



THE MAR THOMA BESORAH

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN BISHOP

What is The Mar Thoma Besorah?

The Hebrew word, *besorah*, is translated as message or report. This newsletter includes a brief report of the Diocesan activities.

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

The Church is a family of families. We are celebrating Family Sunday in the month of October. Bishop Desmond Tutu said, "You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them."

The Holy Bible says that a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife (Genesis 2:24). Each family, like the families of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and Joshua, is a mission agent in time and space.

Life, relationships, resources, and potential talents are gifts from God. Our families can flourish when we are willing to accept the differences among individuals, tolerate and forgive one another's mistakes, cherish one another's successes, sympathize with one another's failures, and communicate respectfully, truthfully, and openly.

May the Lord bless every family so that each may be a blessing for generations to come.

~With prayers and regards,

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 19–22, 2026

Southwest Border Mission, Texas —
Serving Thanksgiving Joy

Nov. 28, 2026

Heavenly Trumpet — Diocesan Christmas
Program, Dallas, Texas

Dec. 5, 6, 12 & 13,
2026

Mexico Mission — Christmas Toy
Distribution

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONS

Light to Life
Mexico Mission
Southwest Border Mission
Native American Mission
Neighborhood & Urban Mission
India Mission

For further details visit: marthomamission.org
Email: missionboard@marthomamission.org

Suffragan Metropolitan Visits the Diocese

Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan visited the Diocese of North America. During this visit, Thirumeni celebrated Holy Qurbana at St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, New Jersey, on October 10, 2026. Thirumeni also visited Seattle, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver, Dallas, Houston, and led the Northeast RAC Convention.



DIOCESAN

HIGHLIGHTS & REPORTS

NORTHEAST REGION RAC

Three-Day Combined Gospel Convention



The Northeast Region RAC conducted a three-day combined Gospel Convention on October 9-11, 2026, with participation from fifteen Mar Thoma parishes and congregations across the region. The convention was held at three different venues over three days: St. John's Mar Thoma Church, Queens Village, NY; St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Yonkers, NY; and Staten Island Mar Thoma Church, NY. Rev. Sam Koshy T. served as the Main Speaker. Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan inaugurated the convention, and Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa led the concluding combined Holy Qurbana service on Sunday, October 11, 2026.

HOREB MAR THOMA CHURCH · LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Consecration of the New Sanctuary



The consecration of the new sanctuary of Horeb Mar Thoma Church, Los Angeles, California, was held on September 12, 2026. The Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa, presided over the service. Rev. Shibi M. Abraham serves as the Vicar of the parish.

VALLEY FORGE, PHILADELPHIA · OCTOBER 1-4, 2026

Diocesan Sevika Sanghom Conference



The 22nd Diocesan Sevika Sanghom Conference was held at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, from October 1-4, 2026. The conference was hosted by the Christos Mar Thoma Church, Philadelphia. The Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa, inaugurated the conference. Women from more than 44 parishes across the Diocese participated in the conference. The Baskyomos Fellowship participated in the Talent Night Program on October 2nd and performed a special song. Rev. Niju Thomas serves as the Vicar of Christos Mar Thoma Church, Philadelphia.

CHRISTOS MAR THOMA CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA · SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 1, 2026

Diocesan Clergy Family Conference



The Diocesan Clergy Family Conference was held at Christos Mar Thoma Church, Philadelphia, from September 30 to October 1, 2026. The Diocesan Episcopa, Rev. Sam Koshy T., and Rev. Abraham Sudeep Oommen provided main leadership for the conference.

NEIGHBORHOOD MISSION · ST. THOMAS MAR THOMA CHURCH, YONKERS, NY

Labor Day Weekend Community Outreach



St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Yonkers, NY, held a Labor Day Weekend community outreach on September 7, 2026. A community barbecue program was hosted, and new academic school supplies and clothes were provided. The New York State Majority Leader, New York State Senator, and Westchester County Executives were represented in this program. More than 250 people attended. Rev. Jubin Varghese is serving as the Vicar of the parish.



CANADIAN MAR THOMA CHURCH, TORONTO

Canada Region Center A Combined Retreat

The Canada Region Center A Suvishesha Sevika Sanghom Combined Retreat was held on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at the Canadian Mar Thoma Church, Toronto. Members from the Canadian Mar Thoma Church (Toronto), St. Mathew's Mar Thoma Church (Toronto), and Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church (London) participated in the retreat. It was a blessed day of fellowship and spiritual enrichment with Rt. Rev. Dr. Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa, Rev. Dr. Subin John, Rev. Sibu Abraham Mathew, and Rev. Nebu K. Varghese.

Diocesan FAMHI — Women's Series



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

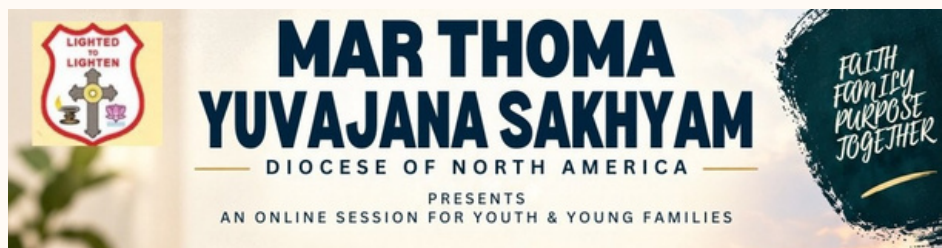
From Silence to Wholeness

Women's Series – Session 1

Open to all women — bring a friend

Diocesan FAMHI (Faith Ally for Mental Health Initiative) held its first women-focused workshop on Sunday, September 27, 2026.

Diocesan Yuvajana Sakhyam Online Workshop



The Diocesan Yuvajana Sakhyam held an online workshop titled "Family, Faith, and Focus in a Digital World" on October 4, 2026. Rev. Biju Yohannan of Chicago Mar Thoma Church serves as the Vice President of the organization.

DSMC Choir Workshop



The Diocesan Department of Sacred Music and Communications (DSMC), North America, held a three-session choir workshop on October 11, 2026. Rev. Ashish Thomas George serves as the Vice President of the department.

India Medical Mission Trip

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A Mission for Professional Young Adults

Medical Camp
Child Development
Community Service
Health and Awareness

What are you doing this Lent?

Light to Life HOLISTIC CHILD DEVELOPMENT INDIA

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 CDK.

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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 our legacy by tracing the steps of St. Thomas and listening at Maranion Convention.

THE ITINERARY

- Feb 10 to 14, 2027: Orientation and Medical Camp in Ranni
- Feb 15 to 17, 2027: Visit the 7th St. Thomas Churches
- Feb 18 to 19, 2027: Medical Camp in Thiruvananthapuram
- Feb 20 to 21, 2027: Maranion 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 the 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.*

The Diocesan Mission Board is organizing the India Medical Mission Trip from February 10–21, 2027. Rev. Jason Varghese, the Northeast Region Youth Chaplain based in New York, will lead the team. Contact: indiamission@marthomamission.org or neryfchaplain@gmail.com.

Vehicle Donation Request — Southwest Border Mission

The Southwest Border Mission is seeking a used SUV or minivan in good working condition to support its mission activities and outreach programs. If you would like to donate a vehicle to support this ministry, please contact Rev. Christopher Daniel, Mar Thoma Mission Board - Email: missionboard@marthomamission.org - Phone: 516-377-3311. Your generous donation will help strengthen the mission's outreach and service to the community.

2027 UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 7–10	Diocesan Leadership Conference (Youth Fellowship) — St. John's MTC, NY
Feb. 10–21	India Mission Medical Trip
July 1–4	Diocesan Family Conference — Chicago, IL (Midwest RAC)
July 17–22	Urban Mission — Los Angeles, CA
July 22–25	Diocesan Youth Conference — MTC of Los Angeles, CA