



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,

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

Every day is a new day—a day that God has given us. Today, people who long for peaceful lives are asking the question, “Where are we heading?” Jesus Christ reminded the faithful, “Do not be anxious,” for God knows every need of His creation.

Therefore, the call is to seek first the Kingdom of God, which, in turn, will free us from all our anxieties. The Word of God exhorts believers to “put your trust in the Lord.”

As a worshipping community, we need to understand the depth of Divine Providence.

The power of the Holy Spirit will inspire and strengthen everyone to overcome evil with good. It is our prayer that peace and harmony may prevail among all people, enabling us to fulfill the work of God in this world.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **June 4, 2026:**
 - Diocesan Sevika Sangam Programs Inauguration 2026–2029
- **June 19–21, 2026:**
 - Canadian Family Conference, Calgary, Canada
- **June 22, 2026:**
 - Diocesan Badminton Tournament, Carmel Center, Atlanta
- **June 25–28, 2026:**
 - Southeast Region Sunday School Junior & Senior Conference, Philadelphia
- **June & July 2026:**
 - Diocesan Native American Mission (various dates) in Oklahoma, Houma-Louisiana, Alabama, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico
- **July 3–15, 2026:**
 - Diocesan India Mission Trip, Andhra Pradesh & South Karnataka
- **July 18–23, 2026:**
 - Diocesan Mar Thoma Urban Mission Trip, Philadelphia
- **July 23–26, 2026:**
 - Diocesan Youth Fellowship Conference — Ascension MTC, Philadelphia
- **August 6–9, 2026:**
 - Sunday School Northeast Region Junior & Senior Conference, New York
- **August 14–16, 2026:**
 - Diocesan Yuvajana Sakhyam Conference — Salem MTC, New York
- **August 20–23, 2026:**
 - Diocesan MTVEA Conference — Dallas, Texas
- **September 30 – October 1, 2026:**
 - Diocesan Clergy Family Conference, Philadelphia
- **October 1–4, 2026:**
 - Diocesan Sevika Sanghom Conference, Philadelphia

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HIGHLIGHTS & REPORTS



Congratulations to our beloved Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Thirumeni on receiving the Doctor of Divinity (Honoris Causa) degree from New York General Theological Seminary, Manhattan, NY, on May 25, 2026. Founded in 1822, the General Theological Seminary is one of the eight official Episcopal seminaries in the United States. The Mar Thoma Church has strong ecumenical ties with the worldwide Anglican Communion and is in full communion with many Anglican churches. The Mar Thoma Church and The Episcopal Church in the United States of America entered into a Concordat of Full Communion in 1979. This is the second doctoral-level degree received by Thirumeni, following his Ph.D. in Christian Education from Boston University, Massachusetts, in 1985.



Diocesan Assembly – The Diocesan Assembly was held at New Jersey St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church on May 29–30, 2026. During the Assembly, a new Diocesan Council was elected for the 2026–2029 term.



The Senior Fellowship of the North East Region held its one-day conference at St. John's Mar Thoma Church, New York. Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Suffragan Metropolitan was the main speaker and delivered the keynote message.



The First Communicants of Boston Carmel Mar Thoma Church made a donation to the Southwest Border Mission during the Episcopal Visit on May 24, 2026.



The Golden Jubilee banner commemorating the 50th anniversary of Los Angeles Mar Thoma Church was released by Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Thirumeni during his Episcopal Visit on May 17, 2026.



The North East Region Youth Fellowship hosted a Biblical Wellness Retreat for young adults and working youth, centered on the theme "Authenticity," from May 28–31, 2026, at Camp of the Woods in Speculator, New York. Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Thirumeni, Rev. Larry Varghese and Roshin Kochamma, and Rev. Jason Varghese led the sessions. Diocesan Secretary Rev. Joel Samuel Thomas also attended the retreat.

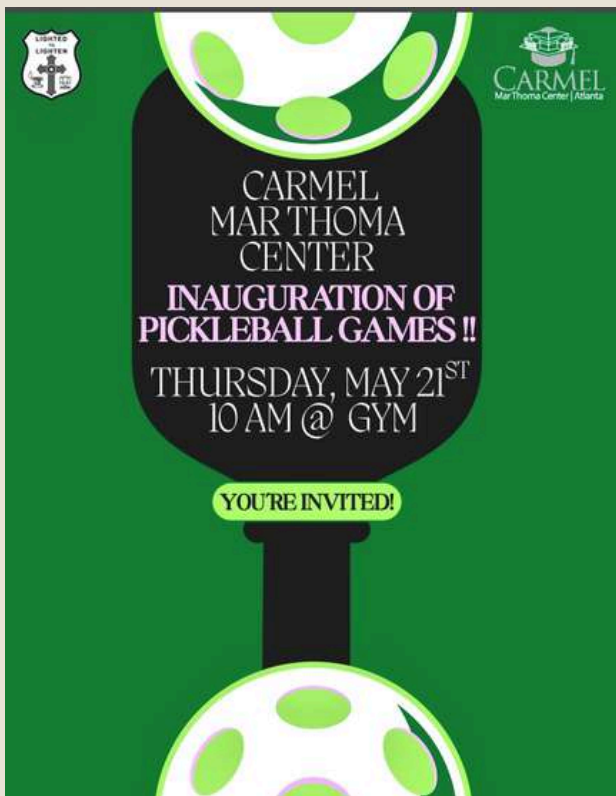




As part of its Neighborhood Mission Outreach initiative, the Southwest Region Activity Committee (RAC), in collaboration with Texas A&M University, conducted a medical camp at the Southwest Border Mission in April 2026. Rev. Sonu Varghese offered pastoral leadership.



The Northeast Region Sevika Sangam Centre A and Edavaka Mission jointly held a one-day Spring Conference at St. John's Mar Thoma Church, New York, on May 23, 2026. Rev. Prince Varghese (MTVEA) and Rev. Josy Joseph (Sevika Sangam) provided leadership for the conference.



Carmel Mar Thoma Center, Atlanta, successfully hosted its first annual Pickleball Tournament on May 21, 2026. Rev. Dr. K. Jameson Achen serves as the Center Director.

The 2nd Diocesan Badminton Tournament is scheduled to be held on June 27, 2026.

OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN MISSION VBS/BIBLE CAMP



The Oklahoma Native American Mission VBS/Bible Camp took place at Camp Israel Folsom in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, from June 1st-5th, 2026.

HOUMA NATIVE AMERICAN MISSION VBS/BIBLE CAMP



The Houma Native American Mission VBS/Bible Camp took place at Clanton Chapel of the United Methodist Church in Dulac, Louisiana, from June 4th-7th, 2026.

ALABAMA NATIVE AMERICAN MISSION VBS/BIBLE CAMP



The Alabama Native American Mission VBS/Bible Camp took place at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Mount Vernon, Alabama, from June 10th-13th, 2026.



The Northeast Region Youth Fellowship conducted its Fifth Sunday combined Holy Qurbana at St. Andrew's Mar Thoma Church, Yonkers, NY, on May 31, 2026, with the participation of more than 150 youths. The service was led by Rev. Christopher Daniel (NERYP Center B President) and Rev. Brazin K. Mon (Vicar). Mr. Robin Varughese (NERYP Secretary) delivered the main message.



Churches in the South East Region participated in the Mar Thoma Premier Cricket League, hosted by the Mar Thoma Church, Philadelphia, as part of its Parish Golden Jubilee celebrations at Warminster Cricket Ground and Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. Eight teams from Mar Thoma parishes in the South East Region participated in the league. Rev. Titty Yohannan serves as the Vicar.