WEEKLY DIGEST

THE CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

Friday October 23rd, 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CHICAGO MAR THOMA CHURCH

240 Potter Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25 2026

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Christian Family Dedication Sunday

Family: Celebration of Relationships

Holy Qurbana in Malayalam -7 AM

Holy Communion in English -10 AM

First Lesson: Zechariah 8: 1-8

Second Lesson: 1 John 2:7-14

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-20

Gospel: Mark 3:31-35

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

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

Prayer

Our Father In Heaven,

Thank You for the gift of family and the blessing of relationships. Strengthen our bonds with love, deepen our unity through forgiveness, and help us reflect Your grace in our homes, cherishing one another as You have loved us.

Amen.

Parish Announcements

Edavaka Sanghom List or Parish Voters List

The Edavaka Sanghom List (Parish Voters List) is posted on the bulletin board in the parish basement fellowship hall. Please review it. If you have any concerns, corrections to make, or discrepancies to notify, please submit them in writing to the Vicar on or before Sunday, October 25th, 2026.

Area Prayer & Sub-Organization Elections for 2027

All Area Prayer Groups and Sub-Organizations are reminded to schedule their prayer group meeting or general body meeting and complete the election of representative / office bearers, committee members, and internal auditor(s) for the year 2027 at the earliest before end of the calendar year 2026.

CMTC Worship Center & Multipurpose Building

(Space for the Future Building Project)

Update: The architectural and civil reports are nearing finalization and are expected to be complete before the end of this month, to facilitate submission of the final

PUD application to the City of Des Plaines.

Let's join hands and build together.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Please submit your pledge for the Space for the Future Worship Center & Multipurpose Building Project.

The Pledge Form

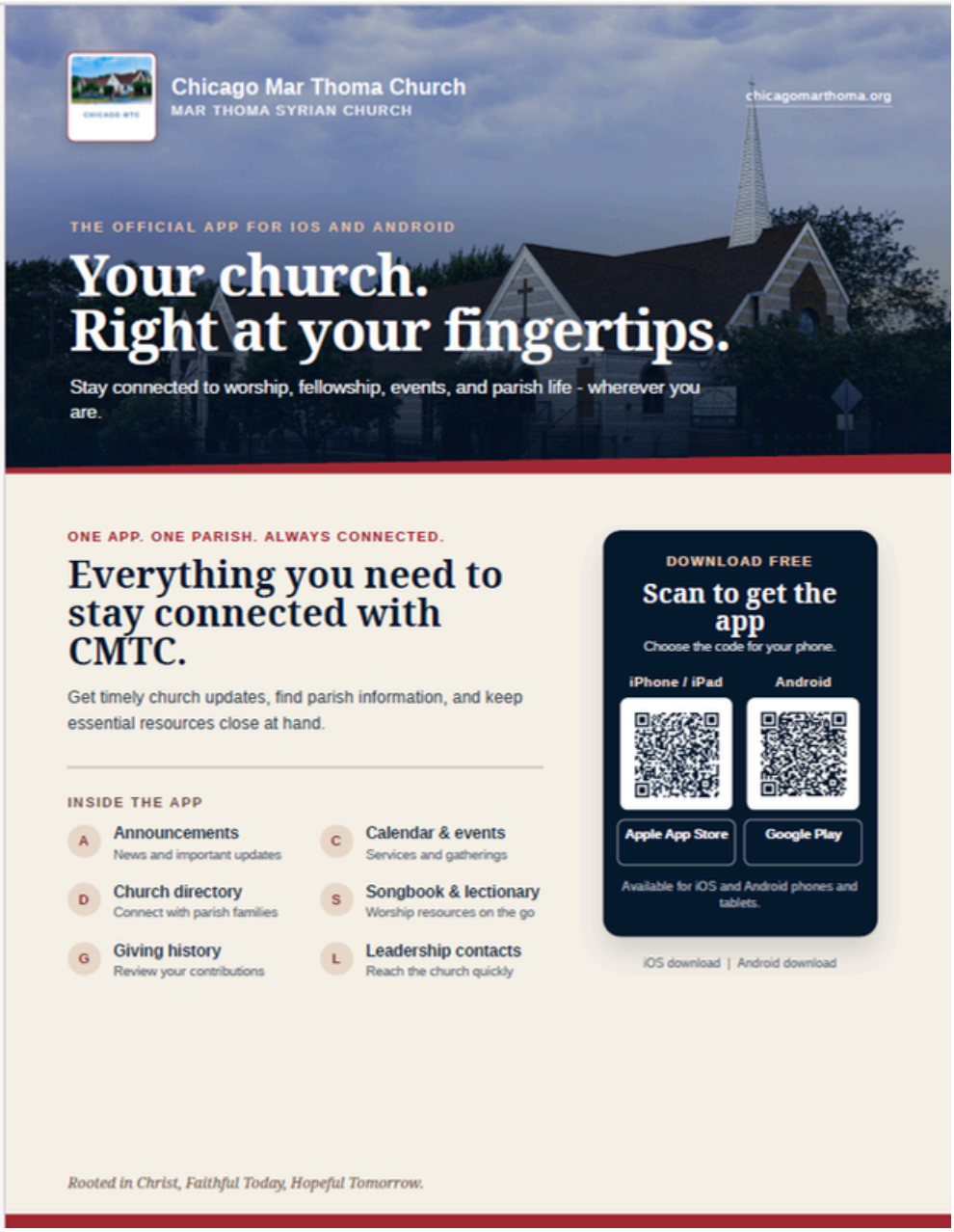
Space For The Future Informative Video

Monthly Messages

Vicar's Message

Assistant Vicar's Message

Chicago Mar Thoma Church: iOS & Android Mobile App



1. Scan above QR code or go to the App Store / Google Play Store and search for Chicago Mar Thoma Church.

2. Download and register using First Name, Last Name, and your parish account number.

3. Family members, please use your own First Name, Last Name, and your family Parish Account Number.

4. Authenticate yourself using your iCloud account or your Google account

5. Submit.

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

Dial by your location : +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 898 0070 4611 | Passcode: 083373

Christmas Carol Rounding 2026

Please let your Area Representative know your desire to host the Christmas Carolers. 🎄 Our parish looks forward to sharing the joy and blessings of Christ's birth with you and your family!

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.

Parish Website

Parish YouTube

Sub-Organization & Area Announcements

Parish Mission

House Visit: Parish Mission is arranging a House Visit today, Friday, October 23rd starting from Church at 9.00 am. Those who wish to join the house visit, please come to the Church before 9.00 am.

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 for prayer and intercession.

Christmas Gift Donation: Parish Mission is now collecting Christmas Gift Donations. The gifts will be distributed to the Evangelists and their families of the Chennai-Bangalore Diocese. All Parishioners are urged to participate in this noble cause by donating $25.00 per gift.

Yuvajana Sakhyam

Blood Drive Sign-up

Join Diocesan YS Convention 2026

Choir

This week we will have English Choir practice on Saturday, October 24th, from 12:00 PM to 02:00 PM.

This week we will have Malaylam Choir practice on Saturday, October 24th, from 2:00 PM.

Sunday School

Sunday School Classes: Sunday School singing session 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.

Junior Christmas Play

2026 Junior Christmas Play Participant Form

Sevika Sanghom

Notice of Sevika Sangham General Body Meeting

There will be a General Body Meeting of the Chicago Marthoma Church Sevika Sangham, on November 1st, immediately after worship service at CMTC.

Date and Time : Sunday November 1st 2026 (immediately after worship service)

Venue: The Chicago Marthoma Church

Agenda

1.Election of Office Bearers for the year 2027 to the following posts

- Vice President (1 position)
- Treasurer (1 position)
- Secretary (1 position)
- Internal Auditors (2 position)
- Young Women's Fellowship (2 position, of which one will be in the committee)
- Area Representatives for Area 1- 10

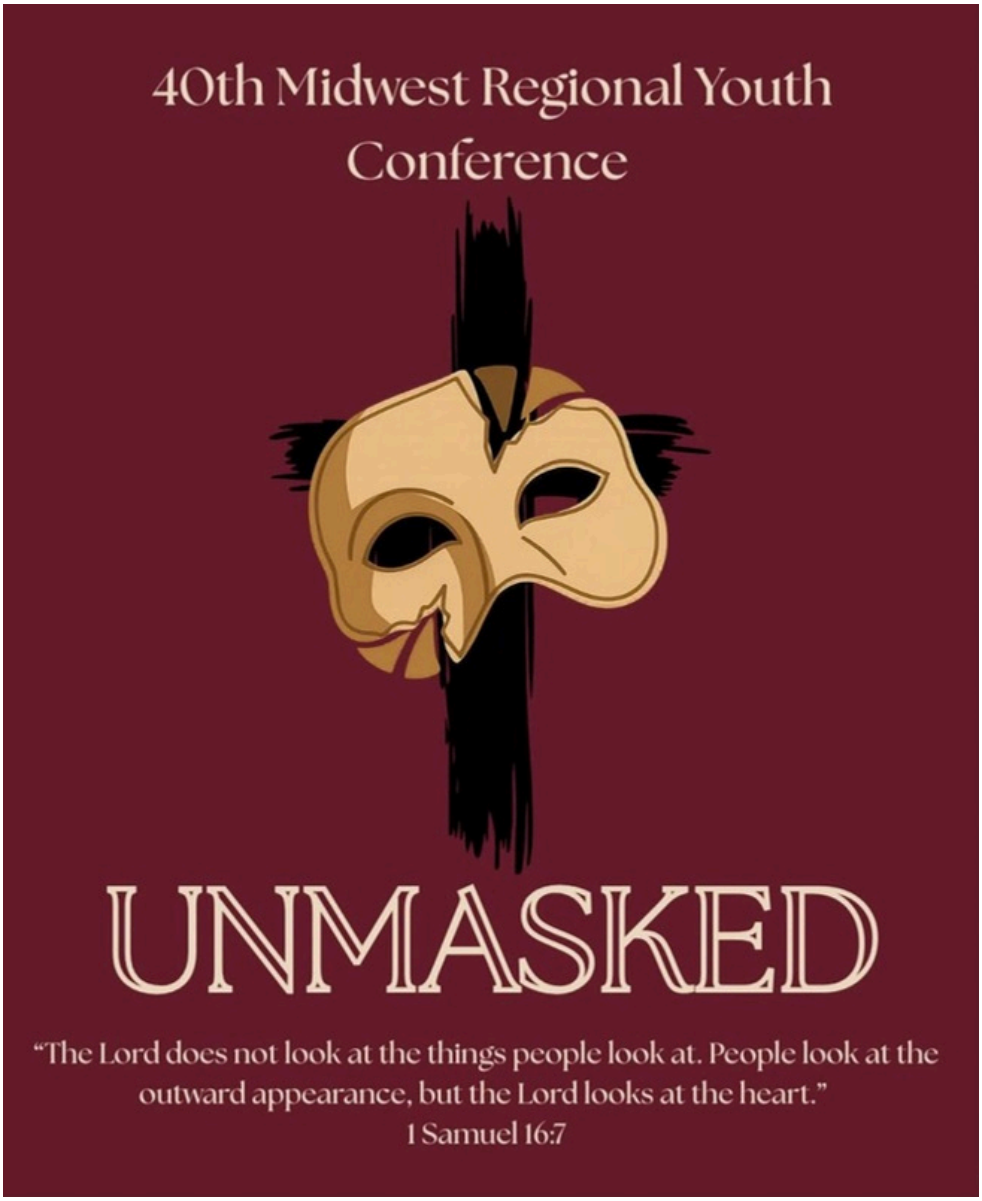
2.Distribution of funds for Education Aid and Space for Future

3.AOB with permission

For The Chicago Marthoma Church Sevika Sangham:

Dr. Aney Abraham, Sevika Sangham Secretary

Youth Fellowship



The 40th Annual Midwest Regional Youth Conference will be held on December 26th - December 29th hosted by Detroit Mar Thoma Church.

Location: Michindoh Conference Center. Address: 4545 E Bacon Rd, Hillsdale, MI 49242. The theme this year is Unmasked based on 1 Samuel 16:7. Early Registration is $170.00 and the deadline is November 1st, 2026. Late Registration is $190.00 and deadline is November 30th, 2026. We urge all youths 13 or above (or will be 13 by December 26th) to register and attend!

Register for Midwest Regionals

Area Worship Service & General Body

Area 11 Worship Service: There will be Holy Communion Service in Malayalam on

Sunday October 25th, 2026 at 3:30 pm CT (Unity Lutheran Church, 4600 Pilgrim Road, Brookfield, WI 53005). All Area 11 members, please join.

Area 11 Prayer Group: General Body Notice:

The General Body meeting of the Area 11 / Wisconsin Area Prayer group will be held as detailed below:

Date: Sunday, October 25th, 2026

Time: Following the Holy Communion service

Venue : Unity Lutheran Church, 4600 Pilgrim Road, Brookfield, WI 53005

Agenda:

1. Election of the Office bearers for the below positions for 2027.

- Vice President (1 position)
- Secretary (1 position)
- Trustee (1 position)
- Accountant (1 position)
- Lay Leader English (1 position)
- Lay Leader Malayalam (1 position)
- Sunday School Superintendent (1 position)
- Internal Auditor (1 position)

2. AOB with the permission of the chair

For The Chicago Marthoma Church Area 11 Prayer Group:

Mr. Sibi Jacob, Area 11 Prayer Group Secretary

Prayers & Blessings

To all our beloved parishioners celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week: may the Lord, the source of all love, strengthen the bonds of your families, deepen your joy in one another, and fill your homes with grace, unity, and understanding, so that every relationship becomes a beautiful reflection of His enduring love.

10/23 Susy Johnson
10/23 Kurian T Kurian
10/23 Jonathan Joseph Mathew
10/24 Jessie Mathew
10/24 Lucas Sam Thundiyil
10/25 George C Alex
10/25 Jacob Chacko
10/26 Annamma Thomas
10/26 Ciji Varghese
10/26 Nidhin Thomas
10/26 Tina Mariam Thomas
10/27 Abraham Philip
10/27 Sherry Elizabeth Cherian
10/27 Roshan Roy Mathew
10/27 Ryan Abraham Mathew
10/27 Abel Jacob Sam
10/28 Annamma Oommen
10/28 Annie Varghese
10/28 Vinay Geev Mathai
10/28 Eric Abraham Thomas
10/28 Elijah Issac Thomas
10/29 Rev. Johnson Varughese
10/29 Rev. Ashish Thomas

Midwest RAC Announcements

Eccumenical Announcements

"Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble." 1 John 2:10

Prayerfully, Together in His service,

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