



# 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,

During the season of Great Lent, we are invited to a time of self-reflection, renewal, and deeper commitment through fasting and prayer as we meditate upon the Cross and the suffering of Jesus Christ. One of the purposes of Lent is to develop the mind of Christ, as encouraged in Philippians 2:5.

In Jesus, we see someone who fully entered into the life situations of people, especially those who were marginalized. He reached out to and welcomed the beggar, the Canaanite woman, the lepers, the man living among the tombs, the Samaritan woman, and even the thief on the cross. May this Lenten season inspire us to follow His example so that it becomes a meaningful time that truly transforms our lives.

By God's grace, the Maramon Convention was a blessed experience. A good number of members from our Diocese attended the convention.

As the world faces a time of war and conflict, let us pray for peace, unity, and God's guidance for all people and leaders, that reconciliation and understanding may prevail. Let us all strive to be peacemakers and bring glory to God.

~With prayerful regards,  
Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa - Diocesan Bishop



## UPCOMING EVENTS

• **March 01, 2026:**

Diocesan Sunday (Pulpit Exchange Sunday)

• **March 08, 2026:**

Diocesan Sunday School Online VBS Training

• **May 29–30, 2026:**

Diocesan Assembly — St. Peter's MTC, New Jersey

• **July 23–26, 2026:**

Diocesan Youth Fellowship Conference — Ascension MTC, Philadelphia

• **August 14–16, 2026:**

Diocesan Yuvajana Sakhyam Conference — Salem MTC, Long Island, New York

• **August 20–23, 2026:**

Diocesan MTVEA Conference — Dallas, Texas

• **October 1–4, 2026:**

Diocesan Sevika Sanghom Conference — Christos MTC, Philadelphia

## PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONS

**Native American Mission**

**Mexico Mission**

**Southwest Border - Neighborhood Mission**

**India Mission**

**Light to Life**

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During the Diocesan Episcopa's most recent visit to Mexico Mission.

# DIOCESAN HIGHLIGHTS & REPORTS



## MTVEA Western Region Conference

The Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists Association (MTVEA) Conference of the Western Region, hosted by the San Francisco Mar Thoma Church, California, was held at Livermore, CA, on Saturday, February 15, 2026. The theme of the conference was "Discipleship." 110 people from across the Western Region attended and made the conference a blessing.



## 131st Maramon Convention

Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa at the 131st Maramon Convention with members of the Diocese.



## Santhigiri Diaspora Centre Inauguration

The Santhigiri Diaspora Centre was officially inaugurated on February 11, 2026, by the Most Reverend Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan. Additionally, the book "Faith Journey: Milestones in the History of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church," authored by Atty. Lal Varghese (Dallas), was released by Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa. Members of the Diaspora were present at this event.



## Metropolitan's 77th Birthday

Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Episcopa attended the Mar Thoma Metropolitan's 77th Birthday celebrations in Kerala, India on February 19, 2026.



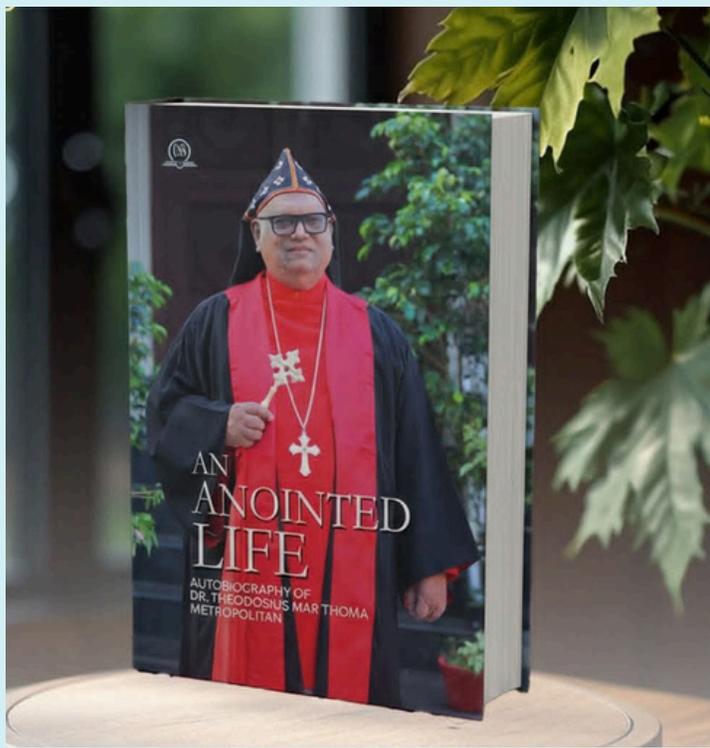
## Great Lent Worship Orders

The Diocesan Mar Thoma Literature Society has made Great Lent / Valiyanombu Worship Orders available in English, Manglish, and Malayalam to support and enrich our Lenten worship experience. As we journey through this sacred season of reflection and prayer, these worship orders serve as a valuable resource for individuals, families, and congregations. To request copies, kindly contact Mr. C. V. Simonkutty at 516.987.0596.



### Metropolitan's Autobiography Release

The autobiography of the Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan, **An Anointed Life**, was recently released.



### World Day of Prayer 2026

World Day of Prayer 2026 was celebrated in New York at Bethany MTC on Saturday, March 7th, and was hosted by the Northeast Region and NE Center B Sevika Sanghom. The country of focus was Nigeria.



### Clergy Orientation Program

The Church's Animation Center (CHANCE) hosted the orientation program for the Achens joining the Diocese of North America. The sessions were held in February at the Thomas Mar Athanasius Memorial Orientation Center in Kottayam.



### Northeast Region Youth Leadership Conference

The Northeast Region Youth Leadership Conference was held at Salem MTC, Long Island, New York, on February 16, 2026. Youth leaders from across the region gathered for a day of learning, discussion, and worship. Rev. Jason Varghese (Youth Chaplain), Ms. Riya Varughese, and Mrs. Marybeth Babu led sessions on Administration and Mental Health. Youth also participated in the Shubkono Service in English at the beginning of Lent. The Lenten message was given by Rev. Christopher Daniel, NERYF Center B President.



### Youth Lenten Devotional Series

The Diocesan Youth Fellowship has created a Lenten Devotional Series, which is available to view on Instagram, to help people reflect and grow spiritually during Great Lent.

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DVdf7Ffky-D/?igsh=dm1naWtdmp1dGZy>

