



The Mar Thoma Church

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Message from the Diocesan Bishop

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The world still grapples with the COVID-19 pandemic. Distressing scenes of hundreds suffering and dying of Covid-19 being beamed into homes across the world, and there are unified calls that something needs to be done. India is worst hit by the second wave, as the virus is killing thousands of people across the country. It is a good sign of cooperation, when many nations came forward with assistance by providing cryogenic oxygen tankers, ventilators as well as anti-viral drugs in order to combat this crisis and promising “to fight the pandemic together.” As the Diocese we also need to join in expressing our solidarity with the suffering masses and help them. Individuals and parishes are urged to extend necessary help to the people in India through the Diocese of North America and Europe of the Mar Thoma Church.

This is the time-period that many of our clergy are on transfer to various places and we wish them well and safe travels. We also welcome the clergy who are joining the parishes in the Diocese. We congratulate Rev. Jeswin S. John and Rev. Stanley Mathew John for receiving *kassisa* ordination in the church. May God continue to bless everyone.

With Warm Regards,

Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos
Diocesan Bishop

Congratulations Jeswin Achen and Stanley Achen!



Rev. Dn. Jeswin Simon John and **Rev. Dn. Stanley Mathew John** were ordained as a *Kassisos* (Priests) of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church by our Diocesan Bishop, H.G. Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa, at the Ascension Mar Thoma Church (Philadelphia) and St. John's Mar Thoma Church (London), respectively, in the presence of the clergy, the faithful, and along with large participation through online live streaming platforms due to the pandemic. May God Almighty bless Jeswin Achen and Stanley Achen as they begin the ordained ministry of the church.

World Day of Prayer 2021



The Diocesan Sevika Sanghom organized a virtual World Day of Prayer celebration on Saturday, March 20, 2021 via Zoom platform. Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos, Diocesan Episcopa inaugurated the meeting. The worship order for the prayer service was written by the women of Vanuatu, which was the country of focus. The theme for this year was: "Build on a Strong Foundation" (Matthew 7:24-27). Dr. Annie Philip Jacob (MTC of Greater Washington) led the devotion. The program included songs from various parishes, monologues, felicitations, and a special presentation on Vanuatu. The program was well attended and was a blessing for all participants.



**First Communicants with Thirumeni –
Ascension Mar Thoma Church, Philadelphia**



**Church Dedication Service – Jerusalem
Mar Thoma Church, Connecticut**

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 03: MTVEA Prayer

May 09: Mother's Day

May 15: Sevika Sanghom Bi-Monthly Prayer

May 16: Yuvajana Sakhyam Mission Board
Talk Series by Rev. Dr. Mothy Varkey.
Theme: "Courage to Identity."



**Church Dedication Service –
Cross Way MTC, Dallas**

A Fond Farewell to our Achens who Faithfully Served in the Diocese

&

A Warm Welcome to our Achens who are newly joining the Diocese.

Covid-19 Relief Project

As a mark of our solidarity with the suffering, individuals and parishes are kindly encouraged to contribute generously to help the needy by sending contributions to the Diocese at the earliest.

The funds received will be used directly to support those in critical need and will be informed in a timely manner.

We would appreciate your continued support during such unforeseen times. Let us do our best for the betterment of humanity.

Let us continue to pray for all people affected by this pandemic.

Full Time Ministry

Candidates who are members of the Mar Thoma Church and who are interested in full time ministry and are willing to pursue theological studies may contact the Diocesan Office.

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