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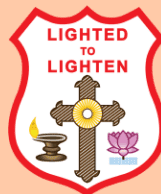
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Fri, Sep 18, 2026 at 7:29 AM

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WEEKLY DIGEST

**THE CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH****Friday September 18th, 2026****WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

240 Potter Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 20
2026

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Senior Citizens' Sunday

Productive Living : The Best Is Yet to Come

7:30AM | Divine Service

Message - Ms. Leah Varughis



10 AM

**Holy Qurbana Service
in Malayalam**

Message - Dr. P.V. Cherian

First Lesson: Joshua 14: 6-15, Second Lesson: Philippians 3:12-16

Epistle: Ephesians 6: 10-17, Gospel: John 21: 18-23

IGNITE

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

Message
Mr. Jinoj Mathew



Divine Service (Eng): 07:30 AM
Join Live Streaming

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

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Guide us to live each day with purpose, faith, and gratitude. Help us use our time and gifts wisely, trusting that in Your hands, the best is yet to come.

In the name of Lord Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

Parish Announcements

Space for the Future Building Project

(Worship Center & Multipurpose Building)

Sponsorship Opportunities

The Pledge Form

Space For The Future Informative Video

Neighborhood Mission - Community Service



- Fall Fest Cleanup! -

Mar Thoma Church is partnering with
Clean Up - Give Back to keep this year's
Fall Fest free of litter!



FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18



7pm - 8pm



Lake Park, Des Plaines
[2200 Lee Street]

847-224-8592 // info@cleanupgiveback.org

WWW.CLEANUPGIVEBACK.ORG



Des Plaines Fall Cleanup: Sign-up

Thank you for your willingness to serve our community.
You may still sign up and join us! Those who have signed
up for the Des Plaines Fall Fest Cleanup are kindly
requested to meet at 6:50 PM tomorrow, Friday,
September 18, at the **Band/Music** Area:

Address: [2200 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL 60018](#)

Time: 7:00–8:00 PM

Please reach out to Mrs. Lalu Thomas at (847) 337-2123 if you need any assistance.

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 27, 2026, for our Parish Day; please keep Thirumeni's Episcopal Visit and the 16 children preparing for their First Communicant Dedication in your prayers.

The Holy Communion service in English will begin at 8:00 AM and conclude around 10:15 AM, followed by the Parish Day public function at 10:30 AM. We look forward to concluding the celebration with Parish Day fellowship lunch starting at 12:00 PM.

Light To Life



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.

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 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.

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

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

Choir

English Choir will meet for practice at Church on Sunday immediately after the Holy Communion Service.

Young Family Fellowship



Diocesan Announcements

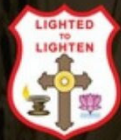
Altar Boys and Covenant Girls

Our Diocese started the Altar Boys and Covenant Girls ministry in 2013 with the aim of encouraging our children and youth to

- a) Learn more about our church, faith, heritage, and tradition
- b) Grow spiritually, and
- c) Be well-equipped as leaders in the church.

Participants in this ministry are to be 12 years of age and above, be full communicant members of the church, be committed to learning through training programs, be able to help with the various needs of the parish (in consultation with the parish Vicar), and serve for at least three years.

Now the program and training are done in three progressive phases: Phase 1, Phase 2, Phase 3. The registration for all phases is now commencing. Encourage parents and Sunday School teachers to register children in appropriate phase to further their spiritual education and get them trained for parish ministry.



Mar Thoma Church Diocese of North America



Altar Boys & Covenant Girls Learning Program Phase 1 Fall 2026



Tuesdays, 8:45PM-9:50PM (EST)
September 29 to November 17, 2026
via Zoom & Google Classroom

Classes are open for Full Communicant Mar Thoma members (Ages 12-18) of parishes & congregations in the Diocese. Seats are limited.

Registration will be complete upon Vicar approval &

Registration Fees: USD \$30 / CAD \$30

Deadline: September 21, 2026

(or when seat capacity is reached)

For more information: marthoma.abcg@gmail.com

-Altar Boys & Covenant Girls Subcommittee-



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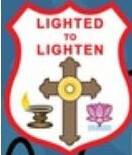
Altar Boys &
Covenant Girls
Learning Program
Phase 2 / Fall 2026

Classes are open for Full
Communicant Mar Thoma members
(Ages 12-18) of parishes &
congregations in the Diocese.
Students must have successfully
completed Phase 1.
Registration will be complete upon
Initial Registration &
Registration Fees payment :
USD \$30 / CAD \$30
Deadline: September 21, 2026

Thursdays, 8:45PM-9:50PM (EST)
October 1 to November 19, 2026
via Zoom & Google Classroom

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**MAR THOMA CHURCH
DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA**

**ALTAR BOYS &
COVENANT GIRLS
LEARNING PROGRAM
PHASE 3, FALL 2026**

Classes are open for Full Communicant Mar Thoma members (Ages 12-18) of parishes & congregations in the Diocese. Students must have successfully completed Phases 1 & 2.



Registration will be complete upon Initial Registration & Registration Fees Payment.

Registration Fees:

USD \$30 / CAD \$30

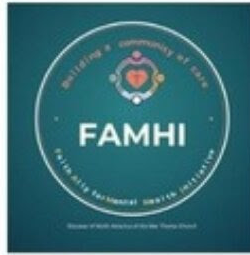
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**Mondays, 8:45PM-9:50PM (EST)
September 28 to November 16, 2026
Via Zoom & Google Classroom**

For more information:

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-ABCG SUBCOMMITTEE-



Mar Thoma Church Diocese of North America
Southern Regional Activities Committee (SRAC)

From Silence to Wholeness

Women's Series – Session 1

Open to all women — bring a friend

A safe space — no pressure to have it all together

For young mothers, working women, caregivers, empty nest

Faith-rooted, research-informed

Leave with real tools — and permission to say "I'm not okay"

Featured Speaker: **Dr. Sunitha Chandy**
Clinical Psychologist & Lead Trainer

September 27th Sunday

7:30 PM Eastern Time | 90 min

Dial-in (US): +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 863 9230 3741

Passcode: 186712

<https://tinyurl.com/FAMHI-S1>



Building Our Community of Care
Faith Ally for Mental Health Initiative (FAMHI)
famhi@marthomana.org

Prayers & Blessings

To all our beloved parishioners celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week: may the Lord fill your lives with renewed purpose, fruitful opportunities, and joyful hope, reminding you that in His hands, the best is yet to come, and guiding you to live each day productively and faithfully for His glory.

Happy BIRTHDAY

09/18 Charles Mathew
09/19 Shebby K. Samuel
09/19 Joanna Molly Mathew
09/20 Michael Bryan Samuel
09/20 Ashly M. Mathew
09/20 Sarah Ronnie Koshy
09/21 Saramma Thundiyil
09/21 Cherian K. Chacko
09/21 Jerin Varghese
09/21 Ryan Joseph Ashwin
09/22 John Kurien
09/22 Siji V. Koshy
09/22 Nidhin Mathew
09/22 Alvin Varghese
09/22 Joanne Lilly Kanampully
09/22 Jason Jibu Mathew
09/23 Ann Sara Rajan
09/23 Shiju Mathai
09/23 Abel John
09/24 Jerrin K. Koshy
09/24 Tracy George
09/24 Jonathan Issac Varghese



Happy ANNIVERSARY

09/21 Dr.Prince P. Mathew &
Mrs. Reji Varghese
09/21 Dr.Ryan Abraham Mathew &
Dr. Cynthia Mary Francis
09/24 Mr.Aniyan Varghese &
Dr. Siji Varghese



“Finally, build up your strength in union with the Lord and by means of his mighty power.” **Ephesians 6:10**

Prayerfully, Together in His service,

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