

*I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*

*Psalms 91:2*



# **Trinity Messenger**

## **March 2021**



**Trinity Mar Thoma Church**  
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## *Message from Roshen Achen*

Dear Trinity Family,

It is so amazing to see how fast days pass by and we are entering into the third month of the year 2021. God is continuing to safeguard us in his arms and gifting us plenty of blessings amidst all the tough and problematic situations that we are facing in our day-to-day life. We have to be thankful to him for his divine protection and love. Let me share my prayers and blessings to all the new office bearers and committee members of our church as well as the organizations as they are taking charges in these days. I also want to wish Jacob Achen & family all the blessings as he is assigned to a new parish from May onwards.

We are moving forward to observe another passion week and to celebrate Easter. Just like other eastern churches, we, the members of Mar Thoma Syrian Church, are observing this year's Great lent since February 14. It is a time for a spiritual preparation and a period that reminds us about the struggles that our Lord faced during his journey to Calvary and during crucifixion. Before entering into his public ministry, Jesus went on fasting for 40 days and he was spending time in prayer. He could outlive all the temptations that was brought to him by Satan. Lent calls us forth to train ourselves to say no to things that seems unavoidable in our life. It is a time of prioritizing God above all and understanding that everything else is least important. We have to spend more time in prayer and meditation and have to train ourselves to overcome the temptations that arise around us.

Many of us might wonder whether these religious practices are relevant. Christian traditions are an indivisible part of the Christian church and have played a very crucial role in the growth of the church. The liturgy, liturgical elements and the liturgical symbols of the church are also equally important. Each church has grown in faith and has transferred it from generation to generation through handing over of traditions and following the liturgy. Each tradition has its own meaning and interpretation. Liturgy is compiled of the prayers that are written according to the biblical understanding and interpretation. Following a tradition without understanding the reason sometimes creates confusion regarding the relevance of the tradition in our mind. I urge you all to dedicate some time to learn more about our liturgy and tradition in order to make our worship experiences more meaningful and intimate. It will definitely help us to affectionately involve in the passion week services as well as the Holy Qurbana services.

Let us continue to remember all our families in our daily prayers. Each family has their own difficulties and needs. We should be able to support each other, especially through prayer. As many of the families are still missing the in-person worship experiences, contacting each other through phone calls and text messages will be a great gesture to help us all to revitalize the bonding between families.

With prayers,

Roshen Achen

# March 2021 Vicar Schedule

1-Mar	Monday	Reserved for Center/Region/Diocesan level meetings	7:30 PM
2-Mar	Tuesday	Special Prayer	7:00 PM
3-Mar	Wednesday	Virtual House Visit Missouri City and Stafford area Prayer	10:30 AM-12:30 PM 7:00 PM
5-Mar	Friday	Fasting Prayer Ablaze Edavaka Mission Prayer	9:30 AM 6:30 PM 07.00 PM
6-Mar	Saturday	Healing Hearts	10:30 AM
7-Mar	Sunday	Malayalam Holy Communion Service Church Committee Church SWR YF General body	8:30 PM 5:00 PM 8:00 PM
8-Mar	Monday	Reserved for Center/Region/Diocesan level meetings	7:30 PM
9-Mar	Tuesday	Alief & Sugar Land Prayer	7:00 PM
10-Mar	Wednesday	Edavaka Mission House visits	10:30 AM-12:30 PM
11-Mar	Thursday	North Houston Prayer	7:00 PM
12-Mar	Friday	Fasting Prayer Sevika Sanghom	9:00 AM 7:30 PM
13-Mar	Saturday	SW Regional Conference	6:30 PM
14-Mar	Sunday	English Holy Communion Service	9:00 AM
15-Mar	Monday	Nombu Prayer	6:45 PM
16-Mar	Tuesday	Nombu Prayer	6:45 PM
17-Mar	Wednesday	Nombu Prayer	6:45 PM
18-Mar	Thursday	Nombu Prayer	6:45 PM
19-Mar	Friday	Nombu Prayer	6:45 PM
20-Mar	Saturday	Nombu Prayer	6:45 PM
21-Mar	Sunday	Holy Communion Malayalam English Divine Service	8:30 AM 11:15 AM
22-Mar	Monday	Nombu Prayer	06.45 PM
23-Mar	Tuesday	Nombu Prayer	06.45 PM
24-Mar	Wednesday	Nombu Prayer	6:45 PM
25-Mar	Thursday	Nombu Prayer	6:45 PM
26-Mar	Friday	Nombu Prayer	6:45 PM
27-Mar	Saturday	Nombu Prayer	6:45 PM
28-Mar	Sunday	Hosannah Sunday-English Holy Communion	9:00 AM
29-Mar	Monday	Passion Week Service	7:00 PM
30-Mar	Tuesday	Passion Week Service	7:00 PM
31-Mar	Wednesday	Passion Week Service	7:00 PM

## *Secretary's Note*

It is almost Spring and I am looking forward to it.

It is high time to turn the page to a new season, a season of renewal.

The last 12 months have been challenging. We have forced ourselves to be socially and physically separated from what we consider normal living.

The Trinity pews remained largely empty. Over 500,000 Americans have died.

However, the Trinity Family has remained resilient. We are hopeful, optimistic, and faithful to our heavenly Father. In the next few months life will slowly get back to a new normal, and it will include our good habits from the last few months – clean hands, masks, zoom calls, online grocery shopping, an added emphasis on prayer, volunteering, giving, and helping others.

Find opportunities to serve Trinity Mar Thoma Church in 2021. Resolve to get engaged with church activities. Help with your Area Prayer meetings. Speak at a meeting. Develop a new servant leadership idea. Serve our Sunday School ministry. Volunteer to help with our AV Team ministry. Help with local mission projects. Sponsor an evangelist's Christmas gift. Help with the Prison Ministry. Be Optimistic.

I am looking forward to serving as your new Secretary.

Please continue to pray for me, the other office bearers, the executive committee, our Achens and their families.

Sincerely,

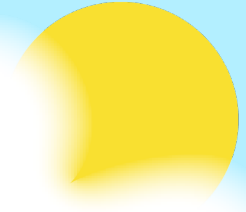
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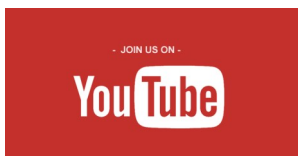
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## Worship Service and Lectionary

7-Mar	<b>Malayalam Holy Communion Service @ 08:30 AM</b>			
	<b>English Divine Service @ 11:15 AM</b>			
	Salvation for all in Christ - ക്രിസ്തുവിൽ സകലർക്കും രക്ഷ			
	<b>1st Lesson</b>	Genesis 16:1-16	<b>Epistle</b>	Romans 15:14-21
14-Mar	<b>2nd Lesson</b>	Philemon 1:1-21	<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 7:24-30
	<b>English Holy Communion Service @ 09:00 AM</b>			
	Healing through Worship - ആരാധനയിലൂടെയുള്ള വിടുതൽ			
	<b>1st Lesson</b>	Exodus 3:11-18	<b>Epistle</b>	Romans 12:1-8
21-Mar	<b>2nd Lesson</b>	Acts 16:19-34	<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 13:10-17
	<b>Malayalam Holy Communion Service @ 08:30 AM</b>			
	<b>English Divine Service @ 11:15 AM</b>			
	Kurie-Elaison: Enlightening Faith - കുറിയെലായിസ്തോൻ: കണ്ണ് തുറപ്പിക്കുന്ന വിശ്വാസം			
	<b>1st Lesson</b>	Isaiah 35:1-10	<b>Epistle</b>	Galatians 3:1-9
28-Mar	<b>2nd Lesson</b>	Acts 9:1-18	<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 18:35-43
	<b>English Holy Communion Service @ 09:00 AM</b>			
	Hosanna: Christ the Eternal King (Theological Seminary Day) - ഊശാന: നിത്യ രാജാവായ യേശു (വൈദിക സെമിനാരി ദിനം)			
	<b>1st Lesson</b>	Leviticus 2:1-16	<b>Epistle</b>	Matthew 21:23-46
	<b>2nd Lesson</b>	Acts 13:26-43	<b>Gospel</b>	Isaiah 63:1-19

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MarThomaHouston>



Registration link for Sunday Services

<https://trinityhouston.eventbrite.com/>

# *Passion Week and Easter Worship Service & Lectionary*

29-Mar Monday	<b>Passion Week Service @ 07:00 PM</b>			
	1st Lesson	Leviticus 2:1-6	Reading 1	Isaiah 63:1-19
	2nd Lesson	Matthew 21:23-46	Reading 2	Matthew 22:15
30-Mar Tuesday	<b>Passion Week Service @ 07:00 PM</b>			
	1st Lesson	Isaiah 52:1-5	Reading 1	Numbers 21:1-16
	2nd Lesson	Matthew 22:34-46, 23:1-12	Reading 2	Matthew 24:1-28
31-Mar Wednesday	<b>Passion Week Service @ 07:00 PM</b>			
	1st Lesson	Isaiah 28:14-29	Reading 1	Leviticus 16:1-28
	2nd Lesson	Matthew 24:29-51	Reading 2	John 6:60-70
1-Apr Thursday	<b>Holy Communion Service @ 07:00 PM</b>			
	1st Lesson	Exodus 12:1-17	Reading 1	Genesis 22:1-14
	2nd Lesson	Matthew 26:1-16	Reading 2	Matthew 26:31-46
2-Apr Friday	<b>Good Friday Service @ 09:00 AM</b>			
	1st Lesson	Exodus 12:1-17	Reading 1	Genesis 22:1-14
	2nd Lesson	Matthew 26:1-16	Reading 2	Matthew 26:31-46
4-Apr Sunday	<b>Easter Holy Communion Service @ 08:00 AM</b>			
	1st Lesson	Isaiah 60:12-21	Epistle	1 Corinthians 15:20-28
	2nd Lesson	1 Corinthians 15:42-58	Gospel	Luke 24:1-12

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## *Organization Announcement*

### Sevika Sanghom

2021 World Day of Prayer (WDP) is being observed on March 20, 2021, as a Diocesan Sevika Sanghom program. WDP is a global ecumenical movement of Christian women with a focus to promote justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service, and celebration.

The country of focus in 2021 is Vanuatu, a small island country located in the South Pacific Ocean.

As Diocesan Sevika Sanghom is organizing WDP through virtual media incorporating women from all parishes, TMC Sevika Sanghom decided to celebrate it together with the Diocesan Sevika Sanghom.

Everyone including men and children are invited to attend this meeting with prayers.

## *Wedding Announcement*

Mr. Saju Thottadiyil Georgesam (son of Mr. T. G. Samuelkutty & Mrs. Lizy Samuel) of Missouri City & Stafford Area married Jency Mundakathil Thomas on February 22, 2021, at the Niranam St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church. We wish them all the best in their married life. Please uphold the newly married couple in your prayers.