



Trinity Messenger

August 2021



Trinity Mar Thoma Church
5810 Almeda Genoa Road
Houston, Texas 77048



Vicar's Message

Dear Trinity Family,

Our loving God has allowed us to enter the month of August, a month considered a time of harvest in most parts of the world. It's time to reopen the schools. Kids are very excited to meet their friends. I wish all blessings to all the kids and teachers of our parish.

Last month was a blessed month. We were blessed to celebrate one more Parish Day in our life. We are indebted to Rt. Rev Joseph Mar Barnabas Suffragan Metropolitan for being our Parish Day guest virtually. We had our VBS this year with more than 160 students who attended. It was also a blessed time. I want to thank the VBS & Sunday School office bearers for their grand initiative.

We celebrated our Harvest Festival on July 31st & Aug 1. I am so thankful to each one of you for your dedicated participation. I want to congratulate the convenors, office bearers, Executive Committee members, AV Ministry Team, Middle-aged Family Fellowship, volunteers, donors, and participants for their hard work and efforts in making it a grand success. This year, we made history by collecting close to \$70,000 through our TMC Harvest Festival, which we will be using for our Mission & Charity works in the United States and India.

This month we are having a very special time of fellowship as we are planning an English Convention on Aug 28-29. Our own Larry Varghese Achen has agreed to be our Chief Guest. I encourage you all to come and be part of this great time of Christian fellowship. As we all know, many of our young families, who are the children of our seniors, are not our members at present. I wish to use this opportunity as a time of reunion for the English-speaking members of our parish with all the second-generation youth, who were our former members. I encourage the YFF members to invite them to be part of this convention.

As the Delta Variant of Covid 19 virus is spreading faster, we need to be more careful. I request you to maintain social distancing and to use masks for our protection. Those who visit India, make sure that you quarantine 7-10 days before you come to church. Our Sunday School is planning to be in-person from Aug 29, and I request all the kids and Sunday School children to follow Covid protocols strictly, as most of the kids are not vaccinated.

I request your prayers and participation in all the activities that we are going to initiate in the coming months. The Sevika Sanghom is organizing a Bake Sale and the Yuvajana Sakhyam is organizing an Exhibition. We also have the Sunday School Anniversary planned for this month. Other organizations are also planning many events. Please do continue to pray for the success of these events. Let us submit Sam K. Easow Achen & family and Rev. Oommen Samuel Achen & family in our prayers. Kindly remember me and my family also in your prayers.

Thanking you for your great support.

Yours in Christ,

Roshen Achen



Vicar's August Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event
1-Aug	Sunday	8:30 AM	Malayalam Holy Qurbana
		11:30 AM	English Divine Service
			Harvest Festival - Final Day
2-Aug	Monday	10:00 AM	Clergy Fellowship
		7:00 PM	Reserved for Diocesan/Regional Meetings
3-Aug	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Regional Sevika Sanghom Meeting
4-Aug	Wednesday	9:30 AM	House Visits
		7:30 PM	YS Dio Meeting
5-Aug	Thursday	9:30 AM	House Visits
6-Aug	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer, at Church
		6:30 PM	Ablaze
7-Aug	Saturday	10:30 AM	Baptism
8-Aug	Sunday	8:30 AM	English Holy Qurbana
			Sunday School Anniversary
		4:00 PM	Executive Committee
9-Aug	Monday	7:00 PM	Reserved for Diocesan/Regional Meetings
10-Aug	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Alief - Sugar Land Area Prayer
11-Aug	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Sevika Sanghom
12-Aug	Thursday	7:30 PM	YF Event : Revival
13-Aug	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer, at Church
		7:30 PM	Edavaka Mission
14-Aug	Saturday	11:00 AM	Baptism
		4:30 PM	Baptism

Vicar's August Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event
15-Aug	Sunday	8:30 AM	Malayalam Holy Qurbana
		11:30 AM	English Divine Service
			Sevika Sanghom Bake Sale
16-Aug	Monday	7:00 PM	Reserved for Diocesan/Regional Meetings
17-Aug	Tuesday	9:30 AM	House Visits
18-Aug	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Missouri City - Stafford Area Prayer
19-Aug	Thursday	7:30 PM	North Shore Area Prayer
20-Aug	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer, at Church
21-Aug	Saturday		MAFF : Onam Celebration
22-Aug	Sunday	8:30 AM	Malayalam Holy Qurbana
		11:00 AM	YS Exhibition
23-Aug	Monday	7:00 PM	Reserved for Diocesan/Regional Meetings
24-Aug	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Healing Hearts Prayer
25-Aug	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Sevika Sanghom
26-Aug	Thursday		Senior Citizen Fellowship
27-Aug	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer, at Church
		7:00 PM	Trinity (English) Convention
28-Aug	Saturday	7:30 AM	ICECH Cricket Inauguration
		11:00 AM	House Warming
		6:00 PM	Trinity (English) Convention
29-Aug	Sunday	8:30 AM	English Holy Qurbana & Convention final day
			Sunday School Teacher Dedication
		7:30 PM	Pearland East (In-Person) Area Prayer
30-Aug	Monday		
31-Aug	Tuesday		



Secretary's Note

Hello & Happy August to Everyone,

It is almost time for our children to go back to school. Most of us had assumed that the new academic year would be void of Covid-19 pandemic worries. That collective prayer to be free of pandemic worries is yet to be completely answered. Harris County recently revised their Covid-19 threat level back to red. We as a church family should continue to make smart choices: wear a mask that completely covers nose and mouth, keep hands clean, get vaccinated, maintain physical distance while talking with others and attending Church service, carry and use hand sanitizers, encourage our younger children to wear a mask and keep their hands clean, encourage those struggling with pandemic stress and loneliness, etc.

This pandemic has taken an emotional toll on many. We need to focus on positive thoughts, place a greater emphasis on serving those in need, and trust in the words of the psalmist that our heavenly Father will save us from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.

Our Trinity Harvest Festival was a big success. Thank you, Trinity Family for donating items & for your auction participation. Your donations (of cash, vegetables, fruits, plants, artwork, pickles, chips, snacks, etc) are the reason why the Trinity Harvest Festival was an extraordinarily successful event.

I am thankful for Roshen Achen's initiative in this effort. I also appreciate the prayers and support from Sam Easow Achen and Oommen Samuel Achen. The Harvest Festival Committee leaders – John Chacko, Thomas Mathew (Jeemon), Aaron Alex, Trustees – Pulinthitta George & Abraham Joseph, VP - Shajan George, all Office Bearers, Executive Committee members, our Organization Leaders, Area Representatives and Area Volunteers, Trinity Center Managers, Auctioneers, Middle-aged Family Fellowship, AV Ministry, Jibu Mathew, Athul Mathew, Shawn Varghese and many volunteers, and our Mega, Diamond, Gold and Silver sponsors all deserve our thank you and appreciation.

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

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

Thank you,
Reji George
TMC Secretary



Spotlight: Light to Life Mission Project

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.

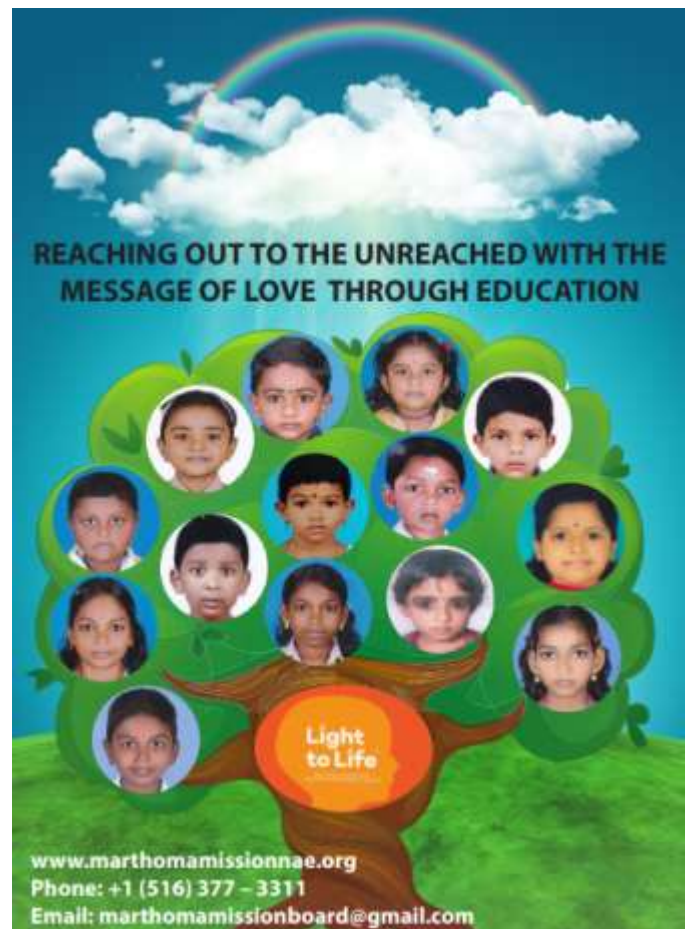
You can sponsor a child by donating just \$20/month (\$240/year).

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.

We plan to close this fundraising effort by Sunday, August 15.

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=NmhBVnVhcnRKOUE9hSGRyYXFzUT09>

- ♦ Alief - Sugar Land Area: **Tuesday, August 10th @ 7:00 PM**
- ♦ Missouri City - Stafford Area: **Wednesday, August 18th @ 7:00 PM**
- ♦ North Shore Area: **Thursday, August 19th @ 7:30 PM**
- ♦ Pearland East Area: **Sunday, August 29th @ 6:30 (note: this is an in-person prayer meeting)**

Sevika Sanghom Meetings, on Zoom:

- ♦ Wednesday, August 11th @ 7:30 PM
- ♦ Wednesday, August 25th @ 7:30 PM

Edavaka Mission Meeting, on Zoom:

- ♦ Friday, August 13th @ 7:30 PM

Fasting Prayers

- ♦ Friday, August 6th @ 9:30 AM, on Zoom
- ♦ Friday, August 13th @ 9:30 AM, at Church
- ♦ Friday, August 20th @ 9:30 AM, at Church
- ♦ Friday, August 27th @ 9:30 AM, at Church

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

Meeting ID: 934 3547 4490, Passcode: 1111

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Worship Service & Lectionary

1-Aug	Malayalam Holy Communion Service 08:30 AM			
	English Divine Service at 11:30 AM			
	Theme: Participation in Divine Mission (& 15 Day Lent begins)			
	1st Lesson	Exodus 3:1-14	Epistle	2 Corinthians 11:16-31
	2nd Lesson	Acts 11:19-26	Gospel	Luke 10:1-12
Galveston and Other Area members will be assisting the Holy Communion Service				
8-Aug	English Holy Communion Service 08:30 AM			
	Theme: Jesus Christ - Fully Human and Fully Divine			
	1st Lesson	Isaiah 40:10-23	Epistle	Hebrews 12:1-13
	2nd Lesson	Phillipians 2:1-11	Gospel	John 17:1-8
	Sunday School students and teachers will be assisting the Holy Communion Service			
15-Aug	Malayalam Holy Communion Service 08:30 AM			
	English Divine Service at 11:30 AM			
	Theme: Reformation Sunday - The Reforming Church (& end of 15 Day Lent)			
	1st Lesson	2 Kings 23:1-6	Epistle	Acts 2:37-42
	2nd Lesson	Revelations 3:14-22	Gospel	Matthew 13:1-9
Medical Center - Stella Link Area members will be assisting the Holy Communion Service				
22-Aug	Malayalam Holy Communion Service 08:30 AM			
	Theme: Theological Education - To Strengthen the Faith			
	1st Lesson	1 Kings 18:17-40	Epistle	2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
	2nd Lesson	Acts 8:26-40	Gospel	John 12:20-26
	Missouri City - Stafford Area members will be assisting the Holy Communion Service			
29-Aug	English Holy Communion Service 08:30 AM			
	Theme: Holy Baptism - Identifying with the Death and Resurrection of Christ			
	1st Lesson	Genesis 7:11-14	Epistle	Romans 6:1-14
	2nd Lesson	1 Peter 3:17-22	Gospel	John 3:1-8
	Pearland East 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

Mr. Reji Eapen (45), Perumana House, Ranny was called to eternity on Saturday, August 7th, in Muscat. He is the nephew of Mr. Abraham Joseph (Jose), our trustee and member of the North Shore Prayer Group. Reji Eapen is survived by his wife Shiji & two sons. Arrangements are being done to bring the mortal remains to Kerala. Funeral details will be updated later.

Mr. C. T. Kurian (77 years) was called to eternity on Friday, July 30th. He is the father of Mrs. Prabitha Joseph, wife of Mr. K. A. Joseph (Sunny), from the Missouri City & Stafford Prayer Group. Funeral Service was held at Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church, Erumeli on Wednesday, August 4th.

Mrs. Thankamma Samuel (98 years) was called to eternity on Friday, July 30th. She is the mother of Mr. T. S. Johnson, from Missouri City & Stafford Prayer Group. Funeral Service was held the same day at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Pune.

Mr. O. Pappachen (66 years) Anjanam Family, Plappally, Kottarakkara was called to eternity on Tuesday, July 13th. He is the father of Mrs. Jisha Thomas (Missouri City & Stafford Prayer Group) and brother-in-law of Mr. Rajan K. Geevarghese (Alief Sugarland Prayer Group). The funeral was held at Bethel Mar Thoma Church, Plappally, Kottarakkara on Monday, July 19th.

Mr. Oommen John (83 years) was called to eternity on Monday, July 19th. He is the older brother of Mrs. Mariamma Lukose and the uncle of Mr. Thomas Cherian (Ani) (both from the Pearland West Prayer Group). Funeral Service was held yesterday, July 24th at St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Cathedral.

Please uphold the bereaved family members in your prayers.



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