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WEEKLY DIGEST



THE CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

Friday June 26th, 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

240 Potter Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016

SUNDAY
JUNE 28
2026

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ആസക്തതകളിൽ നിന്നു രോചിതമാകുക :
De-Addiction Day ; Break the Chain
Finding Freedom from Addictions:

Holy Qurbana in Malayalam -7 AM

Holy Communion in English -10 AM

First Lesson: Dan 1: 8-21
Second Lesson: Col 3:1-11
Epistle: 1Pet 1:13-25
Gospel: Mark 5:1-20

Holy Qurbana (Mal): 07:00 AM
Join Live Streaming

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

Prayer

Merciful Lord,

You alone have the power to break every chain. Grant us strength to overcome addictions, courage to seek help, and freedom through Your grace. Fill our hearts with Your peace and lead us into the abundant life You desire for us.

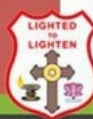
Amen.

Parish Announcements

Parish Picnic

Our 2026 Parish Picnic will be held tomorrow (Saturday, June 27th, 2026), from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Bunker Hill, Shelter 6, in Niles, Illinois.

Let us pray for favorable weather and a safe, enjoyable day of fellowship, fun, and community as we gather outdoors as a parish family. May God bless our time together and strengthen the bonds of faith and friendship within our congregation.



**CHICAGO
MAR THOMA
CHURCH**

Picnic

2026

27
June
2026

9 AM-4PM
Shelter-6
Bunker Hill
W Harts Rd, Niles 60714

Entrance
N Caldwell Ave, South of W Touhy
Niles, IL 60714



Space for the Future Building Project

We look forward to the City Council meeting and the Second Reading of the ordinance and related amendments on July 6th, 2026, at 7:00 PM at the Des Plaines City Hall Civic Center (Room 102). We humbly request your continued prayers as we move through this important step in the approval process. Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom upon the decision-makers, and for His grace and favor upon our parish as we proceed through the

remaining stages. We trust in the Lord's perfect will and timing.

All our member families residing in Des Plaines, especially those within the Maine Township limits, are kindly requested to attend the meeting if possible and continue supporting this effort through your prayers and presence.

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)

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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

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Area Worship Service / Prayer Meetings

Area 11 (Wisconsin Prayer Group) will have Holy Communion Service in English on Sunday June 28th, 2026

Time: 3:30 pm CT

Location: Unity Lutheran Church, [4600 Pilgrim Road, Brookfield, WI 53005](#)

All Area 11 families are warmly encouraged to join.

Monthly Messages

[Vicar's Message](#)

[Associate Vicar's Message](#)

First Communicant Dedication Service

During the Episcopal Visit of our Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa Thirumeni, on September 27th, 2026, we will hold a First Communicant Dedication Service.

All parish children who are 13 years of age and older are eligible to receive First Communion. Parents are kindly requested to submit the names of their children to our Vicars, or Mrs. Sherly Daniel (8th Grade Sunday School Teacher), or the Sunday School Superintendent, or any of the Parish Office Bearers.

Parish Carpool Ministry

We encourage every parish family to prayerfully consider assisting at least one senior citizen who may be unable to drive or travel independently. If each family can:

- Pick up a senior parishioner for worship
- Bring them safely to church
- And help them return home afterward

Many more of our elders will be able to participate regularly in worship, fellowship, and the life of our parish community. Let us honor and serve our senior members with love, compassion, and gratitude, reflecting Christ's care for one another.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

If you are willing to participate in this ministry, please inform one of our Vicars, or Parish Office Bearers or your Area Representative.

Altar Flowers

Families who wish to sponsor altar flowers for a Sunday are kindly requested to contact our Lay Leaders. The revised sponsorship amount is \$50.

Website

[Parish Website](#)

Forms

[Parish Forms](#)

YouTube

Please subscribe to get access to all live stream links.

[YouTube](#)

Area & Sub-Organization Announcements

Youth Fellowship

Chicago Youth Fellowship Presents



JULY MADNESS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

**EVERY SUNDAY
06/28-07/19**

**STARTS AT 4:30 PM
FLICK PARK SAND COURT**

**SIGN UP YOUR SPOT!
LINK IN BIO**

**FLICK PARK
3600 GLENVIEW RD, GLENVIEW IL, 60025**

[July Madness Registration](#)

Sevika Sangham

[Sevika Sangham One-Day Trip](#): Join for a wonderful one-day trip to Arthur, Illinois, where we will explore and experience the beauty, and culture of Amish Country.

Date: Saturday, July 18, 2026

Destination: Arthur, Illinois (Amish Country)

Seats are strictly limited based on bus capacity and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are

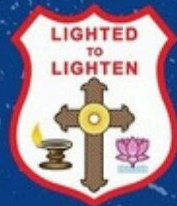
interested in reserving a spot, please contact Dr. Aney Abraham, Sevika Sangham Secretary, at your earliest convenience.

Sunday School



Midwest Junior Camp Registration

Yuvajana Sakhyam



CHICAGO MAR THOMA

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

in association with

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



MARTHO

VOLLEYBALL

LEAGUE 2026

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH 2026

2 PM - 8 PM

**REGISTER
NOW**



@Feldman Recreation Center

8800 W Kathy Ln, Des Plaines, IL 60016

Martho Volleyball Registration

CHICAGO MAR THOMA YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

presents

HARVEST FESTIVAL

AUGUST 8, 2026

A fundraising initiative aimed at supporting the
Home for the Homeless and the **Space for the Future** funds

STAY TUNED

240 POTTER ROAD DES PLAINES IL 60016

Parish Yuvajana Sakhyam humbly requests the prayers, support, and active participation of all parish members to make this event a blessing and a success. Those who wish to participate in the various programs are kindly requested to submit their names to Mrs. Gem Jaims or Dr. Sarah George at their earliest convenience.

Eccumenical Announcements

Bible Quiz

Ecumenical Council of Kerala Churches in Chicago is organizing a Bible Quiz for member churches.

Details & Guidelines for Bible Quiz.

Date: Sunday August 23rd, 2026

Time: 2 PM – 4 PM

Venue: St. Gregorios Malankara Orthodox Church, 905
Kent Ave, Elmhurst

Topic: The Gospel according to St. Mark

- English Bible – NRSV
- Malayalam Bible – Bible Society of India
- Questions will be displayed in English and Malayalam
- One team from each church
- Maximum 3 members in a team
- If there are more than 7 teams registered, there will be a 30 minute long written elimination round.
- The top 7 teams will advance to the final competition
- There will be multiple rounds in the competition including questions specifically for each team, in that one round questions that can be passed to the next team if not answered, and rapid fire round there will be 15 questions (answer maximum questions in one minute)

All the questions except the rapid fire will be displayed on the screen in both English and malayalam, participants can choose either English or malayalam for their choice. For Rapid fire participants allowed any one of the languages as their choice.

Attractive cash prizes for winners (First, Second and Third). Judges' decisions will be final.

If you are interested in being part of the three-member team representing our parish, please inform the Vicars or any of the Office Bearers by July 12th.

Prayers & Blessings

To all dear members celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week: may His grace strengthen you, His truth guide you, and His love lead you into a life of freedom, hope, and lasting peace.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

06/26 Liju Thankam John
06/27 Philip Cherian
06/27 Mary Joseph
06/29 Mary P Samuel
06/29 Willus E Vivian IV
06/30 Mary Mathew
06/30 Beena Cherian
06/30 Varughese C. Mathew
06/30 Minni Mathew
06/30 Rachel Christudas
06/30 Belinda Jane Oommen
06/30 Nimmy M Shaji



06/30 Serah Elizabeth Varghese
07/01 Rajam Chinnamani
07/01 Mathew T. Varghese
07/01 Suneel Raju Kottarathill
07/01 Robin George
07/01 Christal B Jacob
07/02 Jancy Sajan
07/02 Susan Thomas
07/02 Carolin Anna Joy
07/02 Nina A. Idichandy
07/02 Ethen G. Sam
07/02 Alisa Jess Abraham



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 06/26 Dr. Abraham George & Mrs. Sujatha M. Abraham
- 06/27 Mr. Shani Abraham & Dr. Aney M. Abraham
- 06/27 Mr. Geroge Stephen & Mrs. Beeda Stephen
- 06/27 Mr. Abin Jacob Mathew & Mrs. Nancy Mary Varughese
- 06/28 Mr. Sunny Cherian & Mrs. Alice Cherian
- 06/28 Mr. George S. Mathai & Mrs. Beena George
- 06/28 Mr. Tom J. Samuel & Dr. Angie Samuel
- 06/28 Mr. Bobby Thomas & Dr. Teny Anna Philip
- 06/29 Mr. Mathew P. Chandy & Mrs. Soozy Mathew
- 06/30 Mr. Mathews P. Chacko & Mrs. Molly P. Chacko
- 06/30 Mr. Jacob Chacko & Mrs. Ginu Abraham
- 06/30 Mr. Anish George Mathews & Mrs. Georgina Mathews
- 06/30 Mr. Roshan Sam Alex & Mrs. Jisha Abraham
- 07/01 Mr. Binoy V Thomas & Mrs. Neethu S. Zacariah
- 07/01 Mr. Shawn Zachariah & Mrs. Olivia John
- 07/02 Mr. Sam M. Thomas & Mrs. Lalu Thomas
- 07/02 Mr. Chandy K. Samuel & Mrs. Susan Samuel
- 07/02 Dr. Sunil M. Thomas & Dr. Megan Ann Thomas

"For it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." **1 Peter 1:16**

Prayerfully, Together in His service,

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