



Diocese of North America and Europe

The Mar Thoma

# Besorah

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## EVENTS

India Mission Trip  
May 12-28, 2012

Reception to Mar Theethos in NY  
July 1, 2012

Diocesan Clergy Family  
Conference  
Venue: Washington MTC  
July 3-4, 2012

Diocesan Assembly Meeting  
Venue: Washington MTC  
July 4-5, 2012

30<sup>th</sup> Mar Thoma Family  
Conference

July 5-8, 2012 in Leesburg, Virginia  
[www.mtfc2012.org](http://www.mtfc2012.org)

National Youth Conference  
Hosted by Trinity MTC, Houston  
August 9-12, 2012

## MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

In May, we celebrate 'Mother's Day'. Madonna, the mother of Jesus, and my own mother come to mind. They were great mothers, for as Solomon says, '...a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate' (Proverbs 31:31).

We live in a world where we tend to forget the value of motherhood and are satisfied by giving our mothers a few flowers and gifts, especially on 'Mother's Day'. Your mother needs your presence more than anything else. She cherishes the memories of those days when you started your journey of life and the many milestones that you crossed under her care. You can thank God for her unconditional and tender love, while admiring her as the special person who shared your life and personality to become what you are.

It is also a time for every woman to appreciate the special call God gives for 'motherhood'. It is through a woman that the child first perceives the world and learns to face the harsh realities of life. The responsibilities of a mother are enormous. With radiance on her face, she imparts moral values and permits her child to watch her every action and listen to every word she utters.

Our mother's love is one of the greatest gifts we received. Should not every day be 'Mothers Day'?

**Mar Theodosius, Diocesan Episcopa**

## MAR THOMA VALIYA METROPOLITANS NINETY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Mar Thoma Church along with the global community celebrated the 95<sup>th</sup> birthday of our Valiya Metropolitan, Rt. Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom. The Diocese of North America & Europe extends its sincere congratulations and prays for Thirumeni's good health and blessed life.



## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

1. Consider attending/participating in the appropriate events.
2. Support the 'Manna' Project & 'A Tree for a House Project' in Mexico (\$30 for each tree sponsored). Contact [marthomadiocese@gmail.com](mailto:marthomadiocese@gmail.com) if you wish to participate by providing food for the residents or by planting a tree.
3. **Pray for:**
  - a. The India Mission Trip, from May 12-28, 2012. Contact Mrs. Laila Philip at [varampath23@msn.com](mailto:varampath23@msn.com) for information.
  - b. The Diocese of North America and Europe, all the individual members of our church, our vicars, and leaders.
  - c. Our nation as a whole and God's presence in this world.
  - d. The 30<sup>th</sup> North American Family Conference in 2012 at Leesburg, Virginia, from July 5 to 8, 2012. Register at [www.mtfc2012.org](http://www.mtfc2012.org). To date 210 families have registered. The Diocesan Council extended the deadline for registration to May 10, 2012, to accommodate registration of the clergy and their families who arrive in May. Please support the 2012 Conference Souvenir by providing advertisements or your best compliments.

# CONSECRATION OF NEW WORSHIP PLACES

## Ebenezer MTC, NY & St. John's MTC NY

The Mar Thoma Metropolitan Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma and the Diocesan Episcopa Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius consecrated the newly constructed church buildings of the Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church, NY, and the St. John's Mar Thoma Church, NY, on Saturday, March 31, 2012. A public meeting followed each of these dedication services.



## Hearty Welcome to the Achens in their new places of Ministry!

1. Rev. M. E. Shaji, St. Thomas MTC, Delaware Valley, PA, USA
2. Rev. Abraham Oommen, Ebenezer and St. Andrews MTCs, NY, USA
3. Rev. Mathew John, Seattle MTC, WA, USA
4. Rev. Saji Thomas, Sehion MTC, Dallas, TX, USA
5. Rev. Joji K. Mathew, St. John's MTC, NY, USA
6. Rev. P. S. Thomas, Atlanta MTC, GA, USA
7. Rev. Binoy J. Thomas, MTC of Greater Washington, MD, USA
8. Rev. Jacob Varughese, New Jersey MTC, Randolph, NJ, USA
9. Rev. Joe John, St. James MTC, NY, USA
10. Rev. Jose C. Joseph Mathew, MTC of Dallas, Farmer's Branch, TX, USA
11. Rev. O. C. Kurian, St. Paul's MTC, Dallas, TX, USA
12. Rev. Shaji Thomas N., St. Thomas MTC, Chicago, IL, USA
13. Rev. Sam T. Panicker, Carmel MTC, Boston, MA, USA
14. Rev. Mathew George, Salem MTC, NY, USA
15. Rev. Renu John, North Carolina MTC, NC, USA
16. Rev. Daniel Thomas, MTC, Chicago, IL, USA
17. Rev. Biju P. Simon, Assistant Vicar, Chicago MTC, IL, USA
18. Rev. Shibi Abraham, MTC of Oklahoma, TX, USA
19. Rev. Dr. Philip Varghese, Colorado MTC, CO / Phoenix Congregation, AZ, USA
20. Rev. M. P. Yohannan, Hermon MTC Atlanta, GA / St. Luke's MTC, FL, USA
21. Rev. Jaisen A. Thomas, Immanuel MTC, VA, USA
22. Rev. Roy Abraham Thomas, Youth Chaplain, Houston, TX, USA
23. Rev. V. M. Mathew, Youth Chaplain, New York, NY, USA
24. Rev. George Jacob George, Youth Chaplain, Dallas, TX, USA
25. Rev. K. P. Johnson, Bristol MTC, UK
26. Rev. Biju K. George, St. Thomas MTC Calgary & St. Thomas MTC Vancouver, Canada
27. Rev. Rajan Koshy, Trinity MTC, Edmonton, Canada

## FOUNDATION STONE BLESSING & EARTH BREAKING CEREMONY

### Salem MTC, Central Islip, Long Island, NY

On Sunday, April 1, 2012 the Diocesan Episcopa, Mar Theodosius, blessed and laid the foundation stone for a new church building for the Salem MTC at their newly purchased property at 93 Wheeler Road, Central Islip, NY 11722. It was the fulfillment of a dream for the members of the Salem MTC to own a property of their own. Upon completion of this construction, all the eight Mar Thoma parishes in New York will have their facility to conduct worship and other sacraments.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SUFFRAGAN METROPOLITAN

The Diocese of North America and Europe congratulates the former Diocesan Bishop and the present Suffragan Metropolitan of the Church Rt. Rev. Dr. Zachariahs Mar Theophilus on receiving a doctoral degree from the Senate of Serampore University.



## VISIT OF MAR PAULOS TO THE PARISHES IN UK

Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulose, the Episcopa of Delhi Diocese, visited the parishes in UK during the Passion Week from March 22 to April 8, 2012. Thirumeni was the chief guest at the St. John's Family Retreat held at a school in Bedford. Mar Paulose Thirumeni met the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Rowan Williams at Old Palace, Canterbury, on Monday, April 2, 2012, and offered felicitations to the Archbishop who is stepping down from his position in December 2012. The Archbishop conveyed his greetings to the Mar Thoma Church. Vicar Rev. Eapen Abraham accompanied Mar Paulos during the visit.



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