

- **Worship Services and Lectionary for next Sunday**

Next Sunday, October 17th, 2021, we will have **Malayalam Holy Communion Service** starting at **8:30 AM**, in-person and through the Trinity YouTube channel.

- Register starting **Thursday, October 14th at 7:00 AM**
- Yuvajana Sakhyam members will assist the Worship Service

English Divine Service is scheduled for 11:30 AM

Theme: Kingdom Building Through Families

1st Lesson: Daniel 1:1-7
2nd Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-18
Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:12-16
Gospel: Mark 10:17-22

- **Prayer Meetings**

- **Alief-Sugar Land Area Prayer**
 - **Tuesday, October 12th at 7:00 PM**
 - Area committee member will be elected that day
- **Missouri City & Stafford Area Prayer**
 - **Wednesday, October 13th at 7:00 PM**
 - Area committee member will be elected that day
- **Fasting Prayer, on Zoom**
 - **Friday, October 8th at 9:30 AM**

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- **Organizational Announcements**

- **Sunday School**

- We'll be having our in-person Sunday school today, October 10th, 2021, immediately after English HC Service.
- There will be in-person Sunday school next Sunday, October 17th at 10:30 AM. We encourage teachers and students to participate in the HC first.
- If you would **like to register your child** for the New Sunday School year, please let me or Sunday school leadership know through email. Email: trinitymtcss@gmail.com
- Covid Guidelines: See below suggested guidelines. We'll make additional changes on as-needed basis. All students, teachers and parents are requested to follow them, so that our children and church family can be safe and mitigate the spread of Covid virus.
 1. Sunday school starts at 10:30 am on Malayalam service Sundays and after the service on English service Sundays.
 2. No General sessions before classes.
 3. Students and teachers go directly to classes
 4. Head start to 2nd grade will be in Sunday school
 5. 3rd grade and above will be at trinity center
 6. Request parents not to gather in Sunday school during classes. Only exception is for a parent of a head start child
 7. Masks must be worn all the time during Sunday school
 8. Wipes and sanitizers will be placed at both Sunday school hall and trinity center
 9. Recommend teachers to wipe the desks if using them.
 10. Encourage students to use sanitizers and wash hands often.
 11. Seat the students appropriately distanced as well.
 12. After the dismissal from classes, students are encouraged to go to Divine service or home with their parents.

13. Students are not allowed to hang around Sunday school hall or Trinity center after their classes are done.
 14. If students or teachers are ill or have similar symptoms of covid, please do not come.
 15. If a student is not feeling well during class time, please let the teacher or Sunday school leadership know asap.
 16. We'll be doing a temperature check at the entrance of Sunday school and trinity center before class.
- **Regional Sunday School news**
 - Sunday School Student Retreat
 - Southwest Regional Sunday School is planning to conduct Junior student retreat focusing on students in Pre-K - Grade 4 on Oct 23rd from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM through Zoom.
 - The theme for this year's retreat is "The Beatitudes = The attitude" based on Matthew 5:1-12. Mrs. Ann Cherian will be leading the session. Kochamma was brought up in New York and now serves with Rev. Abraham Kuruvilla in Lubbock and Dallas.
 - Attached is the flyer for the retreat.
 - Please register your child using the link below before Oct 15th.
 - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjigL6FBMF-uipZwYMaCm1leFowvqW1jxfr8TUDoC2CFdEA/viewform>
 - Regional Sunday school Teacher's workshop will be on November 6th led by Rev. Abraham Kuruvilla.
 - **Trunk or Treat -- ARE YOU FALL-O-WEEN Jesus?**

Trinity Mar Thoma Church Sunday School and YF are teaming up to bring you "Trunk or Treat" on Saturday October 30th from 5 PM - 8 PM at the TMC parking lot.

We welcome all Sunday school and YF families to come join us for a fun filled evening with food, activities, music, and prizes for best costume and trunk.

Please wear a costume that Jesus would not mind you wearing!

Due to COVID protocols we are requesting everyone to wear masks!

Please RSVP by Wednesday October 20th!

You can use the church link to RSVP and sign up for a biblical theme for your vehicle's trunk if you plan to decorate.

Link: <https://trinitymtc.org/ministries/sunday-school/trunk-or-treat-are-you-fall-o-ween-jesus/>

For those decorating their vehicle's trunk don't forget the treats for the kids visiting your vehicle.

Please make sure not to bring any candies with nuts!



- Sunday School purchased **Teddy Bears and other goodies to donate to Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Pediatric Department.** Our Sunday school students will write "get well" notes during our in-person class to send to our little friends at the hospital.

- **Christmas Play**

- Time: Christmas Eve
- Venu: Trinity MTC
- It will be In person Christmas Play
- No Auditions.
- The Deadline to signup is October 17th.
- Sign up Email - trinitymtchristmas@gmail.com
- For more info visit www.trinitymtc.org/Sundayschool



Sincerely,
John Varghese (Anil) &
Sunday School Leadership Team

- **Young Family Fellowship**



- YFF is helping **Harvest for the Hungry**, a non-profit organization, to end hunger in Houston
- **Saturday, October 23rd**
- **8 AM – 11 AM**
- Pick fruit, maintain plants, and much more
- Contact a YFF representative for more details.

Thank you,
Varghese Mathai
Secretary

- **Sevika Sanghom**

- **Pink Sunday.**

We are at the end of October and as you all know it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Almost everyone knows 'someone' affected by this disease. So TMC Sevika Sanghom is requesting everyone to wear 'PINK' on Sunday, 24th of October. By Wearing 'PINK' (Shirt, ties, Saree, Churidar, Dress) on Sunday, 24th of October, we are raising awareness and expressing our moral support to women with breast cancer. We are requesting the support of YF, Yuvagana Skayam, Sunday School and other Parish organizations to make this a success.

Dr. Listy Anam Thomas, MD, MBA (Associate professor of medical sciences) from Connecticut will deliver the message on Wednesday, October 20th. All are welcome to attend this awareness webinar.

- **Kalamalsaram**

Our TMC Sevika Sanghom Annual Kalamalsaram will be held on Sunday, October 24th, after the Holy Communion service. Competitions will be conducted in the following 2 age categories, Above 60 and below 60. There will be three competitive items, Singing, Bible Reading, and Elocution. Those who are interested to participate must register their name with the Sevika Sanghom Secretary before the 22nd of October.

Details will be posted on the bulletin board in the Sunday School Hall.

All Sevika Sanghom members are invited to participate in this event.

Thank you,

Jooley Zachariah

Secretary

- **Edavaka Mission**

Evangelists Christmas Gift.

We are approaching the Christmas time again. A time for caring and sharing. For the past 15 years Edavaka mission was coordinating the Christmas Gift program for our Evangelists serving in various parts of India. The living conditions in various parts of India is getting harder due to the pandemic Covid-19. It is our duty to help the poor and needy. Jesus said "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" Mathew 25:40.

Because of the wholehearted support of our Trinity family, we could do this in the past years successfully and we are depending on our members to support the program for this year also. We are planning to give Indian Rs. 3,000 to each of our Evangelists which is close to \$50.00 per evangelist with expenses. Last year we supported 608 Evangelists. We need to raise \$30,000 for this project and we are requesting each family to support the project as you all did it in the past. You can support as many Evangelists as you like. There is no limit. Any amount of donation will be appreciated. You can pay via Venmo (TMC-EdavakaMission) or mail a check to the Treasurer Mr. Babu T. George or bring it to the church. You can also see Achen or one of the Edavaka mission member for more details. God loveth a Cheerful Giver. Thank you all very much. May God bless us all.

The MTVEA South West Region, Center B monthly prayer meeting will be held on October 11, Monday at 7.30 PM via Zoom. Please plan to attend.

Zoom details listed below.

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Rev. M.P. Yohannan (Austin Mar Thoma Church member) will give the message.

Thank you,

Abraham K. Idiculla

Secretary

- **Yuvajana Sakhyam**

- Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam Diocese of North America and Europe is organizing an Essay competition on the topic ‘ യൗവ്വനം അർത്ഥവത്തായ ജീവിതത്തിനുള്ള അന്വേഷണം' (Youth - search for a meaningful life) Competition will be in both Malayalam and English . First prize will be a 150 dollar cash prize for each Malayalam and English. Second prize will be 100 dollar cash prize each in Malayalam and English as well. Please submit your essays to marthomayuvajanasakhyamnae@gmail.com by October 17th 2021 at 9pm EST. Requesting all of your Sakha members participation.

Essay competition criteria's are as follows:

1. Participants must be a registered MTYS member of our Diocese.
2. Essay should be legible and be based on Christian values.
3. Essay should not be more than 500 words.
4. The decision of Diocesan YS council will be final.
5. Submit your essays to marthomayuvajanasakhyamnae@gmail.com by October 17th at 9pm EST.

Thank you,
Reenu Varghese
Secretary

- Condolences

- **Mrs. Rebecca Babu** (72) was called to eternity on Wednesday, October 6th in Vakathanam, Kerala. She is the younger sister of Mr. Joseph M. Chemmarappally (Missouri City & Stafford Area Prayer Group). Funeral was held on Saturday, October 9th at the Vakatham St. Ignatius Orthodox Church. May God comfort the family members with His Divine Peace. Please continue to pray for family.
- Our former Parish member, **Mr. Koshy P. Thomas** (87), was called to eternal abode on Monday, October 4th, 2021, in Houston. He was one of the founding members of our Parish and is the co-brother of Mr. Daniel Varghese (Missouri City & Stafford Prayer Group). Mr. Thomas served as the Parish Secretary in 1979, Lay Leader in 1985, and Diocesan Assembly member from 1999-2002. We acknowledge and appreciate his service. The wake will be held today, October 10th at 5 PM. Funeral services will be held on Monday, October 11th at 10 AM. Both events will take place at Immanuel Mar Thoma Church. May God comfort all family members with His Divine Peace. Please continue to pray for the grieving family.

- Offertory collection details:

- **Sunday, October 3rd: \$7,110**
GENERAL: \$2,769, BIRTHDAY: \$3,941, WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: \$400

- Assistance Request – Ayathil Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church:

- The Ayathil Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church was founded in 1973 and the Church building was constructed in 1977. The building is structurally not sound and needs to be reconstructed. The 20 families attending this Parish are mostly day laborers and have requested our help to rebuild the Church (total cost: ~ \$49k).
- Pray that we can raise at least \$7k to help. Our Parish is not able to send assistance directly, in the near term, because of Indian government restrictions on mission project money transfers. We can however help as individuals. Please contact our Trustees for details and help with this need.
- Mar Thoma Messenger (official publication of our Diocese) is published quarterly. Sign-up or renew subscription today to receive the October issue. For more information, visit the Messenger booth in the Sunday School Hall or in the Foyer Area. We get an award if 20 more people sign-up.
- 10/17 Malayalam Holy Communion Service - register starting Thursday, 10/14, at 7:00 AM.
- First Communicants class - today, at 4:30 PM, on Zoom

Trinity Mar Thoma Church, Houston, Texas

October 10, 2021 – Announcements

- ICECH Bible Quiz – October 24; need a 5-member Team.
- Join us for snacks, in the fellowship hall. Thank you, Dr. Jay Chacko and Miss Jennifer Chacko, for remembering the blessed lives of their paternal grandmother and maternal grandfather.

Have a good new week.

Reji George

TMC Secretary

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