



Trinity Messenger

March 2022



Trinity Mar Thoma Church
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Vicar's Message

Dear Trinity Family,

We are already in the Lenten season in which the days start to get longer. Lent is a time of self-evaluation, correction, and re-submission of our lives before God. The church considers lent as an integral part of our Christian journey and urges us to train ourselves to follow it as a sign of having self-control over our desires and emotions. Just like Jesus was able to overcome the temptations, we are preparing ourselves for the same. It is also an attempt to identify ourselves with the pain and suffering that Jesus went through during his trial and crucifixion. I hope that our Lent prayers and devotion, as well as the passion week services, will be a blessing for us. The Lent prayers will begin on March 23rd, Wednesday via Zoom at 7 PM where we will be following the *Valiya Nomb Namaskara Kramam*. On Fridays, we have scheduled the services in English.

At the same time, we are slowly planning to have in-person prayer meetings as more families are showing interest to host them. Fasting Prayers and Senior Fellowship Meetings are being held in-person. We are continuing with the Zoom platform for most of the prayers, but hopefully in the coming days, we will be able to have more in-person meetings, so that our relationships will be more real. Also, wearing a mask to attend church services becomes optional from April first Sunday onwards.

Two parishes have requested us for our assistance for their church project. If we are observing lent and are saving some money for charity, we can help these two parishes.

V Kottayam Ebenezer MTC: They are a small parish with 33 families. The Church is situated in a hilly terrain and the members have to climb 50 steps to reach the church. If not, they have to use a steep ramp which can only accommodate one vehicle only at a time as there is no place to park at the top. Most of the members are seniors and are struggling to climb up to the church. So, they would like to buy the land adjacent to the church which can be used as a place for parking as well as a cemetery. **They need 22 lakhs which is approximately \$29,000.** They have started a collection among themselves but with 33 families it is hard for them to do it. I have served in this parish, and I know how hard it is for them to reach the church. If some of us can give a personal contribution to help them it will be a great help. **As we have limitations in sending money to India through our church, we need you to send personal checks for the same. Please let me know if you are interested to help this parish.**

San Antonio Congregation: The San Antonio Congregation has identified a place to be used as a church and have made an offer to buy it. They would like to get our support for buying the same. It is our responsibility to help our fellow Marthomites who wish to have a worship center of their own. So, it will be great if some of our members can provide help to them. **You can give your contribution to our church trustees so that we can give them on behalf of our church.**

Our Yuvajana Sakhyam is arranging a **3-day Retreat on May 6-8** at Camp Allen, which is open to all parish members. As we were not able to conduct a church retreat for the last 3 years, I would like to encourage all the Church members to register for the same. This will be a blessed time of fellowship, spiritual nourishment, and interaction for our church members of different age group. We will be having the Holy Qurbana Service on May 8th.

Let us continue to be a blessing to each other during this lent season. Spend more time for prayer & Bible study. Encourage our members to be part of lent prayers and to observe lent. As the Covid restrictions are gradually going away, we need to make sure that all our parish members are regularly attending the church services. Continue to remember us also in your prayers.

With Prayers,

Roshen Achen



Vicar's March Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event
1-Mar	Tuesday	7:00 PM	SW Regional Sevika Sanghom
2-Mar	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Sevika Sanghom Prayer Meeting
3-Mar	Thursday		
4-Mar	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer: Stafford Parsonage
		7:00 PM	YF: Revival
5-Mar	Saturday	9:00 PM	YS Committee
6-Mar	Sunday	8:30 AM	Holy Qurbana Service: Malayalam
		11:30 AM	English Divine Service
		6:30 PM	ICECH Committee
7-Mar	Monday		Reserved for Centre/Region/Diocesan Prayers
8-Mar	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Area Prayer: Alief Sugar Land
9-Mar	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Area Prayer: Missouri City & Stafford
10-Mar	Thursday		
11-Mar	Friday	7:30 PM	Edavaka Mission Prayer Meeting
12-Mar	Saturday	10:00 AM	World Day of Prayer
		5:00 PM	GOA Prayer: In-person (at Trinity)
13-Mar	Sunday	8:30 AM	Holy Qurbana Service: English
		11:00 AM	Choir General Body
		11:30 AM	Executive Committee Meeting
		6:00 PM	Regional YS General Body
14-Mar	Monday		Reserved for Centre/Region/Diocesan Prayers
15-Mar	Tuesday		Home Visits - Lousiana
16-Mar	Wednesday		Home Visits - Lousiana
17-Mar	Thursday		
18-Mar	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer, on Zoom
			Home Visits - Corpus Christi
19-Mar	Saturday		Home Visits - Corpus Christi
20-Mar	Sunday	8:30 AM	Holy Qurbana Service: Malayalam
		11:30 AM	English Divine Service
21-Mar	Monday		Reserved for Centre/Region/Diocesan Prayers
22-Mar	Tuesday		
23-Mar	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Lent Prayer Begins
24-Mar	Thursday	7:00 PM	Lent Prayer
25-Mar	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer: Stafford Parsonage
		7:00 PM	Lent Prayer
26-Mar	Saturday		
27-Mar	Sunday	8:30 AM	Holy Qurbana Service: English
		11:00 AM	Trinity Sports General Body
		6:00 PM	Area Prayer: Pasadena
28-Mar	Monday	7:00 PM	Lent Prayer
29-Mar	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Lent Prayer
30-Mar	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Lent Prayer
31-Mar	Thursday	7:00 PM	Lent Prayer



Secretary's Note

Hello everyone,

It is exciting to look forward to March 20th and the beginning of the spring season. The worst of the newest Covid-19 variant is behind us, and many experts believe (Covid-19 related) US hospitalization rates will continue to remain low.

Starting on April 1st, masks will be optional for church services and activities.

Our national news cycle has also shifted focus from Covid to possible war stories, including fears of even another world war intertwined with a pandemic. We are retold that World War I directly resulted in over 15 million deaths and another 50 million people may have died of the Spanish flu in the same timeframe.

Matthew 24:6-8 reminds us that we will

...hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

We need to continue to place trust in our heavenly Father and share from our blessings. Speaking of blessings, many have asked me about 2021 Harvest Festival funds, as well as Trinity mission activities.

A major funding source for Trinity Mission Activities is the Harvest Festival: \$71,895 was raised just through that one activity last year.

In 2021, \$221,361 was set aside for mission activities. That is 28% of total parish income!

\$179,011 has already been disbursed: Local Mission Projects (\$31,000, including \$8,000 for our custodian, Gloria Sierra, and family), India Mission Activities (\$65,671), Covid Relief (\$19,480), Mar Thoma Church Destitute Homes (\$3,000) & Light to Life Fund (\$59,860). The remaining monies have been earmarked for ongoing and future activities – local mission projects (\$7,500), nursing student assistance (\$19,300) and housing aid (\$15,550).

In 2021, our Parish purchased and donated a ventilator for the Mar Thoma Medical Mission Hospital in Ranni, committed to helping 22 nursing students complete their education, and provided Housing Aid for 3 home constructions in India. Trinity was also able to respond to an urgent request from Rev. John George (our former Achen & now Vicar at Bethel Mar Thoma Church, Secunderabad) to assist with hospital expenses for two burn victims. In addition, TMC members contributed ₹575,000 for construction of the Vechoochira St. John's Mar Thoma Church and ₹500,000 for rebuilding the Ayathil Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church.

I welcome the 2022 Office Bearers and Executive Committee to a year of new responsibilities and dedicated service. Please continue to pray for our Church, our Achens and their families, the office bearers, executive committee, and me.

Thank you,
Reji George
TMC Secretary



Prayer Meetings

March 2022

Area Prayer Meetings:

Zoom Meeting ID: 440 320 308, Passcode: 2222

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- ♦ Alief Sugar Land Area: **Tuesday, March 8th @ 7:00 PM**, on Zoom
- ♦ Missouri & Stafford Area: **Wednesday, March 9th @ 7:00 PM**, on Zoom
- ♦ Galveston and Other Area: **Saturday, March 12th at 5:30 PM (in-person @ Trinity)**
- ♦ Pasadena Area: **Sunday, March 27th @ 6:00 PM**, on Zoom

Sevika Sanghom Prayer Meetings, on Zoom:

- ♦ Wednesday, March 2nd @ 7:30 PM, on Zoom
- ♦ Wednesday, February 16th @ 7:30 PM, on Zoom

Edavaka Mission Prayer Meetings, on Zoom:

- ♦ Friday, March 11th @ 7:30 PM, on Zoom

Fasting Prayers

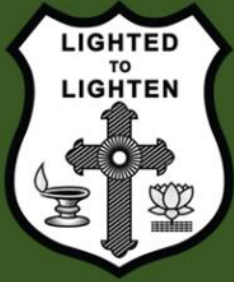
- ♦ Friday, March 5th @ 9:30 AM (in-person @ Stafford Parsonage)
- ♦ Friday, March 18th @ 9:30 AM, on Zoom
- ♦ Friday, March 25th @ 9:30 AM (in-person @ Stafford Parsonage)

Zoom connection details for Sevika Sanghom & Fasting Prayer Meetings

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Worship Service & Lectionary

6-Mar	Malayalam Holy Communion Service 8:30 AM			
	English Divine Service at 11:30 AM			
	Theme: Healing that Comforts			
	1st Lesson	2 Kings 5:1-14	Epistle	Phillipians 2:21-30
	2nd Lesson	Philemon 1:8-21	Gospel	Mark 1:40-45
Pearland West Area members will assist the Holy Communion Service				
13-Mar	English Holy Communion Service 8:30 AM			
	Theme: Healing through Forgiveness of Sins			
	1st Lesson	2 Samuel 12:1-13	Epistle	1 Peter 2:21-25
	2nd Lesson	Acts 8:9-17	Gospel	Mark 2:1-12
	Alief & Sugar Land Area members will assist the Holy Communion Service			
20-Mar	Malayalam Holy Communion Service 8:30 AM			
	English Divine Service at 11:30 AM			
	Theme: Salvation in Christ			
	1st Lesson	Isaiah 45:1-8	Epistle	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
	2nd Lesson	Acts 10:34-43	Gospel	Matthew 15:21-28
Galveston and Other Area members will assist the Holy Communion Service				
27-Mar	English Holy Communion Service 8:30 AM			
	Theme: Worship - which gives Perfection to Personhood			
	1st Lesson	Isaiah 66:19-24	Epistle	Romans 8:31-39
	2nd Lesson	Acts 2:22-36	Gospel	Luke 13:10-17
	Executive Committee will assist the Holy Communion Service			



Lenten Prayer and Passion week services

Lenten Prayer and Passion week schedule - 2022

Date	Day		Time	Reading 1	Reading 2	Gospel
March 23, 2022	Wednesday	Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM, on Zoom	1 Samuel 7:5-12	Psalms 34:1-9	John 3:13-21
March 24, 2022	Thursday	Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM, on Zoom	Daniel 4:24-37	Psalms 41:1-13	Luke 15:11-32
March 25, 2022	Friday	Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM, on Zoom	Daniel 9:1-11	2 Corinthians 1:9-13	Luke 16:19-31
March 28, 2022	Monday	Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM, on Zoom	Jeremiah 33:6-11	Romans 9:14-33	Luke 4:31-41
March 29, 2022	Tuesday	Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM, on Zoom	Isaiah 40:12-24	Romans 1:8-17	Mark 5:1-20
March 30, 2022	Wednesday	Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM, on Zoom	Isaiah 41:8-17	1 Corinthians 10:14-22	Mark 6:30-46
March 31, 2022	Thursday	Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM, on Zoom	Isaiah 42:1-9	Colossians 3:1-17	Matthew 14:22-36
April 1, 2022	Friday	Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM, on Zoom	Hosea 6:1-6	1 Timothy 2:1-15	Mark 5:21-43
April 4, 2022	Monday	Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM, on Zoom	Jeremiah 35:1-11	1 Thessalonians 4:1-12	Luke 19:1-10
April 5, 2022	Tuesday	Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM, on Zoom	Zechariah 9:9-17	Romans 8:12-27	Mark 10:32-45
April 6, 2022	Wednesday	Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM, on Zoom	Daniel 7:9-18	Galatians 5:12-26	Matthew 9:1-8
April 7, 2022	Thursday	Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM, on Zoom	Isaiah 51:1-8	2 Corinthians 6:1-10	Luke 18:1-14
April 8, 2022	Friday	Holy Communion Service	10 AM, at Church	Jeremiah 7:3-17	1 Peters 1:13-22	Luke 4:1-13
April 11, 2022	Monday	Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM, at Church	Isaiah 63	Hebrews 2	Matthew 22:15-33
April 12, 2022	Tuesday	Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM, at Church	Numbers 21:1-16	Ephesians 2	Matthew 24:1-28
April 13, 2022	Wednesday	Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM, at Church	Leviticus 16:1-22	Matthew 24:1-51	Matthew 26:14-46
April 14, 2022	Thursday	Holy Communion Service	6:30 PM, at Church	Maundy Thursday		
April 15, 2022	Friday	Good Friday Service	9:00 AM, at Church	Good Friday		
April 17, 2022	Sunday	Holy Communion Service	8:30 AM, at Church	Easter Sunday		



Demises

Mrs. Achiamma George (88), the mother of Mr. Sabu George of Missouri City & Stafford prayer group, received the heavenly call on Thursday, March 10th, 2022. The funeral was held on Monday, March 14th, 2022, at Anaprambal Mar Thoma Church, Edathua, Kerala.

Mr. Rajan C. Babu (75), the younger brother of Mrs. Mariamma Mathews of North Shore prayer group, received the heavenly call on Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022. The funeral was held on Saturday, March 12th, 2022, in Austin.

Mrs. Rachel Yohannan (74), sister-in-law of Mr. Abraham Joseph of the North Shore Prayer group, received the Heavenly call on Monday, February 14th in Ranni, Kerala. The funeral was held on Wednesday, February 16th at Christos Mar Thoma Church, Angadi, Ranni.

Mrs. Rosamma John Varghese (73), the mother of Mr. Sean Varghese of the North Houston Prayer group, received the Heavenly call on Friday, February 4th in Ranni, Kerala. The funeral was held at the Bethel Mar Thoma Church.

May God comfort all the family members with His Divine Peace.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.



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