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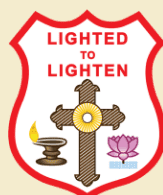
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WEEKLY DIGEST



THE CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

Friday September 11th, 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH
240 Potter Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13 2026

SEVIKA SANGHAM DAY

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Women who Trust God: Fearless and Faithful

Holy Communion in English - 7 AM

 **SPEAKER: MRS. ANILA ANN MATHEW**

Holy Qurbana in Malayalam -10 AM

 **SPEAKER: MRS. SMITHA ROSE MATHEW**

1st Lesson: Judges 4:1-10 Epistle: Acts 1:12-14
2nd Lesson: Romans 16:1-15 Gospel: John 12:1-8

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

Holy Qurbana (Mal): 10:00 AM

Join Live Streaming

Prayer

God of peace and mercy,

On this 25th Anniversary of 9/11, we pause to remember the lives lost and the hearts broken on that tragic day. We pray for comfort for every family, friend, and community still carrying the weight of grief.

Gracious Lord, as we celebrate Sevika Sanghom Sunday, strengthen the women and their households who place their trust in You to walk with courage and unwavering faith. May Your promises anchor their hearts, Your Spirit guide their steps, and their lives shine as witnesses to Your love.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Parish Announcements

Space for the Future Building Project

(Worship Center & Multipurpose Building)

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.

A Prayerful Invitation: We all are aware of the sponsorship opportunities, kindly consider sponsorship. Please encourage the families you think will be able to support a sponsorship opportunity – it could be a milestone celebration, it could be in memory of loved ones, or an intentional gesture as a larger family unit. Your continued prayers, encouragement, and financial support are much needed during this important phase of our project.

Space for the Future: Sponsorship Opportunities

What We Accomplished This Week?

- We are in the process of reviewing and finalizing a contractor for soil testing required for PUD submission.
- The architect and civil engineer are working to finalize the drawings for the City's Final PUD requirement.

Our Focus for Next Week

- 1) Continue work with the architect ,civil engineering and soil test contractor.
- 2)Continue the outreach for sponsorship and fundraising.

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

Dial by your location : +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 898 0070 4611 | Passcode: 083373

Monthly Messages

Vicar's Message

Assistant Vicar's Message

Parish Day

Our Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa Thirumeni, will be with us on Sunday, September 27th, 2026, for our Parish Day. We kindly request everyone to keep the Episcopal Visit in their prayers. Please uphold in your prayers the 16 children who are preparing for their First Communicant Dedication on Parish Day.

On Parish Day, our service will begin at 8:00 am, and we will have Holy Communion in English, which is expected to conclude by 10:15 am. Then, at 10:30 am, we hope to start the Parish Day public function and conclude with Parish Day fellowship lunch starting at 12:00 pm.

Light To Life

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You are the light of the world.
Matthew 5:14

THE MAR THOMA CHURCH
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

LIGHT TO Life PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER - LIGHT TO LIFE PROMOTION MONTH

Light to Life is our commitment to educate, empower, and bring hope to children in need.

SPONSORSHIP
\$20/month
PER CHILD

BE A BLESSING...

PRAY
Pray for the children, families, and the Light to Life ministry.

PROMOTE
Promote Light to Life in your parish and encourage others to get involved.

PARTICIPATE
Participate by sponsoring a child and supporting this life-changing ministry.

Together, let us be the light that brings hope, changes lives, and honors Christ.

Please connect with Mr. N. M. Philip and Mr. Koshy Varghese (Roy) for brochures and applications. They are the promoters assigned and more than happy to serve you in your desire to support children in need.

Suggestion Box

The Parish has placed a suggestion box next to the envelope holder in the upper lobby near the TV. You can share an idea you may have that benefits the faith community, along with any other related suggestions. The Vicar will personally review the suggestions and follow through with next steps and closure.

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

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.

YouTube

Area & Sub-Organization Announcements

Area 11 (Wisconsin Prayer Group): Area 11 will have the Holy Communion Service in English on Saturday, September 12th, 2026, at 3:30 pm CT (Unity Lutheran Church, [4600 Pilgrim Road, Brookfield, WI 53005](#)).

Area 7 Prayer Meeting : There will be an area prayer meeting on Sunday September 13th at 4:30 pm at the residence of Mr. Praveen & Mrs. Sunu Thomas ([210 Chester Lane, Prospect Heights, 60070](#)). All area 7 families are encouraged to join.

Area 6 Prayer Meeting : There will be an area prayer meeting on Sunday September 20th at 4:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Biju & Mrs. Molly Jacob ([678 Jarvis Ave, Des Plaines](#)). All area 6 families are encouraged to join.

Youth Fellowship

Young Adults Ministry: There will be a Young Adults Ministry meeting on Friday, September 11th at 7:00pm at the residence of Mr. Jerin Varghese ([6436 Kilpatrick Ave, Lincolnwood, IL, 60712](#)). The theme is “Abide in Jesus” based on John 15:4-5. The speaker will be Mr. Alvin Varghese. We urge all young adults 21 or above to please attend.

Choir

The English Choir will meet for practice at Church this Saturday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Sunday School

Sunday School will begin promptly at 8:40 am. Parents, please make every effort to bring your children on time so they can participate fully from the beginning.

Parish Mission

Prayer Cell : The Prayer Cell will meet every Sunday, during Sunday School in the Children's Room. All parishioners who are present at that time are warmly encouraged to join us for prayer and intercession.

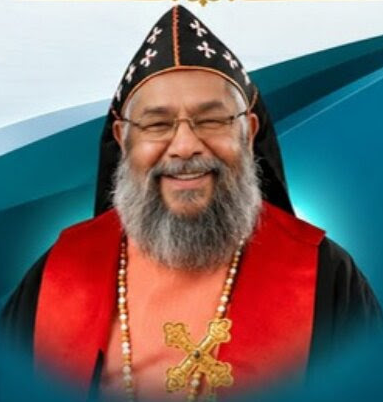
Senior Fellowship



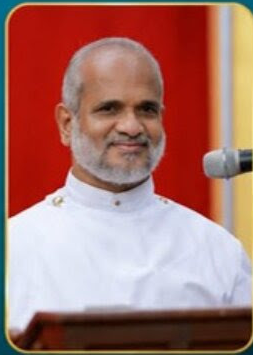
MAR THOMA CHURCH
Diocese of North America

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP PRAYER MEET

SEPT
14
MONDAY
9 PM EST



Diocesan Episcopa
Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham
Mar Paulos Episcopa



Message
Rev. Dr. P. P. Thomas

 **zoom**
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890-2005-9914
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prayer

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Assembly Member

Monthly Meeting: The monthly meeting of Senior Fellowship will be held at the Church on Thursday, September 17th, 2026, at 10:00 am. All seniors are warmly invited to mark your calendar, join in this time of bible study, fellowship, and joy.

Senior Citizen Sunday: We will be celebrating Sunday Sept 20th as Senior Citizen Sunday.

Yuvajana Sakhyam

A vibrant poster for the Onam festival. At the top, the text 'CHICAGO MAR THOMA YUVAJANA SAKHYAM' is written in a bold, dark red font. Below it, 'PRESENTS' is written in a smaller, green font. The main title 'YS Onam' is prominently displayed in a large, stylized font, with 'YS' in green and 'Onam' in a gradient of orange and red. Below the title, the tagline 'Celebrating Our Culture, United as One Family' is written in a cursive font. The central part of the poster features a calendar icon and the date 'SEPTEMBER 12TH', along with a clock icon and the time '4 PM'. The background is a light yellow with decorative elements like palm leaves, flowers, and a boat. At the bottom, there is a large, colorful circular floral pattern (Pookka) with a small lamp in the center. To the right of the Pookka, there are bananas and a coconut. The bottom of the poster has a green background with the text 'Join us for an evening of fun, games, cultural programs, Onasadya and cherished togetherness. Let's celebrate the spirit of Onam together!' and the motto 'ONE FAITH • ONE FAMILY • ONE MISSION' at the very bottom.

CHICAGO MAR THOMA
YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

PRESENTS

YS
Onam

*Celebrating Our Culture,
United as One Family*

DATE
SEPTEMBER 12TH

TIME
4 PM

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Onasadya and cherished togetherness.
Let's celebrate the spirit of Onam together!

ONE FAITH • ONE FAMILY • ONE MISSION



MAR THOMA YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Midwest

WORSHIP | STUDY | WITNESS | SERVICE

Book Review

Featured Book:

The Life & Ministry of Sadhu Sundar Singh

Renowned for his miracle-filled journey from Sikhism to Christian mysticism, the celebrated evangelist Sadhu Sundar Singh served as a powerful speaker at Kerala's historic Maramon Convention.



SADHU SUNDAR SINGH
1889 – 1929

BOOKS FOR REVIEW



ENGLISH EDITION
Sadhu Sundar Singh: Called of God
by Mrs. Arthur Parker





MALAYALAM EDITION
സാദു സുന്ദർ സിംഗ്
by George Mathew



ENTRY RULES

Each Church can submit **One English** and **One Malayalam** entry

PRIZES

1st
English & Malayalam

2nd
English & Malayalam

SUBMISSION DEADLINE — OCTOBER 25, 2026

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Book Review Guidelines

Diocesan Announcements

India Mission 2027

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DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA



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"Work"
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A Mission for Professional Young Adults

- Medical Camp
- Child Development Classes
- Community Service
- Health and Hygiene Awareness

What are you doing this Lent?






DATES
February 10 to 21, 2027

Must arrive in Kerala before Feb. 10, 2027

PRE-REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- 1 Check you Visa/eOCI Status
- 2 Medical Clearance Form
- 3 Liability Waiver Form
- 4 Flight Ticket & Registration

COST

Each participant funds their own trip.

Your Airfare plus a \$700 Registration covers the trip's expenses.

Airport transportation is provided only at designated times from COK.

CONTACT

Rev. Jason Varghese (US Contact)
Rev. Dr. Philip George (India Contact)
Zenita George – Medical Convenor
Riya Varughese – Non-Medical Convenor
NERVChaplain@gmail.com

THE VISION

***Christ is the Weaver.
We are the threads.***

Epyov is Greek for work, deed, action: a faith made visible in what we do. Individually, each thread seems small. Woven into Christ, our gifts and our lives become something greater than we could build alone.

FORMATION

- I **Vocationally Awakened**
Hone your gifts, build relationships, and discover how serving others deepens your response to God
- II **Relationally Connected**
Be shaped alongside others, together through prayer, devotion, serving and learning.
- III **Historically Rooted**
Learn about your legacy by tracing the steps of St. Thomas and listening at Maromom Convention.

THE ITINERARY

- Feb 10 to 14, 2027
Orientation and Medical Camp in Ranni
- Feb 15 to 17, 2027
Visit the 75 St. Thomas Churches
- Feb 18 to 19, 2027
Medical Camp in Tiruvarepuzha
- Feb 20 to 21, 2027
Maromom Convention

Who We're Looking For

Our Church in India is faithful and already at work, and we come to join, learn, and serve under their guidance. This is a call to second generation Mar Thoma young adults across the Diocese: *whatever gifts, talents, or knowledge God has given you, there is a place for you on this mission.*

India Mission 2027 Registration Form

Prayers & Blessings

To all our beloved parishioners celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week: may the Lord strengthen your trust in Him, give you courage to face every challenge without fear, and grant you grace to remain faithful in every season, so that your lives may shine as joyful testimonies of His unfailing love and faithfulness.

Happy BIRTHDAY

09/11 Saramma Mathews
09/11 George Oommen
09/11 Alisha Mary Johnson
09/11 Aaiden Thomas
09/12 Sandy Thomas
09/12 Christopher Samuel
09/12 Mithin C Mathew
09/12 Daniel George Thomas
09/13 Linzy Heijmen
09/13 Danu Thomas
09/13 Sherry P. Shibu
09/14 Evelyn Annea Abraham
09/15 P.Cherian John
09/15 M. C. Issac
09/15 Anitha S. Mathew
09/15 Amal Chakkanattu Eipe
09/16 Soji M Thomas
09/16 Bini K. Mathews
09/16 Dipin Mohan



Happy ANNIVERSARY

- 09/11 Mr.Jerry Tom Thomas &
Mrs.Ligy Pullampallil
- 09/11 Mr.Noble Varughese &
Mrs.Lisson Varghese
- 09/13 Mr.Abraham E. Thomas &
Mrs.Deenamma Thomas
- 09/14 Mr.P. T Gheevarghese &
Mrs.Saramma Varghese
- 09/14 Mr.George Oommen &
Mrs.Sheela George
- 09/14 Mr.Linu Manthanathu Joseph &
Mrs.Linsu Abraham
- 09/16 Mr.Anu K. Joseph &
Mrs.Lija Elizabeth Anu
- 09/17 Mr. Jaysen Thomas &
Mrs.Ashly M. Mathew

"You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."
John 12:8

Prayerfully, Together in His service,

Mr. Monish K. John
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