



Trinity Messenger

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Trinity Mar Thoma Church
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Vicar's Message

This is indeed a pleasure and privilege to be a part of the Houston Trinity family. We humble ourselves before the Lord Almighty for this opportunity. We also thank Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan and Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa for giving this opportunity. I praise God and thank Trinity for the warm reception on arrival here at the Houston airport and in the parish. As we are getting used with the new situation, it is so wonderful that we are surrounded by the loving care and support from all of you. I gratefully acknowledge the valuable services of all the Achens who served since the beginning of the parish and the sacrificial life of all the lay leaders. Thank God for the meaningful ministry of Rev. Jacob P. Thomas, my immediate predecessor, now Vicar at the Bangalore Primrose MTC. I also praise God for the dynamic leadership of Roshen Achen and thank him for the support he is giving us in these days. Also, I thank the office bearers and the Executive Committee for their support.

Trinity Mar Thoma church is a blessed parish. From a humble beginning, God blessed us to be a worshipping community in this country. This parish belongs to God. God carries out His plan in this world through the church. We are just instruments in His hands for the accomplishment of His will and purposes. When we realize this fact, we will become dynamic and will be able to move the society around us. So let us submit ourselves to continue with the good works that God has entrusted us.

We are going through tough times, which has no parallels in history. Time has two characteristics. One, it has no turning back, and second, we cannot predict its ways. But there is always a chance for transformation and to become anew. Since the beginning of ages, God has been there in the brokenness of the world and reconstructed it. So let us consider it as a time for transformation, growth, and getting better with the Almighty.

In June, we all are really excited for the summer. Children are getting out of school and many choose to go for vacation. I wish this summer will be a good time for our children to explore new knowledge and areas of life.

We are planning to conduct Malayalam classes for our children during the summer break. Details will be announced later this month.

It is so heartbreaking that many children lose their lives in unfortunate incidents. We need to find and spend more prayer time for our children. This summer we will have in-person VBS in our Parish. I wish and pray this be a fruitful time for our children to grow more in the fear and faith of our Lord. Our Sunday School and VBS leaders are making all arrangements with great expectations. I request your wholehearted support and prayer in this regard.

As we are slowly getting out of the Covid-19 related restrictions, it will be appropriate to conduct more in-person prayer meetings. This month we will have a few in-person area prayer and organizational meetings. I encourage all of you to prayerfully participate. I will be starting house visits, beginning with the sick and lonely at their convenience. I request your prayer and support in the coming days to accomplish God's mission.

With love and prayers,

Sam Achen



Vicar's June Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event
1-Jun-22	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Sevika Sanghom Cottage Prayer
3-Jun-22	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer (@ Church)
4-Jun-22	Saturday	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana Service: Malayalam
	Saturday	4:00 PM	Choir Workshop
5-Jun-22	Sunday	8:30 AM	Holy Qurbana Service: Malayalam
		11:30 AM	English Divine Service
8-Jun-22	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Youth Fellowship Revival
10-Jun-22	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer (@ Church)
	Friday	10:30 AM	Center Clergy Meeting
11-Jun-22	Saturday	11:00 AM	Engagement Ceremony
		7:00 PM	Missouri City Area Prayer meeting
12-Jun-22	Sunday	8:30 AM	Holy Qurbana Service: English (Graduate Sunday)
		6:00 PM	Alief - Sugar Land Area Prayer meeting
13-Jun-22	Monday	7:30 PM	SW Center B Edvaka Mission Prayer meeting (Zoom)
15-Jun-22	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Sevika Sanghom Prayer (Zoom)
17-Jun-22	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer (@ Church)
	Friday	5:00 PM	Edavaka Mission Cottage Prayer meeting
18-Jun-22	Saturday	11:00 AM	Engagement Ceremony
	Saturday	6:00 PM	Pearland East Prayer meeting
19-Jun-22	Sunday	8:30 AM	Holy Qurbana Service: Malayalam
		11:30 AM	English Divine Service
21-Jun-22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Galveston and Other Area Prayer meeting (Zoom)
24-Jun-22	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer (@ Church)
25-Jun-22	Saturday	6:00 PM	Pasadena Area Prayer meeting
26-Jun-22	Sunday	8:30 AM	Holy Qurbana Service: English



Secretary's Note

Hello everyone,

Summer is almost here, and it is an exciting time of the year – time for vacations, graduations, weddings, engagements, our Vacation Bible School, Parish Picnic, Parish Day, and Harvest Festival.

I am thankful that Sam Achen, Bincy Kochamma, Shaun and Juanah were able to safely reach the Houston area in late April.

Our V.B.S Team, lead by Stacy George, has started planning TMC's V.B.S., which is scheduled from Thursday, July 21 through Saturday, July 23. VBS is open to all – Sunday School students and Adults. Please register online by the deadline - Sunday, July 10th. This assures the count for t-shirts and other arrangements are adequate.

As we slowly take steps to re-start prayer and other church meetings in-person, I want to highlight a topic we have discussed in the past. We need to expand attendance at our Area Prayer meetings beyond the core group that stays active. The younger generations and those not fluent in Malayalam are typically not attending these meetings. If you have not been attending prayer meetings, please attend one. If you are an active Area Prayer meeting attendee, please encourage those you can influence to join. Our Area Prayer meetings must evolve to remain an important spiritual avenue for the growing Trinity Family.

The need for prayer and providence are more highlighted by the May 24 tragedy in Uvalde, Texas. Nineteen students and two teachers were killed by an 18-year-old gunman. Please continue to pray for the mourning Uvalde community and for the scourge of gun violence to be removed from our midst. We need to continue to be reminded of the hopeful words in Psalm 91.

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Surely he will save you from the fowlers snare and from the deadly pestilence.

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

Thank you,

Reji George

TMC Secretary



Worship Service & Lectionary

4-Jun	Malayalam Holy Communion Service 10:00 AM			
	Theme - The Feast of Pentecost: The Holy Spirit - The Gift			
	1st Lesson	Joel 2:28-32	Epistle	Galatians 5:16-24
	2nd Lesson	Acts 2:1-21	Gospel	John 16:6-16
Healing Hearts members will assist the Holy Communion Service				
5-Jun	Malayalam Holy Communion Service 8:30 AM			
	English Divine Service at 11:30 AM			
	Theme - The Feast of Pentecost: The Holy Spirit - The Gift			
	1st Lesson	Joel 2:28-32	Epistle	Galatians 5:16-24
12-Jun	2nd Lesson	Acts 2:1-21	Gospel	John 16:6-16
	Medical Center/Stella Link Area members will assist the Holy Communion Service			
	English Holy Communion Service 8:30 AM			
	Theme - Trinity Sunday: "Holy Trinity", Environment Sunday			
19-Jun	1st Lesson	Genesis 1:1-19	Epistle	2 Corinthians 13:11-14
	2nd Lesson	Romans 8:18-27	Gospel	John 1:1-18
	Galveston and Other Area members will assist the Holy Communion Service			
	Malayalam Holy Communion Service 8:30 AM			
26-Jun	English Divine Service at 11:30 AM			
	Theme - Discipleship: Calling for Christ Experience			
	1st Lesson	2 Kings 2:1-5	Epistle	Galatians 1:11-17
	2nd Lesson	Acts 1:15-26	Gospel	Mark 3:13-19
Pearland West Area members will assist the Holy Communion Service				
26-Jun	English Holy Communion Service 8:30 AM			
	Theme: People of God - Ministry and Model			
	1st Lesson	Isaiah 6:1-8	Epistle	Titus 2:1-11
	2nd Lesson	1 Peter 2:1-10	Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20
Executive Committee & North Houston members will assist the Holy Communion Service				

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Mrs. Thanuja Mathew (38) received the heavenly call on Monday, May 2nd in Houston. The funeral was held on Thursday, May 5th at the Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Farmers Branch. She is survived by her husband, Abraham Kurian & children, Taniya Abraham, and Aiden Abraham.

Mr. Thomas Mathew (69), uncle of Mrs. Jency Abraham, from the Alief Sugar Land prayer group, received the heavenly call on Tuesday, April 26th in Dallas, Texas. The funeral was held on Saturday, April 30th.

Mr. Jacob Koshy (63), brother-in-law of Mr. Shajan George, from the Alief Sugar Land prayer group, received the heavenly call on Saturday, April 23rd in Kottayam. The funeral was held on Thursday, April 28th at the Jerusalem Mar Thoma Church in Kochi.

Mrs. Sosamma Varghese (84), elder sister of Mr. M. C. Chacko, from the Galveston and Other Area prayer group, received the heavenly call on Friday, April 22nd. The funeral was held in Ayroor.

May God comfort all family members with His Divine Peace.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.



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