

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

Psalms 91:2



Trinity Messenger

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Message from Jacob Achen

Dearly beloved Trinity family,

Greetings in our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus' name!

I praise God Almighty for this excellent opportunity to address you through this medium of our bi-monthly newsletter once again. Because of the uncertainties that made any planning beyond a month difficult, we have started bringing out our parish newsletter every month. My family and I are privileged to serve you all as the vicar and family for the last three years. I'm honored to stand in line with the great men of God, who served and led us in our worship life like T. I. Joseph achen, T. J. Thomas achen, P. V. Thomas achen, and all other achen's up to Mathews Philip achen. I especially appreciate the help and support received from Philip Philip achen and Roshen V. Mathews achen in fulfilling the task assigned to me by the Metropolitan Thirumeni. The office bearers and executive committee members of the past three years all did a great job leading our community to more incredible experiences of being a mission-oriented church. All the organizations functioned well, catering to the pastoral needs of different age groups. I remember God Almighty's grace and mercies that helped us run this phase of our life's race diligently.

As a church established in the early 1970s, we have 3-4 generations living with complementing and sometimes conflicting worldviews posing varying challenges to the ministry of the church in the days to come. We need to continue to improve in understanding and implementing God's mission in our midst and to the world outside. Our ministries to the youth and the elderly need to be more relevant and impactful. I dream that the Trinity family must contribute an achen to the church's ministry every ten years. Our beloved Larry achen's faithful ministry must inspire the youngsters. Someone among the young generation should feel and realize God's call to commit themselves for this cause of the kingdom of God. Mar Thoma Church is a unique church because it had always kept the apostolic traditions of being the church and responded to the changes in the social world in positive ways. This faith tradition must survive into the coming centuries to make its vital contributions to American society in establishing God's peace and love among us. Our attempts to build bridges with our neighbors to share God's love and peace must continue.

We will cherish the memories of your loving care for each of us our life long. Thank you for challenging us when we tend to be parochial in our outlook; such incidents only helped us understand our ministry better. Now, it is time to say goodbye! It is so hard, but that is the reality. We are not taking any grudge or ill feelings with us as we take off from Houston. We only love all of you and wish everyone God's blessings. Please spare a little of your prayer time for us too. God sends His new minister to serve you for another three years term. I wish Sam K. Easow achen and his family all the best. I request you to love and support Achen in all possible ways to make his and his family's ministry a blessing for all of us. May the good Lord keep us all under the shadow of His grace till we meet again.

Lovingly in Christ,

Jacob Thomas achen

Thursday, April 1, 2021 (Pesaha)

April 2021 Vicar Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event
1-Apr	Thursday	6:45 PM	Pesaha Holy Communion
2-Apr	Friday	9:00 AM 4:00 PM	Good Friday Service Center Clergy Meeting
3-Apr	Saturday	2:00 PM	SWR RAC GB meeting
4-Apr	Sunday	8:30 AM	Easter Holy Communion-English
5-Apr	Monday		
6-Apr	Tuesday		
7-Apr	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Missouri City Area Prayer
8-Apr	Thursday		
9-Apr	Friday	6:00 PM	Youth Fellowship, Young Family Fel-
10-Apr	Saturday	6:30 PM	Edavaka Mission, Sevika Sangham,
11-Apr	Sunday	8:30 AM 11:30 AM 7:00 PM	Malayalam Communion EDS Stella Link Area Prayer
12-Apr	Monday		Jacob Achen on leave (Apr 12-16)
16-Apr	Friday	6:00 PM	Wedding - New York
17-Apr	Saturday	3:00 PM	Wedding - Austin
18-Apr	Sunday	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	English Holy Communion Pasadena Area Prayer
19-Apr	Monday		
20-Apr	Tuesday	6:45 PM	Pearland West Prayer
23-Apr	Friday	7:00 PM	Edavaka Mission Prayer
24-Apr	Saturday	3:00 PM	Wedding
25-Apr	Sunday	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion Farewell Meeting
28-Apr	Wednesday		Jacob Achen leaves Houston
29-Apr	Thursday		
30-Apr	Friday	7:00 PM	Sevika Sanghom Prayer

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Secretary's Note

Hello to a new month.

In his book *Thinking, Fast and Slow*, Daniel Kahneman highlights how our thinking is influenced by how we decide for it to be influenced. The author reveals how and why we make the choices we make. The reminder to act calm and kind regardless of how you feel is very good advice. It is definitely useful advice in a society where even our political leaders have difficulty building consensus to solve big problems such as social and environmental justice, immigration, and climate change. We as individuals, as families, and as Christians, can and must make contributions to mitigate ills around us. The Parable of the Good Samaritan ends with Jesus telling the expert in the law to show mercy to others. Act calm and kind and be merciful.

Over 550,000 Americans have sadly succumbed to the Covid-19 pandemic. We must continue to be vigilant as more of us join in-person Church services. Continue to help prevent the Covid-19 spread: Correctly and consistently wear a mask that completely covers your nose and mouth. Stay 6 ft apart from others and stay away from non-ventilated areas. Wash your hands frequently or use hand sanitizer. Get vaccinated. Stay home if you are sick.

Take a look at the new and updated Trinity website (<https://trinitymtc.org>) and share your ideas on further improvements. Thank you Shajan George and Jaison Samuel for leading this team effort.

Jacob Achen, Rincy Kochamma, Harsha and Hannah will be leaving for Bangalore on April 28th. As Achen reflects in his note, saying goodbye is hard - but that is the reality of the Mar Thoma Church servant ministry. We are going to miss Jacob Achen's encouraging demeanor, leadership and his passion to get each one of us closer to our Heavenly Father. May God continue to bless and guide Achen and his precious family.

The send-off for Jacob Achen & Family is scheduled for Sunday, April 25th after the Malayalam Holy Communion service. More details will be communicated in the next couple of weeks. We have to create a plan that allows for Trinity Family members to participate while also strictly adhering to Covid-19 protocols.

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

Thank you,

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Warm Welcome for our new Vicar and Family



Rev. Sam K. Easow, Bincy Sam Kochamma, Shaun Easow Sam and Juanah Serah Sam are expected to reach Houston in early May 2021.

Please pray for their travel arrangements and plans to serve at Trinity Mar Thoma Church.

Baptism & Prayer Meetings

Baptism

Micah Cyril Mathew, s/o Mr. Jibu A. Mathew and Mrs. Aileen R. Korulla, (3418 Andover Trace Ln, Missouri City, TX 77459) was baptized on March 20, 2021.



Prayer Meetings

- ♦ Missouri City and Stafford Area: **Wednesday, April 7 @ 7:00 PM, on Zoom**

Jacob Achen and Family send-off is scheduled after the prayer meeting.

- ♦ Medical Center and Stella Link Area: **Sunday, April 11 @ 7:00 PM, on Zoom**

Jacob Achen and Family send-off is scheduled after the prayer meeting.

- ♦ Alief - Sugar Land Area: **Tuesday, April 13 @ 7:00 PM, on Zoom**

- ♦ Pasadena Area: **Sunday, April 18 @ 7:00 PM, on Zoom**

Jacob Achen and Family send-off is scheduled after the prayer meeting.

- ♦ Pearland West Area: **Tuesday, April 20 @ 6:45 PM, on Zoom**

Jacob Achen and Family send-off is scheduled after the prayer meeting.

- ♦ Edavaka Mission: **Friday, April 23 @ 7:00 PM, on Zoom**

- ♦ Sevika Sangham: **Friday, April 30 @ 7:00 PM, on Zoom**



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

Registration link for Church Services

<https://trinitymtc.org/register>

Organizational Announcements and Jacob Achen's Farewell Meetings

Southwest Region Sevika Sanghom Meeting

The South West Regional Sevika Sanghom Monthly Prayer meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 6 from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**. Rev. Blessen K. Mon from FB MTC (Dallas) will share the word of God. Following the prayer, the combined (Parish Mission and Sevika Sanghom) send-off meeting for Achens who are transferring from this region will begin at 8:00 PM. Very Rev. Cherian Thomas (St. Thomas MTC, Houston) will lead the meeting.

Zoom Meeting Details: ID - 991060 2126, Passcode -1122 (Dial In #: 1 346 248 7799)

Young Family Fellowship Meeting

YFF Bible Study: **Friday, April 9 at 7pm**

Healing Hearts Ministry

Thank you Jojy Jacob and Nissi Jacob for volunteering to lead the Healing Hearts Ministry this new year.

Jacob Achen and Family Farewell Meetings

- ♦ Youth Fellowship, Young Family Fellowship and Sunday School: **Friday, April 9 @ 6:00 PM**

Sign-up Link - <https://april9farewell.eventbrite.com>

- ♦ Edavaka Mission, Sevika Sangham, Yuvajana Sakhyam: **Saturday, April 10 @ 6:30 PM**

Sign-up Link - <https://jacobachen.eventbrite.com>

- ♦ Choir: **Sunday, April 11, after the Holy Communion Service**
- ♦ Trinity Mar Thoma Church: **Sunday, April 25, after the Holy Communion Service**

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Worship Service and Lectionary

1-Apr	Maundy Thursday - Malayalam Holy Communion Service @ 6:45 PM			
	Holy Communion: Celebration of Divine Plan of Salvation [പെസഹാ വ്യാഴം: വിശുദ്ധ കുർബാന : ദൈവിക രക്ഷാ പദ്ധതിയുടെ ആഘോഷം]			
	1st Lesson	Genesis 22:1-14	Epistle	1 Corinthians 11:23-34
	2nd Lesson	Heb 5:1-14	Gospel	Matthew 26:31-46
2-Apr	Good Friday - Malayalam Service @ 9:00 AM			
		Lessons	Gospel	
	1st Service	Isaiah 53:1-12 & 1 Peter 1:1-25		Matthew 26:47-75
	2nd Service	Zechariah 13:1-9 & Galatians 3:1-22		Matthew 27:1-44
	3rd Service	Numbers 21:1-9 & Hebrews 3:1-19		Matthew 27:45-56
4-Apr	English Holy Communion Service @ 08:30 AM			
	(Kemta) Resurrection Celebration of New Life (Easter) [ഉയിർപ്പ് പെരുന്നാൾ (ക്രൂതാ) വലിയനോമ്പ് വീടൽ: പുതുജീവന്റെ ആഘോഷം]			
	1st Lesson	Isaiah 60:12-21	Epistle	1 Corinthians 15:20-28
	2nd Lesson	1 Corinthians 15:42-58	Gospel	Luke 24:1-12
11-Apr	Malayalam Holy Communion Service @ 08:30 AM			
	English Divine Service @ 11:15 AM			
	New Sunday: Jesus Christ our Lord and God [പുതു ഞായർ - യേശുക്രിസ്തു നമ്മുടെ കർത്താവും ദൈവവും]			
	1st Lesson	Gen 32:22-32	Epistle	2 Thess 1:3-12
	2nd Lesson	Acts 9:1-18	Gospel	John 20:24-29
18-Apr	English Holy Communion Service @ 09:00 AM			
	Jesus Christ who Restores [യാഥാസ്ഥാനപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന കർത്താവ്]			
	1st Lesson	Ruth 4:1-11	Epistle	Eph 2:1-10
	2nd Lesson	Col 3:1-11	Gospel	John 21:1-14
25-Apr	Malayalam Holy Communion Service @ 09:00 AM			
	An Invitation to Christ's Hospitality [കർത്താവിന്റെ ആമിത്യത്തിലെക്കുള്ള ക്ഷണം]			
	1st Lesson	Gen 18:1-15	Epistle	Heb 13:1-8
	2nd Lesson	Rom 12:9-13	Gospel	Luke 24:13-35
2-May	Malayalam Holy Communion Service @ 08:30 AM			
	English Divine Service @ 11:15 AM			
	May Day: Responsibilities and Duties [മേയ് ദിനം: കർത്തവ്യവും കടമകളും]			
	1st Lesson	Exod 1:8-14	Epistle	1Tim 6:1-10
	2nd Lesson	James 5:1-6	Gospel	Matt 11:28-30

Demises



- ♦ Mr. Ancheril Koruth George (Georgeachyan)
- ♦ 3027 Cotter Lake Circle, Missouri City, Texas 77459
- ♦ March 21, 1940 - March 17, 2021
- ♦ Memorial Service: March 21, 2021
- ♦ Funeral: March 22, 2021
- ♦ Georgeachyan is survived by his wife, Kunjamma George, children Anil and Anu, son-in law Suresh, daughter-in-law Solly, and grandchildren Julia, Jeremy, Kathryn and Angelica.



- ♦ Mr. Abraham Koshy (Kochubaby)
- ♦ 20919 Birnamwood blvd., Humble, Texas 77338
- ♦ August 25, 1950 - March 22, 2021
- ♦ Memorial Service: March 26, 2021
- ♦ Funeral: March 26, 2021
- ♦ Kochubaby Uncle is survived by his wife, Annie Koshy, children Jenny, Jeby, Jojy, Jeena, and Tania, sons-in-law Santhosh and Fenny, daughters-in-law Lovely and Savita, and grandchildren Sheena, Sneha, Joshua, Jeremiah, Nathan, June and Jacob.

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