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BLESSINGS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LONG ISLAND MAR THOMA CHURCH, NEW YORK.

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Diocesan Sunday is an occasion to give thanks to God Almighty for the divine guidance and blessings we have received in our journey together as members of the Diocese of North America & Europe of the Mar Thoma Church. Let us remember, with gratitude, the pioneers who have toiled to establish worshipping communities in this part of world. Let us also prayerfully uphold our clergy, laity, and all the organizations and mission initiatives of the Diocese. Let us pray that together we may bear much fruit and bring glory to God. In the midst of the many challenges and difficulties we have experienced throughout the global pandemic, let us continue to be grateful for the amazing ways in which God provides for our needs and guides us to work for the expansion of His kingdom.

We observe the first Sunday of March as Diocesan Sunday, and this year it will be on March 6th, 2022. A special order of worship prepared by the Diocese is to be used on this day. As has been done in the past, pulpit exchange has also been arranged for creating awareness of the various activities, mission projects, and programs of the Diocese. **Rev. Sujith Sam Mammen, Vicar of Carmel Mar Thoma Church, Boston will be visiting your parish. Your Vicar, Rev. Shaji Kochummen, is deputed to St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, New York.** The Vicars will have the responsibility to arrange the Diocesan Sunday collection in their own parish and coordinate the collection in the visiting parish. All are urged to contribute generously to support the ministry of the Diocese. **The expected amount from your parish as Diocesan Sunday collection is \$ 4,100.00.** The amount needs to be raised through the Sunday offertory and individual donations. Envelopes sent from the Diocese are to be distributed to all parishioners. The receipts of the parish can be used for the collection. The cooperation of the Trustees and the Diocesan Assembly members are expected. The offertory and the collection should be sent to the Diocesan office before the 15th of April 2022.

Dearly beloved faithful members, let us join our hands together for the expansion of God's kingdom. May God strengthen everyone to support and participate in the life and ministry of the Diocese.

May the blessings of God be with us all.

Yours in His Service,

Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos
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