

Story behind the logo



LOGO of Mar Thoma Church

The logo of the Mar Thoma Church consists of a shield emblazoned with a **Christian Cross** with representation of the **Ashoka Chakra** at its center.

It is flanked on the right and left by a **Lotus** and a **Hand Lamp** respectively.

The Motto **Lighted to Lighten** is written in English above the cross. The official color of the logo is red.

The Motto

The role of the church is to spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Every believer and the member of the Church, where ever they are, are given the light so that they can lighten others.

The Cross

The Cross placed in the center represents the centrality of Jesus Christ in the church and its mission. It is a proclamation that God himself came and atoned for all humankind and the redemption is freely available by faith in Jesus Christ without regard to any, from of karma.

The Ashoka Chakra

The Ashoka Chakra is the symbol of India and represents the Indian roots of the church. Traditionally the chakra as presented by the Emperor of Ashoka, was a symbol in denoting the Wheel of Life and Cosmic Order (or Dhramachakra).. By placing the wheel at the heart of the Cross, it is a declaration that life finds its ultimate salvation in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus once and for all. Its symbolizes the completion and closing of the wheel of life for all those who follow the Bakthi Marga (path of righteousness) in Jesus Christ.

The Hand Lamp

The hand lamp represents the lamp that is carried in all believers. It reminds all believers to be the light of the world and act as a witness to give the light of salvation for others in their daily life. It also seeks to remind to pay diligent attention to the study of the word of God.

The Lotus

The Lotus represents holy living and is traditionally part of the offering of sacrifices of praise and adoration in the Indian tradition to God.

It reminds believers to live holy despite the circumstances around them and exude the fragrance of God.