



The Mar Thoma Church

Diocese of North America and Europe

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Message from the Diocesan Bishop

Dearly beloved in Christ,

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

Give thanks to God for all mercies we receive. Glad that the Maramon Convention was a blessed experience and it is noteworthy that a good number of our members from the Diocese participated. Let the spiritual fervor continue in all walks of life. Now we are in the great Lent which gives an opportunity for self reflection, renewal through the observance of fasting and prayer, recalling the suffering and the cross experience of Jesus Christ. We observe the first Sunday of March as the Diocesan Sunday and this year it is on March 7th, 2021. A Special order of worship prepared by the Diocese is to be used on that day

Let it be our prayer, 'Lord, give to us the mind of Christ in order to carry the burden of others with a selfless love'. Let us join our hands together for the expansion of God's Kingdom. Pray that God may strengthen everyone to participate in the life and ministry of the Diocese through your valuable support

With Warm Regards,

Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos
Diocesan Bishop



A meeting of the Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of North America and Europe of the Mar Thoma Church was held on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 10:00 AM, at the Carmel Mar Thoma Center, 6015 Old Stone Mountain Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30087. This meeting was held in-person and via Zoom video conferencing. The Diocesan Bishop and President, Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos, presided over the meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 01: Diocesan Sunday

March 08: Edavaka Mission Prayer

March 20: Diocesan World Day of Prayer

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CLERGY ORIENTATION PROGRAM

An Orientation Program for the Clergy on transfer to the Diocese of North America and Europe of the Mar Thoma Church from May 2021 was held at the Thomas Mar Athanasius Memorial Research and Orientation Center, Manganam, Kottayam on February 12, 13, 2021



DIOCESAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



The twenty-fourth session of the Diocesan Leadership Conference was hosted by the Diocesan Youth Fellowship Council on January 8th-9th, 2021. The conference was held virtually on Zoom and was attended by approximately 85 delegates representing over thirty parishes and congregations across the Diocese. The theme of the conference was “**Restored to Restore**” based on Jeremiah 15:19a. Our Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa, along with our Youth Chaplains, Clergy, and lay leaders led various sessions throughout the conference.

Although the 2021 Diocesan Leadership Conference was different than past conferences, it was indeed a unique experience and a great blessing for all those who attended.



2021 Diocesan Leadership Conference
January 8 - 9, 2021

“Mar Thoma Institute on Mission and Culture” – ‘A project in honor of Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos’ 70th Birthday’

An institute emphasizing various mission initiatives in the context of North America and understanding the cultural diversities for promoting harmonious living. This program will be in collaboration with nearby Seminaries and Universities for benefiting the wider community including international students.



Our Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Tirumeni delivered the message in the 126th Maramon Convention (February 19, 2021 Evening Session)

Full Time Ministry

Candidates who are members of the Mar Thoma Church and interested for full time ministry and willing to pursue theological studies may contact the diocesan office.

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