

THE DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA & EUROPE

The Mar Thoma Church

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BLESSINGS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

By the grace of God and by the Prayers and support of our members, the closing of the purchase deed of the Mount Carmel Christian Church property at 6015 Old Stone Mountain Rd, Stone Mountain, GA 30087 was executed on September 24th, 2018 in the name of the Diocese of North America and Europe of the Mar Thoma Church for the use of the Diocese and the Mar Thoma Community in Atlanta. We appreciate all those who have generously contributed for this cause and seek your continued prayers and contribution in clearing the loan and other payments at the earliest.

The Episcopal Synod which met on September 2, 2018 has decided the following with regard to the fund raising in US. "As the collection (for Carmel Mar Thoma Center, Atlanta) is progressing, the Synod decided that any other collection in the diocese is not permitted for the next one year".

We are planning to have the Dedication and Inauguration on Saturday, December 29th, 2018 at 3pm. His Grace The Most Rev Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan has consented to be present for the Dedication Service. Rev. Dr. Martin Alphonse will be the main speaker for the Diocesan Convention and youth meeting.

The Diocese is also organizing a diocesan convention, youth meeting along with the inauguration:

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| Thursday December 27, 2018 | - | Diocesan Convention | - | 06:00pm – 08:00pm |
| Friday December 28, 2018 | - | Diocesan Convention | - | 06:00pm - 08:00pm |
| Saturday December 29, 2018 | - | Youth Meeting | - | 10:00am – 01:00pm |
| Saturday December 29, 2018 | - | Dedication & Inauguration | - | 03:00pm – 05:00pm |
| Saturday December 29, 2019 | - | Ecumenical Dinner | - | 06:00pm – 08:00pm |
| Sunday December 30, 2018 | - | Holy Communion | - | 09:30am – 12:30pm |

All Achen, Office Bearers and Diocesan Assembly members are requested to encourage members and arrange transportation. Accommodation will be provided at the residence of Mar Thoma Members in Atlanta. The list of hotels nearby can also be provided to those who wish to stay in Hotels. You may contact Rev. Skariah Varghese 70 935 1223 or Rev. Aju Abraham 770 342 8071 for accommodation arrangements.

Let us praise God for all the blessings that we have received and pray for God's guidance and mercies in the days to come. Hope you will uphold the project in your prayers and will do your best by participating in all the programs.

Dated October 12th, 2018 from the Sinai Mar Thoma Center, New York.

With Prayers and Blessings,

Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos
Diocesan Episcopa

