ST. ANDREWS MAR THOMA CHURCH LOS ANGELES

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2026

PARISH BULLETIN

" But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." – Isa 40:31

Message from our Vicar

Dear Parish Members,
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
As we enter this month, we thank God for His abundant blessings and unfailing faithfulness. Every new month is an invitation to renew our commitment to Christ and to embrace His vision for our lives and our church.
May this season inspire us to grow deeper in faith, strengthen our fellowship, and serve others with love and compassion. Let us continue to be faithful witnesses of Christ, trusting that the God who has guided us thus far will lead us into a future filled with hope and grace.
May the Lord bless you and your family with His peace, joy, and abundant grace.

In Christ's love,
Rev Thomas Baby

August Specialty:

- The month is named after Augustus Caesar, the first Roman emperor.
- In the USA, August holds a highly unique spot on the calendar as the only month of the year without a major federal holiday.
- India celebrates Independence Day every year on August 15 to mark the end of British rule in 1947
- Onam 2026 was celebrated from August 16 to 28, 2026, with the main day, Thiruvonam, on August 26, 2026

September Specialty: Special for marking the seasonal transition from summer to autumn in the Northern Hemisphere.
Labor Day: Celebrated on the first Monday of the month in the US
Patriot Day: Observed on September 11 in remembrance of the 2001 attacks.

The Malayalam calendar year officially begins in the month of **Chingam** (mid-Aug to mid-Sept)