
Snacks



Diocesan Announcements

India Mission Trip

This mission trip is open to youth members from the Diocese of North America who are between the ages of 18 and 35. This will be a good opportunity for our youths to better understand the church's mission work and learn how to be involved in such initiatives.



MAR THOMA MISSION BOARD - DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

INDIA MISSION TRIP 2026

July 3rd to 15th

(inclusive of travel)

The Mar Thoma Mission Board of the Diocese of North America is arranging a mission trip to various mission fields of the Mar Thoma Church in South India:

Andhra Pradesh: Hyderabad/Secunderabad, Chagalamarri

South Karnataka: Bangalore & Surrounding Areas

Step Out in Faith, Serve With Love & See the World Differently

REGISTER BY:

May 25, 2026

Participants should plan to travel from the USA/Canada by July 3rd and arrive in Hyderabad on July 5th. Final departure will be from Bangalore on July 15th.

Youth ages 18 to 35 are encouraged to participate.

For More Information Contact India Mission Sub Committee Members:

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Dr. Varghese Manaloor (Canada)

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Scan for
Registration
Form



Prayers & Blessings

To all dear members celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week: may the Lord bless you with renewed joy, steadfast faith, abundant grace, and peace that endures through every season of life.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

05/15 Samuel T. Alex
05/15 Beena Mathew
05/15 Mercy T. Mathew
05/15 Shibu M. David
05/15 Aniyam Varghese
05/15 Seena A John
05/15 Melwin Solomon Rajan
05/15 Levin Linu Joseph
05/15 Thomas Philip Mathew
05/15 Zachary John Varghese
05/15 Jeremy Philip Varghese
05/16 Roy K. Cherian
05/16 Moncy T. Chacko
05/16 Nisha S. George
05/17 Saramma Joseph
05/17 Leah E George
05/18 Susie Thomas
05/18 Aleyamma Mathew
05/18 Leelamma Philip
05/18 Varghese Antony
05/18 Issac George
05/18 Prince P. Mathew
05/18 Alona M George
05/18 Gavin Mathai Pearlman
05/19 Plammoottil Varghese Cherian
05/19 Reni Sabu
05/19 Anisha Phillipose
05/19 Michael Thomas Titus
05/20 Mathai N. Mathai
05/20 Susan John
05/20 Lalu Thomas
05/20 Anitha Thomas
05/20 Koshy Varghese
05/20 Mammen George
05/20 Lijin Varghese
05/20 Bryan C. Thomas
05/20 Malu Sheela
05/20 Lyla Rose Samuel
05/21 Chandy K. Samuel
05/21 Shibu Koshy
05/21 Abraham V. George
05/21 Anitha Mathew
05/21 Sinu Cherian
05/21 Shiny Mariam Phillipose
05/21 Sherin George
05/21 Akhila Joji Abraham

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

05/16 Mr. George M Joseph &
Mrs. Saramma Joseph

05/16 Mr. Abraham K Abraham &
Mrs. Sosamma Abraham

05/17 Mr. Varghese John &
Mrs. Asha Varghese

05/17 Mr. Leboy Wilson Thoppil &
Mrs. Godsy Thoppil

05/17 Mr. Shyju Varughese &
Mrs. Ancy Varughese

05/21 Dr. M. V. Mathew &
Mrs. Mary Mathew

05/21 Mr. Varghese V. Cherian &
Mrs. Leelamma Cherian

05/21 Mr. Donald Verghese Jacob &
Jeffia Mary Verghese

“By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.” **Galatians 5:22-23**

Prayerfully, Together in His service,

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