



# The Mar Thoma Church

## Diocese of North America and Europe

# Besorah

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## Message from the Diocesan Bishop

**Dearly beloved in Christ,**

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

The New Year dawns with new hope along with great anxiety. Though the expectation of peaceful existence is evident, the continued atrocities and human errors cause destruction to life and wealth. The freshness through the reading of the Bible and the willingness to go an extra mile through our compassionate dealing with the fellow human being can be good ways of welcoming the beauty in the New Year.

The greatest comfort as Christians we can experience is the certainty that we are watched over. God cares and makes Him available at times of need. Thank God for the courage that provides us in carrying on the mission and fulfilling the new initiatives. The proud moment in the life of Mar Thoma community in North America, we experienced through the accomplishments in our mission involvements. The youth leadership conference at Carmel Mar Thoma Center, Atlanta in the first week of January was one among them. The theme pondered over was, how the 'Grace to grow' is to be understood in its real sense for facing the challenges in the present day life.

Let us recommit ourselves to deepen the spiritual life keeping right relation to God. This challenge demands a genuine spiritual quest for meaning, purpose and for what is sacred, requiring that we transcend our self – interest for the glory of God. This helps the church to remain as a witnessing community expressing through the unity and oneness in a fragmented world. Pray for God's blessings and mercy on all.

With Warm Regards,

**Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos**  
Diocesan Bishop



### Diocese of North America and Europe THE GLOBAL MAR THOMA MEET 2020 33<sup>rd</sup> Diocesan Family Conference

Venue: The Carmel Mar Thoma Center, Atlanta

Date: July 02 – 05, 2020

Theme: "Living in Christ, Leaping in Faith" John 15:7

#### Leaders

Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan

Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos

Rt. Rev. Peter Eaton

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For more details & Registration visit

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 01: Diocesan Pulpit Exchange

April 24, 25: Diocesan Assembly

July 1,2: Dio. Annual Clergy Conf.

July 2 -5: Global Mar Thoma Meet 2020

#### EPISCOPAL VISIT

Feb 02 – St. Peter's MTC, NJ

Feb 23 – Jerusalem MTC, CT

March 01 – Detroit MTC

March 08 – Canadian MTC, Toronto



#### PARSONAGE DEDICATION

The Dedication of the Parsonage of St. Peters Mar Thoma Church, New Jersey was held on December 27<sup>th</sup> 2019, 5:00pm at 44, Ridgewood Road, Washington Township, New Jersey.





### XXIII DIOCESAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The twenty-third session of the Diocesan Leadership Conference was hosted by the Youth Fellowship of the Mar Thoma Church Atlanta from January 2nd–5th, 2020. The conference was held at the Carmel Mar Thoma Center in Atlanta and was the first full-fledged Diocesan-level conference that was held at this venue. The theme of the conference was “Growing in Grace” based on 2nd Peter 3:18.



### XIX SEVIKA SANGHOM NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 19<sup>th</sup> Sevika Sanghom National Conference was held at the Trinity Mar Thoma church, Houston from October 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The main theme of the conference was “Women as Agents of Life” (Exodus 1:17).



**LOGO RELEASE - GLOBAL MAR THOMA MEET 2020**  
 The logo, conference website and online registration of the Global Mar Thoma Meet 2020 and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Diocesan Family Conference was inaugurated on November 17, 2019 at the Mar Thoma Church of Greater Washington by the Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos.

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