



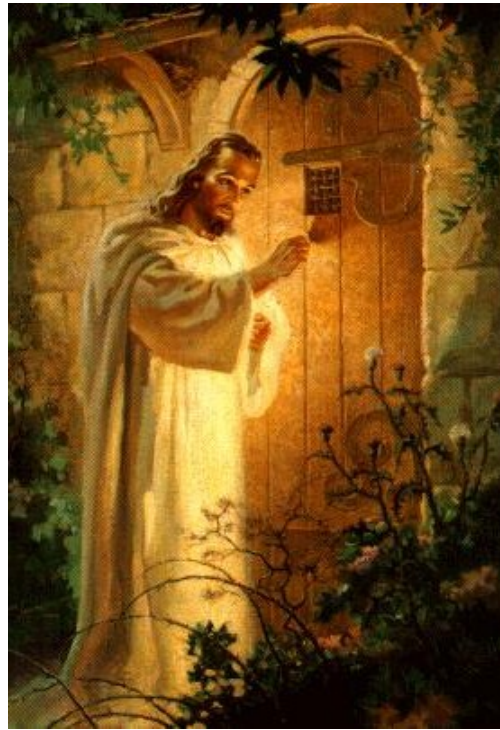
# Detroit Mar Thoma Church

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## Inner Voice



*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.*

*Revelation 3:20-21*

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# Message from the Vicar



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Winter and Spring are over and the Summer is sprouting. With the steady warming weather, it is the season to shake off the winter doldrums and come out for life actions. Yes, it is a time of year to come out of hibernation, stretch out limbs in the warm sunshine and work off those Christmas cookies and Valentine's Day candies. What a perfect excuse for the whole family to get together and pay homage to the return of the sun. Our gracious Lord is giving us everyday bright sun and our summer programs are progressing in a regular pace.

Our annual convention gave us spiritual nourishment and inspiration to live the coming days of this year with confidence. This year's VBS gave our kids and youth a year long memorable experiences. I express my sincere thanks to all those who have given leadership and service during this program and I congratulate them for their effort and input of time and talents. Our next major event is going to be the Evadavaka mission national conference from 22nd Friday - 24th Sunday of July 2011. The venue is St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat center at 23333 School Craft, Detroit, MI 48223. We are expecting one hundred and fifty participants and proceeding with the arrangements accordingly. The arrangements are almost done. We need your whole hearted co-operation to make the conference a

success. Every family of ours must participate in this program, either by registering your family for the conference or by sponsoring one full page in the Souvenir. We are planning to build a church at our mission field in Pollachi, TN, India with the proceeds from the souvenir. Please make sure that your earnest involvement is there.

July 30th is our Church Picnic. Picnic is the time of fun, recreation and family enjoyment. Please make sure that you attended this year's Picnic with your family. As usual, the venue is Boulan Park at Troy and the contribution is only \$10 per family. On August 6th, our choir is participating in the Regional Choir Festival at St. Mathew's MarThoma church, Mississauga, Toronto, CA. We are planning to go as a group by hiring a bus as we did last year. Please pray for that event. This year's MarThoma Fest is on 13th August, 2011. It is the time for our kids to show their talents in painting competition and other games, enjoy delicious food through Thattukada and time for entertainment through different cultural programs in the evening. Your whole hearted involvement is solicited. We are honoring the best vegetable gardener again this year with the 'Karshakashree Award'. Why we are arranging all these activities? You may ask the question, Is it Christian to promote all these secular programs? People have different tastes and interest. As a Christian, it is our primary responsibility to involve everyone in various church activities and make the fellowship stronger. As Paul says in the Epistle of Corinthians, "Every thing is for common good." We are called to share the God given spiritual gifts for the upliftment and well being of the church and make our fellowship stronger.

Paul asks the question in 1 Cor: 4:7, "who made you superior to others? Didn't God give you everything you have? Well, then how can you boast, as if what you have were not a gift?" Why

did David give thanks to God? (1 Chr 29: 10 - 14). What reason do you have to be thankful to the Lord? How could you make giving thanks a regular habit? There is an incident from the life of the great Abraham Lincoln, the former President of America. Imagine what a heavy schedule of appointments President Abraham Lincoln had to keep day after day. Yet, when an elderly woman with no official business in mind asked to see him, he graciously consented. As she entered Lincoln's office, he rose to greet her and asked how he might be of her service. She replied that she had not come to ask a favor. She had heard that the President liked a certain kind of cookie, so she had baked some for him and brought them to his office. With tears in his eyes Lincoln responded, "you are the very first person, who has ever come into my office asking not, expecting not, but rather bringing me a gift. I thank you from the bottom of my heart." When coming into God's presence, once in a while let's refrain from giving Him a list of requests. Instead let us simply bring Him the gift of our gratitude and love. We may be sure that nothing pleases our father more than our sincere thanksgiving. Why not spent time offering up the sacrifice of praise, meditating on the Lord's mercies, recalling the riches of His grace, and blessing His holy name? Today, give that gift to the giver of all good gifts.

"If you pause to think, you will have cause to thank."

Let us thank God for everything. Be thankful to God, be kind to others and cheerful to oneself. May the God almighty strengthen you with His love and grace.

With Prayerful regards

Rev. Abraham Thomas  
(Vicar, Detroit MTC)

July 3, 2011– St. Thomas Day: "My Lord and My God"

**First Lesson:** Isa. 52:7-15  
**Second Lesson:** 2Tim. 3:10-17  
**Epistle:** 1Thess.1:2-9  
**Gospel:** St.John. 20:24-29

July 10, 2011– Priest: Minister of the Word

**First Lesson:** Jer.1:1-12  
**Second Lesson:** 2Tim.4:1-18  
**Epistle:** Rom. 15:14-19  
**Gospel:** St.Luke.4:14-22

July 17, 2011–People of God : Royal Priesthood

**First Lesson:** 1Sam.3:1-14  
**Second Lesson:** 1Pet.2:1-10  
**Epistle:** Heb. 4:12-16  
**Gospel:** St. John. 13:12-20

July 24, 2011–Grace that receive through the Sacraments

**First Lesson:** Deut. 6:4-25  
**Second Lesson:** Rom. 6:1-11  
**Epistle:** Eph.1:1-12  
**Gospel:** St.John. 6:52-58

July 31, 2011– Healing of the Body Mind and Spirit

**First Lesson:** 2Kings.20:1-1  
**Second Lesson:** Acts.4:5-12  
**Epistle:** 1 Jam.5:13-19  
**Gospel:** St.Mat.10:1-10

Aug 7, 2011- Call for Mission (Mission Sunday)

**First Lesson:** Josh.24:14-25  
**Second Lesson:** Rev.3:14-22  
**Epistle:** Rom.1:8-17  
**Gospel:** St.Luke.24:44-49

Aug 14, 2011– Living According to the Gospel

**First Lesson:** 2Kings.23:1-11  
**Second Lesson:** 1Pet.4:1-11  
**Epistle:** Rom.12:1-11  
**Gospel:** St.Luke. 3:1-14

Aug 21, 2011– Reformation : Through the Word of God

**First Lesson:** 2Chr.34:29-33  
**Second Lesson:** Heb.8:1-13  
**Epistle:** 1John.2:3-15  
**Gospel:** St. Mat.7:24-29

Aug 28, 2011– Sacrament of Marriage

**First Lesson** Gen.1:26-31  
**Second Lesson** Rev.19:1-10  
**Epistle** Eph.5:21-32  
**Gospel** St.Mark.10:1-9

**Church Calendar– July/Aug 2011**

Sunday, July 3	Holy Communion Service– (Malayalam)
Sunday, July 10	Holy Communion Service- (English)
Sunday, July 17	Holy Communion Service– (Malayalam)
Sunday, July 24	Holy Communion Service– (English)
Sunday, July 31	Holy Communion Service- (English)
Sunday, Aug 7	Holy Communion Service– (Malayalam)
Sunday, Aug 14	Holy Communion Service- (English)
Sunday, Aug 21	Holy Communion Service– (Malayalam)
Sunday, Aug 28	Holy Communion Service- (English)
July 9th Saturday from 9:30 am to 8:30 PM	St. Thomas Day - Ecumenical convention & Youth retreat.  St. Thomas Orthodox Church, 2850 Parent Ave, Warren , MI 48092  Speakers: Mr. George Aramath & Fr. Saji Pinarkayil
July 30th Saturday 9-4 pm	Church picnic at Boulan Park, Troy  Food, Games \$10 per family
Aug 6th Saturday at Toronto, Canada	Regional Choir festival  St. Mathew's MarThoma church, Mississauga, Toronto, CA
Aug 13th Saturday 1-9 pm at church	MARTHOMAFEST  Painting competition, Wii games, Food at Thattukada, Cultural programs, Karshakashree award for best gardner

Meetings		
Day	Time	Meeting Details
Every Tuesday	5:30 PM	Intercessory Prayer
Every Friday	10 AM	Fasting Prayer
Every Friday	6:30 pm	Youth Meeting
Every Saturday	1:30 pm	
1st Saturday and 2nd Sunday		Sevika-sangham
Aug 20 (Sat)		Edavaka Mission
July 31, Aug 28(Sun)		Senior Citizen

# Birthday

## July 2011

Jacob, Abel Thomas	July 1
John, Jacob	July 1
Mathew, Shobi	July 1
Shaji, Sherwin	July 1
Varghese, Mathew	July 1
Varghese, Abin	July 2
Vergheese, Sheila	July 2
Chacko, Manju	July 3
Thimotheose, Elijah	July 3
Eapen, Shine	July 4
Uthup, Keziah	July 4
Varghese, Roshini	July 4
Vergheese, Mathew	July 4
Issac, Joanne Jessica	July 5
Abraham, Susan S.	July 6
Thomas, Santosh	July 6
Abraham, Bency	July 7
Jacob, Dr. Sarah S.	July 7
Mathews, Jacob T.	July 7
Philip, Susamma	July 7
Vengal, Jacob	July 7
Philip, Nathaniel	July 8
Philip, Saju	July 8
Uthup, Marissa Ann	July 8
Abraham, Benjamin	July 9
Kurian, Rachael	July 9
Thomas, Julie	July 9
Ganapathy, Priya	July 11
John, Sereena Grace	July 11
Vengal, Nikhil	July 11
Chacko, Varghese	July 12
Mathai, George	July 12
Varghese, Elsa	July 12
Varghese, Bino Abel	July 13
Varghese, Mathew	July 13
Varghese, Vin Joe	July 14
Varghese, Serena	July 15
Thomas, George A.	July 17
Varghese, George	July 17
Chacko, Jobin	July 18
Jacob, Julia Glory	July 18
Jacob, Kurian	July 18
Abraham, Benoy	July 19
Abraham, Varghese K	July 19
Mitchell, Megan	July 20

George, Dr. A. Susan	July 21
Koshy, Dimple	July 21
Chacko, Crystal Susan	July 22
George, Hannah Susan	July 22
Shinoj, Olivia Ann	July 23
Cherian, Sajeev	July 25
Puthenveedu, John Mathew	July 25
Varughese, John	July 25
Chacko, Nancy P.	July 27
George, Leena	July 27
Mathai, Aleyamma	July 27
Vergheese, Priya Grace	July 27
Abraham, Toni Christo	July 27
Abraham, Jasmin Liz	July 28
Mathew, Shena	July 28
Thomas, Achamma	July 28
Thomas, Asha George	July 28
Easow, Beena V.	July 31
Thomas, Akansha P.	July 31

## Aug 2011

Cherian, Varghese	Aug 1
George, Rajumon	Aug 1
Jacob, Shojan	Aug 1
Danial, Rebecca E.	Aug 3
George, Ally	Aug 4
Philip, Beena	Aug 4
Thimotheose, Geebee	Aug 4
John, Aleena	Aug 5
Mathew, Asha	Aug 5
Chacko, Dr. Soman P.	Aug 6
Kurien, Mariamma	Aug 6
Chacko, George	Aug 7
Cherian, Lily	Aug 7
Abraham, Varughese	Aug 8
Thomas, Charles	Aug 8
Thimotheose, Leena	Aug 9
Jacob, Sherley Issac	Aug 10
Kurien, Premila	Aug 10
Mathai, Sosamma	Aug 10
Raju, Suja	Aug 10
Daniel, Andrew Jacob	Aug 11
George, Shalan	Aug 11
Mathew, Sneha	Aug 11
Thomas, Varghese	Aug 11

Shaji, Stephy	Aug 12
George, Rachel A.	Aug 13
George, Rebecca Ann	Aug 13
Varghese, Rev. Philip	Aug 13
John, Gracy	Aug 14
Wilson, Ajay	Aug 14
Abraham, Alex	Aug 15
Abraham, Juby	Aug 15
Chacko, Larine	Aug 15
George, Gegi	Aug 17
Samuel, Snella	Aug 17
Thomas, Mariamma	Aug 17
Thomas, Susha	Aug 17
Varghese, Betsy	Aug 17
Issac, Anib Alex	Aug 19
John, Ajin	Aug 19
Thomas, Abin	Aug 19
Sam, Johny	Aug 21

Easow, Andrew	Aug 22
Idicula, Gracy	Aug 22
Thomas, Ashwin P	Aug 23
Thomas, Soumia Ann	Aug 24
Vengal, Adarsh Varghese	Aug 24
Oliver, Mariamma	Aug 25
Varghese, Andrew P.	Aug 25
Chandy, Ashok	Aug 26
Issac, Issac	Aug 27
Kurian, Daniel Ittyipe	Aug 27
Varghese, Saji	Aug 27
Mathew, Rajan	Aug 28
Raju, Molly	Aug 28
Uthup, Susan	Aug 28
Jacob, Annie	Aug 29
Chandy, Maya Mary	Aug 30
Jacob, Tina Ann	Aug 31

## Church picnic

July 30th Saturday  
9-4 pm  
Boulan Park, Troy  
Food, Games  
\$10 per family

## MARTHOMA FEST

Aug 13th Saturday  
1-9 pm at church  
Painting competition,  
Wii games, Food at  
Thattukada, Cultural  
programs, Karshakashree  
award for best gardner

## MAR THOMA VOLUNTARY EVANGELISTS' ASSOCIATION 8th National Conference

*Hosted by: Detroit Mar Thoma Church Edavaka  
Mission* ([www.detroitmarthoma.com/EMNC2011](http://www.detroitmarthoma.com/EMNC2011))

*Venue: Cross Passionists Retreat & Conference  
Center* ([www.passionist.org/stpaul](http://www.passionist.org/stpaul))

*Date: July 22, 23, 24 - 2011*

*Theme: "Be Imitator's of Christ" (Eph: 5:1)*

**Leaders: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Geevarghese Mar  
Theodosius Episcopa • Rev. K. E. Geevarghese •  
Rev. Y. T. Vinayaraj • Rev. Abraham Thomas**

# Wedding Anniversaries

## July 2011

Abraham, Samuelkutty & Abraham, Susan S.	July 1
Chacko, Larine & Chacko, Sible Mariam	July 1
Abraham, George & Abraham, Gracy	July 3
Thomas, Tobin & Thomas, Elizabeth Vinitha	July 3
Jacob, Shojan & Jacob, Sophiamma	July 8
John, Jibu & John, Ranjini Anna	July 10
Abraham, Sony & Kurien, Reni	July 14
Koshy, Samji P. & Samji, Rosily A.	July 14
Kurian, Lal Ittyipe & Kurian, Dorothee	July 14
Mathews, Nirmal & Mathews, Sophiya	July 14
Chacko, Joseph & Chacko, Daizen	July 15
Kutty, Sajeev G & Sajeev, Jolly	July 20
Mathew, Philip & Mathew, Laly	July 21
Chacko, Kakkattu C. & Chacko, Aleyamma	July 22
Koshy, Arun Sam & Koshy, Mariamma	July 22
Verghese, Mathew & Verghese, Sheila	July 22
George, Mathew & George, Suja Susan	July 23
Abraham, Bachu & Abraham, Tina	July 24
Abraham, Varguhese & Varughese, Gracy	July 25
Varghese, John C. & Varghese, Betsy	July 25
Chacko, Abraham & Chacko, Annamma	July 26
George, Renji Cherian & George, Gina	July 29
Mathew, Aju & Mathew, Rachel	July 29
Eapen, Manaloor E. & Eapen, Saramma	July 30
Thomas, Jason & Thomas, Andrea	July 30

## Aug 2011

Philip, Mathew & Philip, Sara M.	Aug 3
Thomas, Praveen K. & Thomas, Selin	Aug 3
Thomas, Vinod P. & Thomas, Bini Rachel	Aug 3
Abraham, Dr. George & George, Dr. Sarah	Aug 4
George, Shibu K. & George, Shirley J.	Aug 9
Easow, Varughese & Easow, Beena V.	Aug 11
Thomas, Oommen P. & Thomas, Mariamma	Aug 11
Abraham, Mathew & Abraham, Saramma	Aug 14
Mathews, Georgey & Mathews, Mollykutty	Aug 14
David, Dr. Jaison & David, Shiny	Aug 17
Yarlagadda, Chandra & Yarlagadda, Sharon	Aug 17
Abraham, Jenet & Abraham, Susamma	Aug 20
Chacko, George & Chacko, Annamma	Aug 20
Jacob, Kurian & Thomas, Renu Elizabeth	Aug 20

Mathai, Idicula E. & Idicula, Gracy	Aug 20
Mathews, Roy & Mathews, Jolly	Aug 20
Abraham, Sanju John & Abraham, Susan	Aug 21
Thimotheose, Geebee & Thimotheose, Leena	Aug 21
Thomas, Dr. Abraham & Thomas, Sera K.	Aug 23
Koshy, Johnson C. & Koshy, Susan	Aug 24
Varghese, Philip & Varghese, Mini	Aug 24
Koshy, George & Koshy, Annie	Aug 25
George, Sunil & George, Suny	Aug 30
Kattunilathu, Abraham & Abraham, Saramma	Aug 31

## Prayer Meetings

### Prayer Group 1: July 10th Sunday 5:30 pm

Mr. & Mrs. George Abraham,  
36316 Dardanella, Livonia, MI 48152, Ph: 248-477-9623

### Prayer Group 2: July 31st Sunday 5:00 pm

Mr. & Mrs. Gegi George  
22207 Arbor lane, Farmington Hills, MI - 48336 Ph: 248-473-2033

### Prayer Group 2: Aug 14th Sunday 5:00 pm

Mr. & Mrs. Georgey Mathews  
32446 Sand Stone Farmington Hills, MI, 48334 Ph: 248-987-4020

### Prayer Group 3: July 17th Sunday 5.30 pm

Combined prayer at church by Mr. & Mrs. Biju Mathews at 5:30 pm

### Prayer Group 3: Aug 14th Sunday 5:30 pm

Mr. & Mrs Mathew Varghese,  
6873 Dakota Dr. , Troy, MI 48098, Ph: 248-828-3711

### Prayer Group 5: July 3rd Sunday 5:30 pm

Mr. & Mrs. Simon Simon  
39084 Blackstone, Sterling Heights, MI 48313, Phone: 586-797-0205

### Prayer Group 5: August 28th Sunday 5.30 pm

Mr. & Mrs. Issac Issac,  
2119 Meadow Reed Dr. Sterling Htgs, MI 48314, Phone: 586-739-0082

### Prayer Group 6: July 24th Sunday at 5:30 pm

Mr. & Mrs. Samuelkutty Abraham,  
12858 Lilac Court, Sterling Heights, MI 48313, Ph:586-997-0681

### Prayer Group 6: Aug 21st Sunday 5:30 pm

Mr. & Mrs. Thampy Abraham  
40724 Kraft Dr, Sterling Heights, MI 48310, Ph:586-939-5712

### Prayer Group 7: July 10th Sunday at 5:30 pm

At Roseville Town house by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Thomas(Biju)