



Trinity Messenger

July 2021



Trinity Mar Thoma Church
5810 Almeda Genoa Road
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His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan



The Trinity Mar Thoma Church family congratulates, offers prayers and well-wishes to His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan on the 50th year of ordination.

Mar Theodosius studied at Baselious College, Kottayam and Mar Thoma College, Thiruvalla. After receiving an undergraduate degree in science, he joined Leonard Theological College in Jabalpur and earned a B.D. Degree in 1972.

Thirumeni was ordained as Deacon on June 24, 1972.

He earned an M.A. and Ph.D. from McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada. He was consecrated as Episcopa on December 9, 1989. On November 14, 2020, Thirumeni was installed as the 22nd Mar Thoma Metropolitan with the title Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan.



Vicar's Message

Dear Trinity Family,

We are blessed to enter a new month in our lives. I want to share my wishes as we celebrate the American Independence Day on July 4th. Freedom is always a topic that is closely related to humanity. Whether it is from the bondage of slavery, caste & color discrimination, invisible financial barriers, political & social discrimination or from a Christian perspective, the bondage of sin, the cries and struggles for freedom are always relevant. Let us thank God for the freedom that we enjoy and for the protection that He delivers in our lives.

The month of July is so special for us, for a few reasons. We have our **VBS** scheduled for **July 22-24**. I am sure the kids and the Sunday school teachers are excited about it. I know that the adults will be missing it this year, but we love our children and ensuring their safety during this pandemic is a priority. We will celebrate our **Parish Day** on **July 25th** and **His Grace Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Barnabas Episcopa Thirumeni** has agreed to share the Word of God and the Parish Day message with us. We have our **Harvest Festival** on **July 31st**. I encourage all of you to prayerfully participate and support our mission activities through our Harvest Festival. We need to pray for God's mercy for the blessed arrangements of these occasions.

We have increased our **church attendance limit to 350** and I encourage you all to come and participate in the Holy Qurbana Services. We have arranged area prayer meetings, fasting prayers, Yuvajana Sakhyam, Youth Fellowship & Senior Citizen meetings in-person in June and we are looking forward to having more in the days to come.

I request your wholehearted prayers and participation in the upcoming **Parish General Body** on **July 11th** as we are discuss the Sunday School Project, parking lot expansion, and renovation of the fellowship hall and kitchen. We need to take a collective decision and prayerfully go forward for the growth of the church and the glory of His name.

I am indebted to you all for the wholehearted support that you are giving me these days. I need your continued prayers and support to lead the parish as we await the arrival of Sam Achen. As Philippians 4:13 says: *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

You are in my prayers. God bless you all.

Yours in His ministry,

Roshen Achen



Vicar's July Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event
1-Jul	Thursday	11:00 AM	House dedication Prayer: Galveston
		2:00 PM	YS Song Practice
2-Jul	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer (on Zoom)
		11:00 AM	House warming: San Antonio
3-Jul	Saturday	11:00 AM	Baptism
		5:00 PM	Baptism
4-Jul	Sunday	8:30 AM	Malayalam Holy Qurbana
		11:30 AM	English Divine Service
		12:30 PM	Executive Committee
5-Jul	Monday	7:00 PM	Reserved for Center/Regional Meetings
		8:00 PM	Middle Age Fellowship Committee
6-Jul	Tuesday	6:00 AM	On Leave, July 6-9
7-Jul	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Sevika Sanghom Prayer
8-Jul	Thursday		
9-Jul	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer (on Zoom)
		7:30 PM	Edavaka Mission Prayer
10-Jul	Saturday	9:00 AM	YS Picnic
11-Jul	Sunday	9:00 AM	English Holy Qurbana (9:00 AM)
			General Body Meeting (after Service)
12-Jul	Monday		On leave, July 12-14
		7:00 PM	Reserved for Center/Regional Meetings
13-Jul	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Prayer Meeting: Alief Sugar Land (on Zoom)
14-Jul	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting: Pearland West (on Zoom)
15-Jul	Thursday		
16-Jul	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer, at Church
17-Jul	Saturday	11:00 AM	Baptism
		6:00 PM	Special Prayer
		7:00 PM	House Visit

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Date	Day	Time	Event
18-Jul	Sunday	8:30 AM	Malayalam Holy Qurbana
		11:30 AM	English Divine Service
		6:30 PM	Prayer Meeting: Pasadena (In-Person)
19-Jul	Monday	7:00 PM	Reserved for Center/Regional Meetings
20-Jul	Tuesday	9:00 AM	House Visits
21-Jul	Wednesday	7:00 PM	VBS Teachers Meeting
22-Jul	Thursday	VBS (8:30 AM - 3:00 PM)	
23-Jul	Friday		
24-Jul	Saturday		
25-Jul	Sunday	9:00 AM	English Holy Qurbana
			Parish Day
26-Jul	Monday	7:00 PM	Reserved for Center/Regional Meetings
27-Jul	Tuesday	9:00 AM	House Visits
28-Jul	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Sevika Sanghom Prayer
29-Jul	Thursday	10:00 AM	Senior Citizens Meeting
30-Jul	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer, at Church
		6:00 PM	Harvest Festival Arrangements
31-Jul	Saturday	10:00 AM	Baptism
		10:30 AM	Harvest Festival



Secretary's Note

Hello & Happy July to Everyone,

Another exciting month awaits us. We celebrate Independence Day on July 4th for a second time during a Covid-19 pandemic. However, this year, parades, fireworks, picnics, political speeches, and family get-togethers are planned amidst the hope that we are overcoming this deadly scourge in the United States.

The isolation of the last 15 months has made most of us emotionally more fragile. To get past these negative thoughts, University of California, Irvine, psychologist Belinda Campos recommends *practicing positive emotions*. Positive thoughts and emotions take the focus away from us to others. When we empathize with others, pray with a friend, and serve those in need, we are *practicing* positive emotions. We need to continue to place a greater emphasis on serving those in need.

Thank you for your generous response to the Trinity Covid fundraiser. I appreciate the efforts of Youth Fellowship, our Trustees, the Executive Committee and Roshen Achen in collecting and disbursing Covid relief funds. Mr. John Joseph deserves our gratitude for coordinating the purchase of a ventilator, for the Ranni Mar Thoma Medical Mission Center, on behalf of our Parish.

Our Harvest Festival is scheduled for Saturday, July 31st at the Trinity Center. Please help support this Trinity mission project fundraising effort by donating auction items and actively participating in the auction. This auction will be held in person, as well as virtual. We are looking forward to seeing the bountiful crops, plants, pickles and art work of our Trinity families.

Let us continue to pray for the children you sponsored through the **Light to Life** mission project. You can sponsor a child by donating \$240/year. For more details, read the *spotlight* on the **Light to Life** mission project in this newsletter.

Remember to renew your Mar Thoma Messenger subscription in July. Contact Mrs. Jooley Zachariah or Mr. Shawn Varghese for more details.

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

Thank you,

Reji George

TMC Secretary



Youth Fellowship Fundraiser



Attention all TMC members!

As a fundraiser for Youth Fellowship, we are selling Trinity merchandise. You can pre-order your very own Trinity water bottle, shirt, or cooler bag.

All designs were created by YF members!

Go to www.tmcyf.org under the shop tab and you can purchase your items there. Items will be distributed in August.

Last day to purchase is July 24th.

Payments can be made online or via venmo TMC-YF. Please let a YF officer know if you have any questions! We appreciate all your support.



Spotlight: Light to Life Mission Project

**REACHING OUT TO THE UNREACHED WITH THE
MESSAGE OF LOVE THROUGH EDUCATION**

Light to Life

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Light to Life is a social development endeavor of the Mar Thoma Diocese of North America and Europe to ensure children from poor communities get access to life's essentials, provide them necessary facilities for education, and enable them to lead a life of dignity.

The project aims at social transformation of communities by the holistic development of children through education, health care, food and shelter.

The Mar Thoma Mission Board of the Diocese of North America and Europe will implement this project in partnership with the church related agencies in India.

You can sponsor a child by donating just \$20/month (\$240/year).

Last year our Trinity Parish sponsored 211 children. Let us all join hands to transform the lives of these children for a better world. For more information, please contact Mr. Shawn Varghese, Mr. Jaison V. Cherian or Mr. T. A. Mathew. Thank you for your prayerful support and help.



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, July 13th @ 7:30 PM**
- ♦ Pearland West Area: **Wednesday July 14th @ 7:00 PM**
- ♦ Pasadena Area: **Sunday, July 18th @ 6:30 (note: this is an in-person prayer meeting)**

Sevika Sanghom Meetings, on Zoom:

- ♦ Wednesday, July 7th @ 7:30 PM
- ♦ Wednesday, July 28th @ 7:00 PM

Edavaka Mission Meeting, on Zoom:

- ♦ Friday, July 9th @ 7:30 PM

Fasting Prayers

- ♦ Friday, July 2nd @ 9:30 AM, on Zoom
- ♦ Friday, July 9th @ 9:30 AM, on Zoom
- ♦ Friday, July 16th @ 9:30 AM, at Church
- ♦ Friday, July 30th @ 9:30 AM, at Church

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

Meeting ID: 934 3547 4490, Passcode: 1111

Dial-in number +13462487799, Access code: 93435474490# Passcode: 1111

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93435474490?pwd=bEUzeWxMRtI3MHlvOW54bHhLZlA2Zz09>



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 ends on 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, contact VBS coordinator Stacy George or Sunday School leadership directly or via email 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.



Worship Service & Lectionary

4-Jul	Malayalam Holy Communion Service 08:30 AM			
	English Divine Service at 11:30 AM			
	Christian Stewardship - Tithe Offering			
	1st Lesson	1 Chronicles 29:1-9	Epistle	Philippians 4:10-20
	2nd Lesson	Acts 5:1-11	Gospel	Luke 19:11-26
Pasadena Area members will be assisting the Holy Communion Service				
11-Jul	English Holy Communion Service 09:00 AM			
	Priests: Called to be Imitators of Christ			
	1st Lesson	Malachi 1:6-14	Epistle	Galatians 6:11-18
	2nd Lesson	2 Timothy 2:1-13	Gospel	John 21:15-19
	Pearland East Area members will be assisting the Holy Communion Service			
18-Jul	Malayalam Holy Communion Service 08:30 AM			
	English Divine Service at 11:30 AM			
	God's People to be prepared for Witness			
	1st Lesson	Deuteronomy 6:1-12	Epistle	Romans 13:11-14
	2nd Lesson	Ephesians 5:1-21	Gospel	Matthew 5:13-16
Pearland West Area members will be assisting the Holy Communion Service				
25-Jul	English Holy Communion Service 09:00 AM			
	The Gift of the Holy Spirit - Given for Common Wellbeing, St. James the Apostle's Day			
	1st Lesson	Exodus 36:1-7	Epistle	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
	2nd Lesson	Ephesians 4:7-13	Gospel	John 20:19-23
	Alief & Sugar Land 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

Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas (100 years), Chettuthadathunkal, Mallappally was called to eternity on Sunday, June 20, 2021. Amachi is the paternal grandmother of Resly Mathews (Pearland West prayer group).

The funeral was held on Tuesday, June 22nd at the Sehion Mar Thoma Church, Mallappally. Please uphold the grieving family in your prayers.

May God comfort them in their time of sorrow.



2021 Parish Executive Committee

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