# Worship Service and Lectionary - Sunday, October 8, 2023

- English Holy Communion Service at 8:30 AM
  - Youth Fellowship members will assist the Service
    - Theme: Difference and Dignity of all creation; Day of the Differently Abled

Lesson 1: Isaiah 35:1-10Lesson 2: Acts 14:1-10

• Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

• Gospel: Luke 14:12-14

#### **Fasting Prayer Meeting**

- Friday, October 6, 2023, at 9:30 AM
  - Trinity Mar Thoma Church
  - Stafford Parsonage

# **Prayer Meetings (on Zoom)**

[Attended by Achens who served at Trinity Mar Thoma Church]



Trinity Mar Thoma Church, Houston, Texas October 1, 2023 – Announcements

## **Area Prayer Meetings:**

# **Area Prayer – Galveston and Other Areas**

- Today Sunday, October 1, 2023, at 4:30 PM
  - At the residence of Bijoo and Susan Mathew

## **Area Prayer – Pearland West**

- Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 6:30 PM
  - o At the residence of Mr. Thomas Mathew (Jeemon & Jolly)
  - o Area representative for the new year will be selected at this prayer meeting
- Area Prayer North Houston
- Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 6:00 PM
  - o At the residence of Mr. Saji Alexander (Saji and Lissy)
  - o Area representative for the new year will be selected at this prayer meeting

# **Organizational Announcements**

#### Sunday School

Thank you to all who signed up to participate in this year's Christmas Musical!

Our first rehearsal will be today, October 1st after English Divine Service. (Lunch will be provided after Divine Service in the Sunday School Hall.)

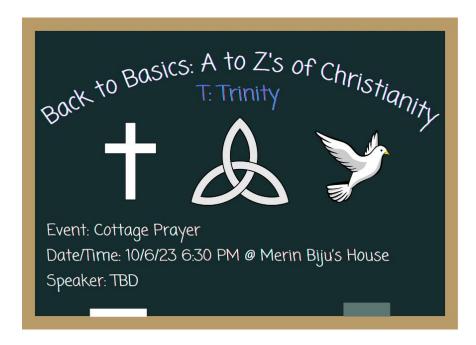
It's important to be at this first rehearsal as we will do a run-through for determining speaking and singing assignments.

We have already emailed important details regarding access to script and audio files. Please continue to look for email communications from TMC Christmas (trinitymtcchristmas@gmail.com) for important details.

#### • Youth Fellowship

# October Events 10/6: CP 6:30 PM @ Merin Biju's House 10/8: Youth Fellowship Sunday 10/22: FALL BAKE SALE! 10/27: MBS 6:30 PM @ Shaun Zachariah's House 10/27: VVBS 6:30 PM @ TBD

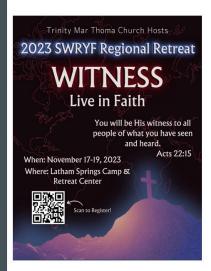
- October's events: please RSVP at tmcyf.org under the specific event page.
- If anyone would like to host October Women's Bible Study on Friday, Oct 27th, please reach out to Shawn or Shannon!



- The first event of the month will be a Cottage Prayer at Merin Biju's House: 4605 Pompton Ct Pearland, TX. Gate code #47512
- YF will be having a fall bake sale on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, to help fundraise for Regional Retreat! We have a fundraising goal of \$8,000, so buy some delicious food before the Inter-prayer group Bible quiz competition! Please let Shawn Varghese know if you would like to donate or make any food items or directly donate towards Regional Retreat! Thank you!

# ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

- Registration for the SWRYF Regional Retreat has started which we, Trinity YF, are hosting November 17-19 at Latham Springs Camp and Retreat Center in Aquilla, TX (near Waco).
- This is open for all our youth ages 12-35. The theme will be Witness: Live in Faith with Jaisen Achen as our main speaker. The retreat will start at the campsite with registration Friday evening and end with Sunday service at the camp like our YF retreat in January.
- Early registration fee is \$110 if you sign-up before October 13th. To sign-up, you can scan the QR code shown on the flyer. For more information or if you are interested in donating, please contact Grishma Oomman or Shawn Varghese.



#### • Sevika Sanghom

- A meeting of Sevika Sanghom and an intramural competition will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Trinity.
  - 3 Competition Categories: Singing (solo), Bible Reading, & Elocution
    - Songs selected from Kristheeya Keerthnangal
    - Ages 18-50: Sree Devattinkutty (206) & Mahathwa Prabhu (217)
    - Ages 51 and above: Onneyullenikke (277) and En Yeshu En Priyan (233)
  - Bible Reading
    - Must use the Bible provided by the center. The reading portion will be given at the time of the competition.
  - Elocution
    - o സ്ത്രീകൾ പുതിയ ലോകത്തിൻറെ മാർഗ്ഗദർശികൾ (Women, Mentors of the New World)
    - o സ്ത്രീകൾ വിശ്വാസത്തിൻറെ സംരക്ഷകർ (Women, defenders of the faith.)
    - o സ്ത്രീകൾ ദൈവീക രക്ഷയിൽ പങ്കാളികൾ (Women, partners in divine salvation)
- Suvishesha Sevika Sanghom Essay Competition



(See attached document for additional details.)

- **SW Regional Sevika Sanghom monthly prayer** meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 7:30 pm, on Zoom.
  - Regional President, Rev. Joby John, will preside over the meeting.
  - Dr. George Cherian will deliver the devotional message.
  - Please prayerfully participate in this prayer meeting.

# • Yuvajana Sakhyam

2023 Regional Kalamela (held yesterday, Sept. 30, at Immanuel Mar Thoma Church) winners from Trinity MTC:

- First Place Painting Competition: Sheenu Anith
- Second Place for Female Solo: Annie Rojan
- Second Place Malayalam Essay Writing: Anju Sara
- Second Place English Essay Writing: Resly Mathews
- Bible Quiz: Third Place Trinity MTC Team









#### Kaazhcha 2023 - Gift of Eyesight

Commitment to provide free Cataract Surgery for up to 100 Patients.

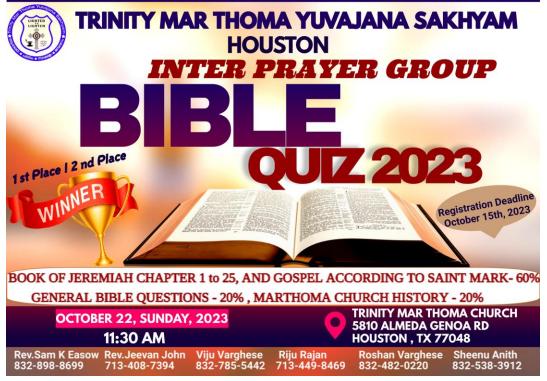
Eligible patients will be selected based on the medical requirements.

Expected per patient cost for surgery: ~ \$150.

Fundraising evening will be organized at the Stafford Civic Center on Saturday, November 25, 2023, at 4 PM - with a 2-hour Cultural event with performances by select church members/guests including a special Dance performance by Renowned Actress and Dancer Divya Unni. 650 Tickets will be available for purchase with prices ranging from \$20, \$25, and \$50 per person.

- Donations are welcome along with sponsorship for the event.
- Please support us by buying tickets to the event along with/or signing up to sponsor cataract surgery.
- If you are interested in performing at the event (subject to audition and approval by the organizing committee) or would like more information please contact Rev Sam K Easow, Rev Jeevan John, Viju Varghese, Riju Rajan, Roshen Varghese or Sheenu Anith.





- Each Prayer group can send a <u>5 member Team</u>. People of any age can be part of the team. It is suggested to have a mix of team members from the younger and older generation.
- List of the team members (with 3 substitute members) must be sent to the Vicar by 8 PM on Sunday, October 15th, 2023.
- Substitutions will be allowed until 8 PM on Saturday, October 21, 2023, provided it is sent to the Vicar by text, email, or physical mail by the area representative or anyone designated by the area representative. No late submissions will be allowed.

(See attached document for additional details.)

#### • Edavaka Mission

- The MTVEA Diocese of North America and Europe monthly prayer meeting will be held on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30 PM, on Zoom. Zoom details listed below.
  - $\circ$  Meeting ID: 872 4274 0053 & Passcode: 101010. Please plan to attend.
- Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelist's Association Day was celebrated today during the Holy
  communion service. We express our sincere thanks to all members for handling various
  assignments related to the special service and Holy Communion service. Sincere thanks to all
  members for their prayers and participation.
  - The special offertory envelope collection is the main income for the MTVEA mission work and appreciate everyone's wholehearted support. Please bring your offertory envelopes in the coming Sundays if you miss it today. Envelopes are kept in the church foyer for the special offertory.

# **Light to Life Mission Project**

- We have started to collect sponsorships for the Light to Life Mission Project.
- \$240 to sponsor One Child in 2024.
  - O Please make the check payable to "Trinity Mar Thoma Church" and write "Light to Life" in the memo with your ID Number.
  - O You can also make the payment using Zelle (mobile number: 346-520-4916; enter in the first name space, "TMC" & in the last name space "ACCOUNTS").
- For more details, please contact Mr. Jojy Jacob, Mr. Shawn Varghese, or Mr. T. A. Mathew.

# **Parish Directory Update**

- We have started the task of updating the Parish Directory.
- The goal is to take pictures of all families and distribute a new parish directory in Q1 2024.
- A few Trinity photographers, led by Mr. Joseph Varghese (Rajan), will take pictures following Church Services on Sundays.
- If you have picture taking skills, please volunteer to help.
- Join us in the side room to take pictures or sign up to take pictures on another Sunday.
  - o Focus for today 10/1 Alief Sugar Land Prayer Group
- Please contact Shajan George or Reji George for additional details including the option of using your own pictures in the Parish Directory.
- Link for address updates including an upload option for your own pictures: https://directory.trinitymtc.org/

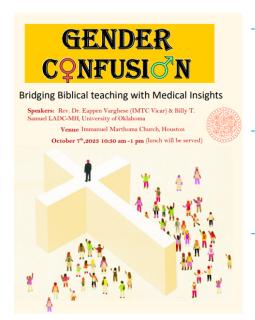
#### **Trinity Mar Thoma Church Jubilee Year Family Conference**

- Thank you to all who registered for the Trinity Jubilee Family Conference in May 2024.
- Those who registered are requested to make the \$150 advance payment.
- A table has been set-up in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Jaiju Kuruvilla for follow-up questions.

#### **Immanuel Mar Thoma Church Parish Convention**



# Gender Dysphoria talk and discussion (at Immanuel Mar Thoma Church)



Inviting all youth and young adults ages 12-24 to an important open discussion on a topic that affects many young adults today - Gender Dysphoria

Agenda for the discussion: Understanding Gender, Personal Stories, Empathy and Support, Resources and Guidance, Q&A and Group Discussion

Discussion panel: Rev. Dr. <u>Eapen Varghese</u>, Billy T. Samuel, Daniel <u>Kalathoor</u>, Dr. <u>Sheebu</u> Chacko, Dr. Julie <u>Eapen</u>, & Dr. Anju Chacko

# (See attached document for additional details including waiver form)

#### Mar Thoma Church Ramban Installation Service

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#### https://www.youtube.com/live/\_fUQ3AYikV8?si=UghoDvf3Tt-QVcuc

#### Trinity Mar Thoma Chuch - General Body Member List

The member list is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please review the list and notify our Vicar – Rev. Sam K. Easow, of any changes by Sunday, October 15, 2023.

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# Offertory - Sunday, September 24: \$ 2,900

General: \$ 1,680Birthday: \$ 1,070

Wedding Anniversary: \$ 150

- Please join us for snacks in the fellowship hall.
  - Snacks are sponsored by Jubin and Family from the North Shore Prayer group in memory of their beloved father -Mr. George P. Abraham.
- Contact our Trustees if you can sponsor Sunday snacks.
- Harvest Festival payments:
  - Please remember to settle auction related and other payments.
  - If you don't remember what is due, please contact our Trustees.
- Please continue to pray for our Trinity Parish and all our Golden Jubilee Programs over the next year.
- Have a blessed new week.



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