

TRINITY MESSENGER
JANUARY - 2021



*Happy
New Year*



From the Vicar's Desk.....

Dearly Beloved in Christ!

Let me at the outset wish you a blessed and happy New Year!

A very special year has just passed us by. It is not fair to judge it by our subjective experiences as a bad year as the implications of the happenings of last year for the future of humanity is yet to be revealed. This year has reminded us that human beings cannot take the events on this earth for granted. Everything is not in our control; there are things that are beyond our control and even our feeble understanding. The greatest scientist of our century Albert Einstein once wrote, "Try and penetrate with our limited means the secrets of nature, and you will find that behind all the discernible laws and connections there remains something subtle, intangible, and inexplicable. Veneration for this force beyond anything we can comprehend is my religion. To that extent I am, in fact, religious." This time has once again proved in a very clear and vivid manner the truth that without God humanity cannot have a future. We should always be people who search for God behind the curtain of material affluence.

I praise God for the way God Almighty has protected our families and church community in the past year. We could conduct all the ministries except the physical gatherings in virtual platforms. A lot of volunteers toiled really hard to make these things happen. Thanks to the blessing of God on us in the form of communication technologies. The office bearers and executive committee has done a good job by being in touch with families. Church members responded faithfully by participating in all the ministries with their time and talents. The contributions of the Church Choir, the AV Ministry Team and the Sunday School were marvelous, as they continuously innovated ways and means to make their presence and leadership relevant for our times. I thank all the organizational secretaries for effectively scheduling and initiating ministries that catered to different age groups of the parish. Our services did not limit within the walls of the church as we attempted to reach out to the hungry, the prisoners and victims of various forms of violence. We could also support the mission of the church in India in unprecedentedly better ways. The newly constituted mission board of the church met many times to brainstorm on ways to actively participate in the mission activities of church.

I think, in the new year our focus should be more on ensuring the participation of young families in our ministries. We need to revive the young families fellowship at any cost. The Mar Thoma Sevika Sanghom is taking the initiative to introduce Young Women's Fellowship in all parishes this year. We need youngsters to come and take leadership in these avenues of church's ministry. This month we celebrate the ecumenical Sunday and reflect on the Christian participation in nation building. Christ is described by Bonhoeffer as a man for others. God by God's nature is oriented to God's dear world. Church is called to embody this other oriented-ness in our existence and witness. We are called to be the salt and light of the world.

The vaccines are getting available for the public in these days. I urge all to avail the benefit of the vaccines to join humanity's fight against this strange disease. Let us also continue our prayers to God to heal our world.

I wish you a deeply hopeful faith journey for all of you in the New Year! Let us live courageously as the children of God in God's world!

Yours in Christ,
Jacob achen
January 3, 2021

Trinity Mar Thoma Church, Houston

Vicars' Schedule for January 2021

Date	Day	Time	Event
1-Jan	Friday	09:00 AM	New Year Day Holy Communion
2-Jan	Saturday	08:30-01:00 PM	Wake & Funeral Service
3-Jan	Sunday	09:00 AM	Malayalam Liturgical Service
7-Jan	Thursday	07:00 PM	Missouri City and Stafford area prayer
8-Jan	Friday	09:30 AM	Fasting Prayer
		06:00 PM	YF Bible Study
		07:30 PM	Edavaka Mission Prayer
9-Jan	Saturday		Area Prayer Open for booking
10-Jan	Sunday	09:00 AM	English Worship Service
11-Jan	Monday		Open for Committees/annual GB of organizations
12-Jan	Tuesday	07:00 PM	Area Prayer-Alief and Sugar Land
13-Jan	Wednesday	10:30 AM-12:30 PM	Edavaka Mission-Virtual House visit
14-Jan	Thursday	07:00 PM	Pearland East area prayer
		06:00 PM	YF Bible Study
15-Jan	Friday	07:30 PM	Sevika Sanghom Prayer
16-Jan	Saturday	10:00 AM	Baptism
		07:00 PM	YS Monthly Prayer
17-Jan	Sunday	08:30 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion
		11:00 AM	English Divine Service
			Area Prayer-North Houston
18-Jan	Monday		Open for Committees/annual GB of organizations
19-Jan	Tuesday		Open for Committees/annual GB of organizations
20-Jan	Wednesday	10:30 AM-12:30 PM	Edavaka Mission-Virtual House visit
21-Jan	Thursday		Area Prayer-Missouri City & Stafford
22-Jan	Friday	09:30 AM	Fasting Prayer
		06:00 PM	YF Bible Study
		07:30 PM	Edavaka Mission Prayer
23-Jan	Saturday	10:00 AM	Baptism
		11:30 AM	Healing Hearts meeting
		06:30 PM	YFF Meeting
24-Jan	Sunday	09:00 AM	English Holy Communion
		07:00 PM	MFF Meeting
25-Jan	Monday		Open for Committees/annual GB of organizations
26-Jan	Tuesday		Open for Committees/annual GB of organizations
27-Jan	Wednesday	10:30 AM-12:30 PM	Edavaka Mission-Virtual House visit
28-Jan	Thursday	07:00 PM	Area Prayer-Pearland West
29-Jan	Friday	09:30 AM	Fasting Prayer
		06:00 PM	YF Bible Study
		07:30 PM	Sevika Sanghom Prayer
30-Jan	Saturday	07:00 PM	Area Prayer-Medical Center & Stella Link
31-Jan	Sunday	09:00 AM	English Holy Communion

Worship Service and Lectionary for January 2021

Date	Service		
January 01, Friday	09:00 AM - Malayalam Holy Communion Circumcision of our Lord: Continuity of Divine Covenant Christian New Year, പരിശേഷന പെരുന്നാൾ ദൈവിക ഉടമ്പടിയുടെ തുടർച്ച - നവവത്സര ദിനം	1 st Lesson	Gen 17:1-14
		2 nd Lesson	Gal 3:23-29
		Epistle	Rom 3:1-8
		Gospel	Luke 2:15-21
January 03, Sunday	08:30 AM - Malayalam Worship Service 10:30 AM - English Divine Service Church: A Community called out to Proclaim the Gospel (Outside Kerala Mission)- സഭ: സുവിശേഷ പ്രഘോഷണത്തിനായി വിളിക്കപ്പെട്ടവർ (ബാഹ്യ കേരള മിഷൻ)	1 st Lesson	Isa 61:1-11
		2 nd Lesson	Acts 17:22-31
		Epistle	Acts 27:18-26
		Gospel	Matt 9:35-38
January 10, Sunday	09:00 AM - English Worship Communion “Worthy Life” – Temperance Sunday ലഹരി വിരുദ്ധ ദിനം: വിലയുള്ള ജീവൻ	1 st Lesson	Prov 23:19-35
		2 nd Lesson	Rom 6:12-23
		Epistle	Gal 5:16-24
		Gospel	Luke 15:11-24
January 17, Sunday	08:30 AM - Malayalam Holy Communion 11:00 AM - English Divine Service Church: The Body of Christ ക്രിസ്തു ശരീരമാകുന്ന സഭ	1 st Lesson	Ezek 37:15-28
		2 nd Lesson	1Cor 1:10-17
		Epistle	Eph 4:11-16
		Gospel	Matt 16:13-19
January 24, Sunday	09:00 AM - English Holy Communion The One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church (Ecumenical Sunday) എക്യുമെനിക്കൽ ഞായർ: ഏകവും വിശുദ്ധവും കാതോലികവും അപ്പോസ്തോലികവുമായ സഭ	1 st Lesson	Num 11:23-30
		2 nd Lesson	John 3:1-11
		Epistle	Eph 4:1-7
		Gospel	John 17:18-26
January 31, Sunday	09:00 AM - English Holy Communion Christian Participation in Nation Building രാഷ്ട്ര നിർമ്മിതിയിൽ ക്രൈസ്തവ പങ്കാളിത്തം	1 st Lesson	Neh 2:11-18
		2 nd Lesson	1Pet 2:13-17
		Epistle	Rom 13:1-7
		Gospel	Luke 3:7-14

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New Addition to Trinity Family.

Elaine Katherine Mathew d/o Mr. Ebby Mathew and Mrs. Erina Mathew (4119 Casa Del Lago, Missouri City, TX 77459) on December 05, 2020

Oliver Benzon John s/o Mr. Benzon Koshy John and Mrs. Mariana John (11305 Sailwing creek Ct. Pearland, TX 77584) on December 05, 2020

As a Parish, we wish both the children all the blessings from heaven above.

Condolences



Mrs. Aleyamma Mathew, m/o Mr. James Mathew of Missouri City and Stafford area, received the heavenly call on Monday Dec 28th, 2020. As the parish, we express our deepest condolences to James & Mary, Gena & Josh, Sheena & Justin and Sharon and all others family members. Let us praise God Almighty for Ammachi's long and blessed life. May the good Lord bring the family peace & comfort at this difficult time. The funeral service was held Yesterday at South Park Funeral Home, Pearland, Texas.

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