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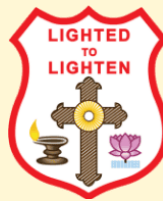
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Fri, Aug 7, 2026 at 1:04 AM

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WEEKLY DIGEST

**THE CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH****Friday August 7th, 2026****WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

240 Potter Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016

SUNDAY **AUGUST 09** 2026

Holy Qurbana in Malayalam -7 AM

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Identity in Christ Marked by Baptism

First Lesson: Exod 14: 15-31 | Epistle: 1 Cor 12:12-20
Second Lesson: 1Pet 3:18-22 | Gospel: John 3:1-8

Holy Communion in English -10 AM

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Unshaken Faith Life in a Fleeting World

First Lesson: Isa 43: 1-7 | Epistle: Rom 8:18-25
Second Lesson: 1Pet 1:3-9 | Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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

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

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,

We thank You for the gift of baptism, through which You have claimed us as Your own children. In a world that is constantly changing, anchor our hearts firmly in You. Strengthen our faith to remain unshaken, help us trust in Your unfailing promises, and enable us to live each day with hope, courage, and steadfast devotion to You.

In Your most holy and precious name, we pray.

Amen.

Parish Announcements

Monthly Messages

Vicar's Message

Assistant Vicar's Message

Space for the Future Building Project

(Worship Center & Multipurpose Building)

Project Status: By God's grace, our Multipurpose Building received preliminary approval from the City of Des Plaines on July 6th, 2026.

Our Next Milestones

1. Submit the Final Planned Unit Development (PUD) plans to the City by mid-September 2026.
2. Raise more than \$500,000 by fall 2026.

What We Accomplished This Week?

This week, we have shared the parish-wide appeal, pledge form, and sponsorship information.

We prayerfully request that you review the information and return the completed / revised pledge form by September 1st, 2026. Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and partnership as we prayerfully work together to make the Space for the Future Building Project- the Worship Center & Multipurpose Building a reality.

Our Focus for Next Week

- 1) Continue work with the architect and civil engineering.
- 2) Prepare for parish family visits as we prayerfully share the vision and seek financial support for the project.

A Prayerful Invitation

Kindly consider the role God is calling you to play in this historic endeavor. We humbly request every family to make a generous financial commitment by submitting a pledge in support of the Space for the Future Building Project (Worship Center & Multipurpose Building).

Together, by God's grace, we can build a lasting legacy that will serve generations to come.

[Space For The Future Informative Video](#)

[Space For The Future Pledge Form](#)

First Communicant Dedication Service

The First Communicant Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, September 27th, 2026, during the Episcopal Visit of Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa Thirumeni.

Preparatory Class: This Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the Vestry.
Remaining schedule: ____

- Sunday, August 09 – 8:30 am
- Sunday, August 16 – 8:30 am
- Sunday, August 23 – 8:30 am
- Sunday, August 30 – 8:30 am

Altar Boys Covenant Girls Meeting (ABCG)

All children in the ABCG Program are requested to meet in the Vestry this Sunday (Aug 09) for their monthly meeting immediately following the second Holy Communion Service.

New Academic Year Student Dedication

The second (and planned final) Student Dedication Service for the new academic year will be held this Sunday, August 9th, 2026. Those who were unable to participate last two Sundays are encouraged to join this service, especially our students who are returning to their college campuses.

Student Dedication Offering envelopes is available in the church lobby. The offerings received will be used to provide financial assistance to deserving students.

College Ministry Meeting

On Sunday, August 9th, following the second service, we will have a meeting at Church for all college or students before you return to your respective campuses. Please attend.

CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH
COLLEGE MINISTRY

COLLEGE
Students' Get Together

Connect.
Grow.
Belong.

AUGUST 9, SUNDAY | **AFTER ENGLISH HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE AT CHURCH**

TOPIC
BUILDING A LIFE THAT MATTERS:
Decisions Today, Impact Tomorrow

TALK BY MR. GEORGE MOLAKKAL

All College students are welcome!

FAITH | FRIENDSHIP | PURPOSE | COMMUNITY

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans.
— Proverbs 16:3

College Ministry Registry

Zelle Digital Payment

Zelle Payment for Parish is now operational and available!

Steps to send donation through Zelle:

- 1) Register the Parish Trustees' email:
cmtctrustees@gmail.com as a recipient
- 2) To send, select cmtctrustees@gmail.com as the recipient
- 3) In the memo field (very important), include your parish account number and donation category (e.g., "Act.101 Space For The Future")
- 4) Enter the desired amount and send

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 Sunday are kindly requested to contact our Lay Leaders. The sponsorship amount is \$50.

Website

[Parish Website](#)

Forms

[Parish Forms](#)

YouTube

Please subscribe to get access to all live stream links.

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Area & Sub-Organization Announcements

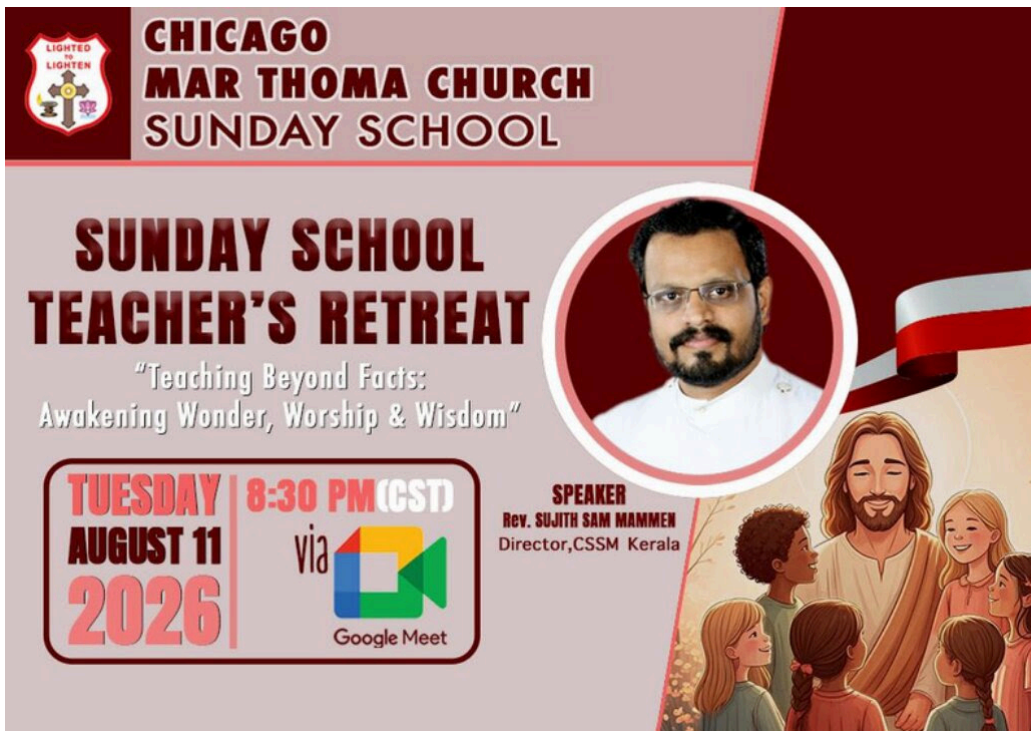
Yuvajana Sakhyam



This year's Harvest Festival: Nizhal 2026 will be held tomorrow, Saturday, August 8th, from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm, on our church campus. You are warmly invited. We humbly request your prayers, presence, and active participation to make Nizhal 2026 a meaningful and successful celebration. Please join.

Preparations for our Harvest Festival – “Nizhal 2026” will begin today Friday at 4:00 pm. We warmly invite all parishioners to join and lend your valuable support as we prepare for this special celebration. Your time, talents, and participation will help make Nizhal 2026 a joyful, meaningful, and blessed event. We look forward to working and celebrating together as one parish family.

Sunday School



**CHICAGO
MAR THOMA CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHER'S RETREAT**

"Teaching Beyond Facts:
Awakening Wonder, Worship & Wisdom"

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 11
2026** | **8:30 PM (CST)**
via 
Google Meet

SPEAKER
Rev. SUJITH SAM MAMMEN
Director, CSSM Kerala



Mandatory Teachers Retreat will be held on Tuesday, August 11th, at 8:30 pm. A follow-up retreat will be held on August 16th after the Holy Communion service.

Teacher's Retreat Google Meet

Sunday School Teachers Needed: As we begin the new Sunday School academic year, we are seeking teachers who are willing to serve and help nurture the faith of our children. If you are interested in serving, please let the Superintendent Mrs. Shyla Varughese or our Vicars know.

New Student Registration: Parents of new Sunday School students are requested to register using the link below:

New Student Registration

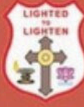
Teacher Dedication: We will have Teacher Dedication on August 16th during the Holy Communion service.

First Day of Sunday School: The first day of Sunday School will be on August 16th, 2026.

Senior Fellowship

Monthly Meeting: The monthly meeting of our Senior Fellowship will be held at the Church on Thursday, August 27th, 2026, at 10:00 am. All seniors are warmly invited to join in this time of bible study, fellowship, and joy.

Sevika Sangham

**CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH**
SEVIKA SANGHAM

Sevika Sangham is cordially inviting all our Grandparents for

GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATION

August 29th, 9:00am - 1:00pm



TOPIC
"YOUR HEALTH IS THE GREATEST GIFT FOR YOUR GRANDCHILDREN"

VENUE
CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH
240 POTTER RD, DES PLAINES IL

**GUEST SPEAKER**
MS. SEEMA M. PILLAI, APN

**Onasadhya**
Lunch - Onasadhya

Rev. Ashish Thomas | Rev. Biju Yohannan | Dr. Aney Abraham
Vicar | Asst. Vicar | Secretary

Annual Sevika Sangham Fall Fest

Date: Saturday, September 5th, 2026

Call for Programs: We are looking for performance pieces and programs from all organizations within the church. If your organization or group would like to perform, please contact Sevika Sangham Secretary Dr. Aney Abraham to coordinate.

Purpose: We look forward to enthusiastic participation from all our members! All proceeds from this year's Fall Fest will directly support the fundraising efforts for the Space for Future project and our Education Aid initiatives.

Diocesan Announcements

Mental Wellness Awareness Series

Mental Wellness Awareness Series Inauguration

Featuring age- and gender-specific interactive learning sessions

Key Note Address:

Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan

Message:

Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos, Diocesan Bishop

Topic Introduction:

Dr. Anil Chacko, Chair, Dept. of Applied Psychology NYU

Dr. Sunitha Chandy, Clinical Psychologist, Chicago

August 11 Tuesday | 8:30 PM ET

Join on Zoom

Dial-in (US): +1 305 224 1968

Meeting ID: 874 7214 7806

Passcode: 535601



Building Our Community of Care

Faith Ally for Mental Health Initiative (FAMHI)

famhi@marthomana.org

Mar Thoma Church Diocese of North America

The Faith Ally for Mental Health Initiative (FAMHI) invites you to the inauguration of our new age- and gender-specific Mental Wellness Awareness Series on Tuesday, August 11th, at 8:30 pm ET via Zoom. The event will feature a Keynote Address by Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan. message by our Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos and expert insights from leading psychologists as we continue "Building Our Community of Care.

Prayers & Blessings

To all our beloved parishioners celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week: may Christ, who has called you and claimed you as His own, strengthen your faith to remain unshaken, anchor your hope in His eternal kingdom, and fill your lives with His abiding peace.

Happy Birthday

08/07 Renay Alex

08/08 Aleyamma Abraham

08/08 Santosh P Iype

08/08 Sabitha Mathew

08/09 Rachelamma George

08/09 Jessy J. Koshy

08/09 Danny Melathil Thomas

08/09 Preetha K. John

08/09 Diya Sujai

08/10 Mariamma Mathai

08/10 Philipose C. Thomas

08/10 Mariamma Thomas

08/10 Bejil O. Thomas

08/10 Christa Alex

08/11 Donald Verghese Jacob

08/11 Soju Panackamattam John

08/11 Hannah Liz Varghese

08/12 Pallathu J. Mathai

08/12 Saramma George

08/12 Binu Joseph

08/12 Ciju Cherian

08/12 Liju Varughese

08/12 Rinju Elsa John

08/12 Emory Thomas Vivian

08/13 Rachel Varghese

Happy Anniversary

08/07 Mr.Praveenmon Thomas & Mrs. Mariamma P. Thomas

08/07 Mr.Nidhin Sunny Raphael & Mrs. Tanya Varkey

08/08 Mr.Thomas Varughese & Mrs. Shibi Varughese

08/08 Mr.Danny Melathil Thomas & Mrs. Ancy Alex

08/09 Mr. Eipe C Varghese & Mrs. Rani Eipe

08/10 Mr. Thomas Mathew & Dr.Jessie Mathew

08/12 Mr.Michael A Varghese & Mrs.Tiji Mary Thomas

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." **1 Corinthians 12:12**

Prayerfully, Together in His service,

Mr. Monish K. John

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