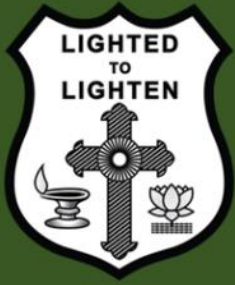




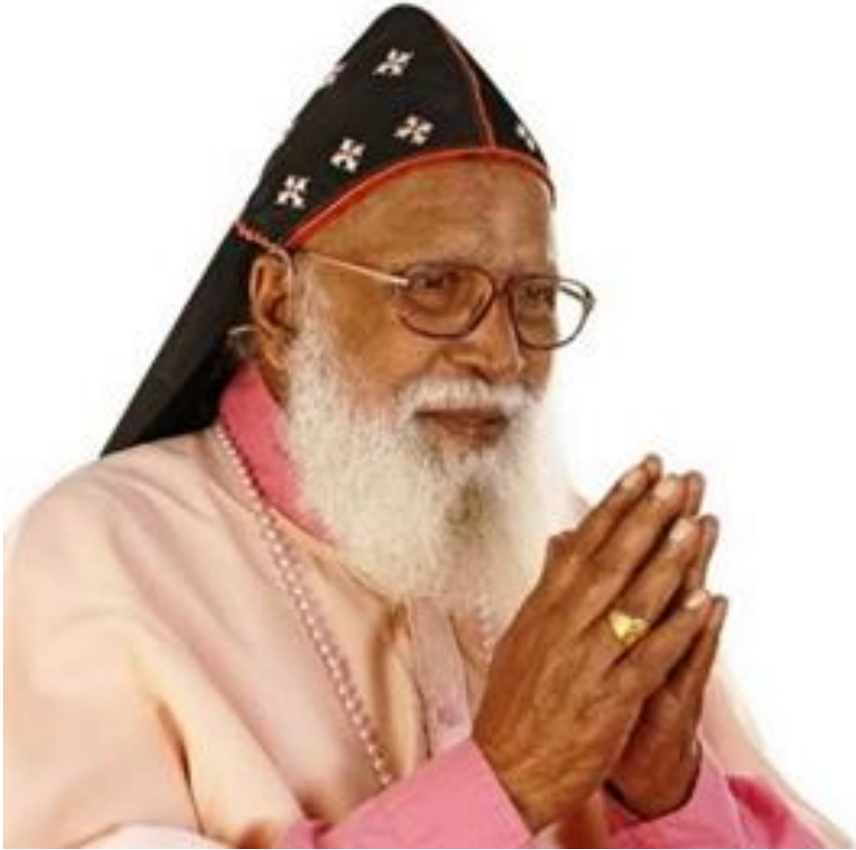
# Trinity Messenger



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## Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan (April 27, 1918 - May 5, 2021)



With deep sadness, we mourn the passing away of our dear Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan on May 5th, 2021.

Thirumeni's wisdom, wit, vision, and faith in God influenced and guided the Mar Thoma Church since 1944, when he was ordained as a Deacon.

Thirumeni will be remembered for copious accomplishments. He influenced and clearly touched the hearts and minds of people. His care for the suffering transcended division of caste, creed, nationality, religion, and politics.

Thirumeni cared deeply for others and used humor to lighten up his interactions.

Chrysostom Thirumeni played a critical role in the creation and rapid expansion of the Diocese of North America and Europe.

He engaged himself in activities that matter to the human condition.

Thirumeni's direct engagement in building homes for the needy in Mexico, building homes for the homeless in Kerala, and supporting the work among the transgender community reflect his strong drive for social justice and fairness.

We have fond memories of his many visits to our parish and his guidance since the creation of a Mar Thoma worship community in Houston.

We, the Trinity Mar Thoma Church family, thank God for the life of the Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan.



## Vicar's Message

Dear Trinity Family,

“God has a purpose behind every problem. He uses circumstances to develop our character. In fact, he depends more on circumstances to make us like Jesus than he depends on our reading the Bible.”- Rick Warren

Praising God for the wonderful and mighty ways in which He keeps us safe in His arms. He showers blessings in our day-to-day life and surprises us in our various life situations. He is guiding us forward in an amazing way amidst the struggles that we are facing. It is a great relief that we are almost back into our normal lives. Church service participation has increased, and I hope that we will soon be able to attend services without restriction. At the same time, we need to bend our knees before God for our dear ones in India, who are struggling with big increases in Covid-19 cases and are missing the opportunity to lead a normal life.

As we are entering into the month of June, summer vacation starts for our kids. The most awaited **VBS** time is fast approaching, and I appreciate our Sunday School for planning and moving forward with the idea of having in-person VBS. It will be a blessed time for the kids as well as all of us. We are having a couple of in-person prayer meetings this month and I am excited about the fellowship that we receive through them. I would like to encourage all of you to find time to attend our prayer meetings.

The Yuvajana Sakhyam is looking forward to arranging a **Malayalam teaching session via Zoom** this summer for our kids and others who are wanting to learn simple Malayalam words and songs. We need a few more volunteers to join the team to lead these Malayalam learning sessions. *If you are ready to volunteer, please let me know.*

Thank you for your blessed support of all church activities. Thank you for making the Covid relief fund collection a big success. I am also looking forward to your active support for our Light to Life collection.

I want to appreciate the creative and cooperative ways in which our Executive Committee as well as our Organisations are serving the Church these days. I request your wholehearted support and prayers in the days to come so that God will strengthen me to lead our Parish in all the upcoming activities.

In His Ministry

***Roshen Achen***

# Vicar's June Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event
1-Jun	Tuesday	7:00 PM	SWR Sevika Sanghom Monthly Prayer meeting
2-Jun	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Edavaka Mission House Visits
		7:30 PM	Healing Hearts Zoom Prayer
3-Jun	Thursday	6:30 PM	Mission Board Meeting
4-Jun	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer, at Trinity Sunday School Hall
		4:00 PM	House Visits: North Shore
		7:00 PM	YF Prayer at Church
		7:30 PM	Edavaka Mission
5-Jun	Saturday		Engagement
6-Jun	Sunday	8:30 AM	Malayalam Holy Qurbana
		11:30 AM	English Divine Service
		4:00 PM	Executive Committee
7-Jun	Monday	4:00 PM	House Visits: Missouri City & Stafford*
8-Jun	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Alief Sugar Land Prayer Meeting
9-Jun	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Edavaka Mission House Visits
		7:30 PM	Sevika Sanghom Prayer
10-Jun	Thursday	9:00 AM	House Visits: North Houston*
11-Jun	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer, at Trinity Sunday School Hall
		5:30 PM	Rehearsal
12-Jun	Saturday	9:30 AM	Prayer (Marriage)
		11:30 AM	Prayer (Marriage)
		3:00 PM	Marriage
13-Jun	Sunday	9:00 AM	English Holy Qurbana (9:00 AM)
		6:00 PM	House Visits: Missouri City & Stafford
14-Jun	Monday	10:00 AM	Clergy Fellowship
		5:00 PM	House Visits
15-Jun	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Healing Hearts Qurbana
		7:00 PM	Prayer : Medical Centre & Stella Link
16-Jun	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Edavaka Mission House Visits
		7:00 PM	Missouri City Stafford Prayer
17-Jun	Thursday	9:30 AM	House Visits : GOA*
18-Jun	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer, at Trinity Sunday School Hall
		7:30 PM	Edavaka Mission
19-Jun	Saturday	11:00 AM	Baptism
		2:30 PM	Marriage
		5:00 PM	Baptism
20-Jun	Sunday	8:30 AM	Malayalam Holy Qurbana
		11:30 AM	English Divine Service
		12:00 PM	GOA Prayer (In Sunday School Hall)
21-Jun	Monday	9:30 AM	House Visits : Pearland West*
22-Jun	Tuesday	9:30 AM	House Visits : North Shore*
		6:00 PM	House Visits : Pearland East
23-Jun	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Edavaka Mission House Visits
		7:30 PM	Sevika Sanghom Prayer
24-Jun	Thursday	10:00 AM	Senior Citizen Fellowship
25-Jun	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer, at Trinity Sunday School Hall
		6:00 PM	House Visits*
26-Jun	Saturday	11:00 AM	Baptism
		6:30 PM	Pearland East : In Person Prayer
27-Jun	Sunday	9:00 AM	English Holy Qurbana
		12:00 PM	Yuvajana Sakhyam Meeting : Sunday School Hall
		7:00 PM	Prayer : North Houston
28-Jun	Monday	9:30 AM	House Visits: Alief Sugar Land*
		5:30 PM	House Warming
29-Jun	Tuesday	9:30 AM	House Visits*
		7:00 PM	EDS Leaders Meeting
30-Jun	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Edavaka Mission House Visits

\* Available for House Visits in these areas





## Secretary's Note

Hello & Happy June to Everyone,

Lucious Annaeus **Seneca** the Younger (4 BC - AD 65) was a Roman philosopher and a prolific writer on a wide range of topics, including comedy and time management.

*“People are frugal in guarding their personal property; but as soon as it comes to squandering time they are most wasteful of the one thing in which it is right to be stingy.”*

This Seneca thought applies to most of us. How much is your time worth? \$5/hour? \$50/hour? \$500/hour? Regardless of how you value it, time is a precious blessing that we will never get back. Use it well to serve our higher purpose and learn to be mindful of our time here.

The United States is finally winning the battle against the Covid-19 pandemic. As a Parish, it is apt to start thinking beyond Church service registration, social distancing, Zoom area prayer meetings, and virtual Sunday School.

Sadly, India and many other countries are not there yet and still battling the pandemic. Let us pray for the containment of this disease globally and help those in need, including financially.

If you are yet to do so, please look at the updated Trinity website (<https://trinitymtc.org>), and share your ideas on further improvements.

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

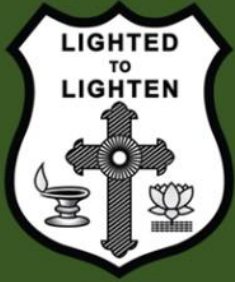
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## Organization Spotlight: *Trinity Middle-age Family Fellowship*

Trinity Mar Thoma Church ***Middle-age Family Fellowship*** was officially formed in the year 2020 after several members of the parish expressed that there was a growing need for a middle age group organization to establish and improve Christian fellowship and integrated activities in the parish. Interested members were invited by then Vicar Rev. Jacob P. Thomas for a formal meeting and the first committee was elected to organize the new fellowship.

This newly formed body was to act as a transition forum from the Yuvajana Sakhyam due to the age restriction required by the Yuvajana Sakhyam Constitution. The main vision was to extend Christian fellowship, encourage worship life and help steer towards Voluntary Evangelists' Association activities. Another key factor is to bridge language and cultural barriers for the members of middle-aged families coming from Kerala, other Indian states and other parts of the world.

Membership is offered to 45 to 65-year-old members of Trinity Mar Thoma Church. A formal membership form is in the works.

Main objectives of this newly formed organization are:

1. Prepare every member of the church to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through testimony and witnessing and to gain salvation through Jesus Christ,
2. Equip every member to be a part of a Christian fellowship, Christian charity, Bible study and intercessory prayer,
3. Encourage each member to be involved in spiritual and social activities and support other Church organizations with the same mission,
4. Equip every member to participate in the mission of the church,
5. Strengthen the family unit so that the homelife of each member is healthy and fruitful by biblical standards, and
6. Organize seminars, discussions, classes, workshops, conferences, mission tours, etc. to create in every member an interest in Bible studies and faith and practice of the church, and to establish an ecumenical relationship to help humanity.

We currently meet once a month via Zoom and have plans to meet at church once the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. The ***Middle-age Family Fellowship*** will grow in faith and continue to fulfill the duties entrusted by God to love and care for one another.



# Prayer Meetings

## **Area Prayer Meetings:**

Zoom Meeting ID: 440 320 308, Passcode: 2222

Dial-in #:+13462487799, Access code: 440 320 308#, Passcode: 2222

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/440320308?pwd=NmhBVnVhcnRKOUE9hSGRyYXFsUT09>

- ♦ Alief Sugar Land Area: **Tuesday, June 8th @ 7:30 PM**
- ♦ Medical Center Stella Link Area: **Tuesday, June 15th @ 7:00 PM**
- ♦ Missouri City Stafford Area: **Wednesday, June 16th @ 7:00 PM**
- ♦ Galveston and Other Area: **Sunday, June 20th @ 12:00 PM (in-person @ Trinity Sunday School Hall)**
- ♦ Pearland East Area: **Saturday, June 26th @ 6:30 PM (in-person meeting)**

## **Sevika Sanghom Meetings, on Zoom:**

- ♦ Wednesday, June 9th @ 7:30 PM
- ♦ Wednesday, June 23rd @ 7:30 PM

## **Edavaka Mission Meeting, on Zoom:**

- ♦ Friday, June 4th @ 7:30 PM
- ♦ Friday June 18th @ 7:30 PM

## **Fasting Prayers, at Trinity Sunday School Hall (and on Zoom):**

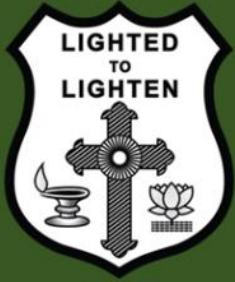
- ♦ Friday, June 4th @ 9:30 AM
- ♦ Friday, June 11th @ 9:30 AM
- ♦ Friday, June 18th @ 9:30 AM
- ♦ Friday June 25th @ 9:30 AM

## **Zoom connection details for Sevika Sanghom, Edavaka Mission & Fasting Prayer Meetings**

Meeting ID: 934 3547 4490, Passcode: 1111

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## Trinity Sunday School



### ♦ Join us for VBS this year!

VBS is scheduled for July 22-24 from 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM and will be offered in two ways: in-person and virtual. Registration Link - <https://trinitymtc.org/vbs/>

The link is also available on the Sunday School Facebook page and on the TMC website. In-person VBS is \$20, and virtual VBS is \$10. In-person spots are limited capacity - so sign up as soon as possible. We look forward to another exciting Trinity VBS!

Registration begins on May 23rd & ends July 10th (no registrations on the days of the VBS). VBS is limited to only students who have completed Pre-K through 12th grade. Please note there is no adult VBS or adult volunteers in order to keep social distancing per Covid restrictions.

If you have additional questions regarding VBS, can contact VBS coordinator Stacy George or Sunday School leadership directly or via email [vbs@trinitymtc.org](mailto:vbs@trinitymtc.org).

If you wish to donate money for the VBS and or sponsor a meal during VBS, please contact Sunday School Superintendent (Anil) @ 832-594-7198 or Treasurer (Shawn Varghese) @ 832-259-5080.

### ♦ Summer Sunday School sessions via Zoom will be held on every other Sunday starting from Sunday, June 13th. Zoom details will be provided later.

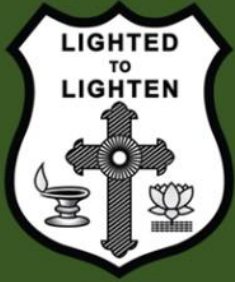
- June sessions: June 13th and 27th;
- July Session: July 11th and 18th



# Trinity Sunday School

## 2021 Singing, Elocution & Storytelling competition results

Singing Competition Results		
<b>PreK</b>	<b>1st Grade</b>	<b>2nd Grade</b>
1. Milcah Mathew	1. Angel Thomas	1. Hannah Mathai
2. Noah Mathai	2. Micah Mathai	2. Esther Samuel
3. Ava George	3. Sherona Roshen	3. Madison Mathew
<b>3rd Grade</b>	<b>4th Grade</b>	<b>6th Grade</b>
1. Dia George	1. Alaina Kurian	1. Marilyn Mathew
2. Julia Kurian	2. Sachin George	2. Anjali Varghese
3. Nicea Oommen		3. Nadia Abraham
<b>7th Grade</b>	<b>8th Grade</b>	<b>10th Grade</b>
1. Gia George	1. Ronie Oommen	1. Isaac Koshy
2. Manna Oommen	2. Benjamin Thomas	2. Jommin George
3. Rachel Thomas	3. Grishma Oommen	3. Jerin Biju
Elocution Competition Results		
<b>6th Grade</b>	<b>7th Grade</b>	<b>8th Grade</b>
1. Nadia Abraham	1. Jacob George	1. Benjamin Thomas
2. Marilyn Mathew	2. Nathan Benjamin	
	3. Sanjay George	
<b>10th Grade</b>	<b>11th Grade</b>	
1. Joshua George	1. Joshua Benjamin	
2. Jerin Biju		
Storytelling Competition Results		
<b>PreK-A (Sheenu/Christina)</b>	<b>PreK-B (Liya/Serena)</b>	<b>Kindergarten (Jesna/Jaina)</b>
1. Prem George	1. Milcah Mathew	1. Layla Varghese
2. Jacob Mathai, Noah Mathai	2. Lilia Thomas	
<b>1st-A (Teni/Sharon)</b>	<b>1st-B (Tinju/Christina)</b>	<b>2nd-A (Manju/Money)</b>
1. Livia George	1. Micah Mathai	1. Jayden Mathews
2. Juanna George	2. Angel Thomas	2. Toby Thomas
	3. Christopher Thomas	
<b>2nd-B (Sanju/Vismitha)</b>	<b>3rd-A (Bindu/Annie)</b>	<b>3rd-B (Cynthia/Sharon)</b>
1. Esther Samuel	1. Anton Thomas	1. Mark Mathew
2. Hannah Mathai	2. Jesse Koshy	2. Dia George
3. Marissa Mathew, Madison Mathew		3. Julia Kurian
<b>3rd-C (Kevin/Ronen)</b>	<b>4th (Leena/Stanley)</b>	
1. Sajiv George	1. Sachin George	
	2. Ethan George, Alaina Koshy	
	3. Allie Koshy, Hannah Mathai	



# Worship Service & Lectionary

6-Jun	<b>Malayalam Holy Communion Service 08:30 AM</b>			
	<b>English Divine Service at 11:15 AM</b>			
	<b>Student Sunday: Growing in Grace and Wisdom</b>			
	<b>1st Lesson</b>	1 Kings 3:4-15	<b>Epistle</b>	James 1:5-8
	<b>2nd Lesson</b>	Colossians 1:3-14	<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 2:41-52
Medical Center/Stella Link Area members will be assisting the Holy Communion Service				
13-Jun	<b>English Holy Communion Service 09:00 AM</b>			
	<b>Environmental Sunday: Creation Praising the Glory of God</b>			
	<b>1st Lesson</b>	Job 38:1-41	<b>Epistle</b>	Colossians 1:15-20
	<b>2nd Lesson</b>	Revelations 21:1-8	<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 6:25-30
	Alief and Sugar Land Area members will be assisting the Holy Communion Service			
20-Jun	<b>Malayalam Holy Communion Service 08:30 AM</b>			
	<b>English Divine Service at 11:15 AM</b>			
	<b>Worship in Spirit and Truth</b>			
	<b>1st Lesson</b>	Isaiah 6:1-8	<b>Epistle</b>	2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
	<b>2nd Lesson</b>	1 John 5:1-12	<b>Gospel</b>	John 4:13-26
North Houston Area members will be assisting the Holy Communion Service				
27-Jun	<b>English Holy Communion Service 09:00 AM</b>			
	<b>The Cost of Discipleship</b>			
	<b>1st Lesson</b>	Daniel 6:10-23	<b>Epistle</b>	Titus 2:1-10
	<b>2nd Lesson</b>	Colossians 3:12-17	<b>Gospel</b>	John 10:11-18
	North Shore Area members will be assisting the Holy Communion Service			

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



Registration link for Church Services

<https://trinitymtc.org/register>



## *Demises*

1. **Mr. T. K. Andrews** (93 years), the older brother of Annamma Mathai (North Houston prayer group) and the older brother of Rachel Benjamin's father (Pearland East prayer group) received the heavenly call on Saturday, May 8th, in Kerala.
2. **Mr. P. V. Thomas** (86 years) Palanilkunnathil, Ranny was called to eternity on Friday, May 21st. He is the maternal uncle of our church members, Mr. Shiju George (Missouri City & Stafford Prayer group) and Mrs. Sheeja Jose (Pearland East Prayer group).

Please uphold these grieving families in your prayers. May God comfort them in their time of sorrow.



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