Worship Service and Lectionary - Sunday, October 29, 2023

- English Holy Communion Service at 8:30 AM
 - Missouri City & Stafford members will *assist* the Service.
 - Theme- Confession: Sacrament of Reconciliation with God and Humans
 - Lesson 1: Genesis 45:1-15
 - Lesson 2: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11
 - Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
 - Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Fasting Prayer Meeting

- Friday, October 27, 2023, at 9:30 AM
 - Trinity Mar Thoma Church
 - Stafford Parsonage

Pasadena Area Prayer Meeting

- Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 6:00 PM
 - At the home of Mrs. and Mr. John Joseph (6310 Ray Road, Pasadena, TX 77505)
 - *Committee member* for the new year will be selected at this meeting.

Organizational Announcements

- <u>Sunday School Christmas Musical</u>
- Dates for our upcoming rehearsals:
 - Today, October 22nd, after Sunday School classes
 - Next Sunday, October 29th, after Sunday School classes
- Note: Please note lunch will not be provided today please support the Youth Fellowship Bake Sale for lunch.
- 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.

Sunday School

- Sunday School is hosting a Movie Night on Saturday, November 4, at Trinity.
- Please join us for a night of cozy movie watching with your SS teachers and friends.
 - All attendees must sign up will send the form soon!

- Calling on all our Senior members to Sunday School Celebration.
- We will be having Idli's with Appachans and Ammachis on Friday, November 24th, at 10:30 AM!! Save the date!!



<u>Youth Fellowship</u>

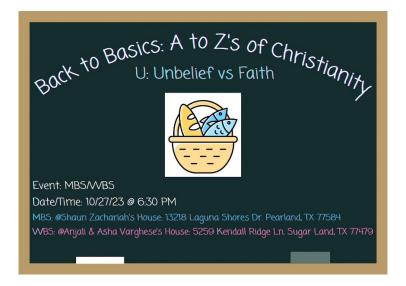
• YF will be having a fall bake sale today after service to help fundraise for Regional Retreat! We have a fundraising goal of \$8,000, so come buy some lunch before play practice or going to see Thirumeni.



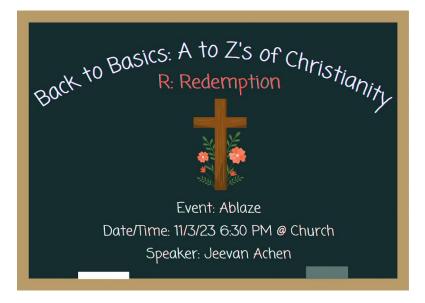
- If you haven't paid for Regional Retreat yet, please do so ASAP. The current plan is to leave church Friday Nov 17th by 4 PM in a bus for all registered participants. Please look out for a detailed email which will be sent out later with more information!
- The Youth Fellowship has created a prayer sign-up list to pray for the upcoming Youth Fellowship Regional Retreat our parish will be hosting from November 17-19, 2023. We encourage everyone to sign up for at least one time-slot per week to personally pray for the retreat and the youth of our parish as they face many challenges in this world. The sign-up list will be sent out in the global email.
 - Link to sign-up for prayer slot: https://tinyurl.com/tmcyfretreatprayer
- Please also join in on Wednesdays at 8 PM from 10/11/23 to 11/15/23 to spend some time together in prayer via conference call for various aspects of the retreat. The phone number to dial in is (607)-374-1149 and the access code is 571855#. These are short 10-15 min prayer calls, so please join in!!



• We will be having Men's and Women's Bible Study October 27 at 6:30 PM and talking about Unbelief vs Faith in God. MBS will be at Shaun Zachariah's house at 13218 Laguna Shores Dr. Pearland, TX 77584. WBS will be at Anjali and Asha's house at 5259 Kendall Ridge Ln. Sugar Land, TX 77459.



• We'll have only one Bible study in November which is Ablaze Friday November 3rd at 6:30 PM at church as we will be preparing for Regional Retreat! Mark your calendars!



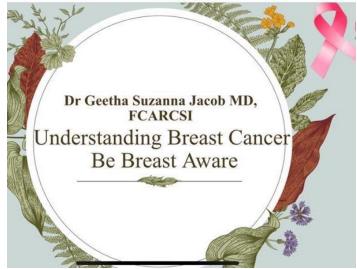
- Sevika Sanghom
- The 2023 Kalamela of the Southwest Region Center B Suvishesha Sevika Sanghom will be held on **Saturday, November 11, from 8 AM 4 PM**, at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Houston.
- Competitions: (1) Singing (Solo) English and Malayalam, (2) Bible Reading English and Malayalam, (3) Elocution English and Malayalam, and (4) Bible Quiz
- Competitions will be conducted in three age categories.
 - Group A: 18-30; Group B: 31-55; Group C: 56 and above



• Suvishesha Sevika Sanghom Essay Competition

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the Diocese of North America and Europe Essays may be composed in either English or Malayalam Submissions to be recieved by 31 OCT 2023. 06:00 PM EST	
Email essays to dsss.essay@gmail.com or Postal mail to Rev. Joby John 3760 14th St, Plano, TX 75074	
Cash prizes or gift vouchers will be awarded to the winners in each language category	
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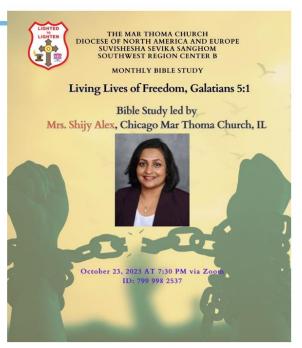
• October is breast cancer awareness month. In support of our breast cancer survivors, we will have a special meeting on 10/29/23 after the Holy Communion service. Although it is rare, men can also contract breast cancer. Dr. Geetha Suzanna Jacob will be speaking to us and requesting all of you to attend this meeting.



We encourage you to wear pink clothing or accessories to show your support for breast cancer survivors.

ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT SEVIKA SANGHOM

- <u>Suvishesha</u> Sevika <u>Sanghom</u> Southwest Region Center B
- Monthly Bible Study
- October 23, 2023, at 7:30 PM, on Zoom.



• <u>Yuvajana Sakhyam</u> 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.



Edavaka Mission

- Edavaka Mission Cottage prayer meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 24th, at 10:30 AM**, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Mathew.
- Edavaka Mission General Body meeting.

The General Body meeting of the Trinity Mar Thoma Church Edavaka mission will be held on October 24th Tuesday immediately after the cottage prayer meeting at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. V.P. Mathew, 3838 Parkside, Missouri City, Tx 77459. All Edavaka Mission members are requested to attend.

Agenda:

Election of Office Bearers, Area Committee Members and Auditors for the year 2024.
 AOB with the permission of the Chair.

• <u>Senior Fellowship</u>

- A Senior Fellowship meeting is scheduled at Trinity Mar Thoma Church on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 10 AM.
 - o Bible Quiz topic: Revelation Chapters 19 and 20
- Additionally, the General Body of the Senior Fellowship will elect 2024 Office Bearers.
- All members are requested to attend the Prayer, Bible Quiz, and General Body meeting.

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.
 - Please make the check payable to "Trinity Mar Thoma Church" and write "Light to Life" in the memo with your ID Number.
 - 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").
- This fundraising effort will be closed by Sunday, October 29th.
- For more details, please contact Mr. Jojy Jacob, Mr. Shawn Varghese, or Mr. T. A. Mathew.

Parish Directory Update

The Trinity Parish Directory is getting updated for distribution in Q1 2024.

We need assistance with updating your information. This includes changes to home address, email address, phone number(s), and family member names.

In addition, we need your new family picture.

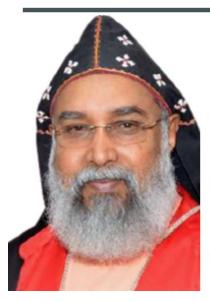
- A few Trinity photographers, led by Mr. Joseph Varghese (Rajan), are available to take pictures following Church Services on Sundays in the room next to the sanctuary.
- If you prefer to use your own picture for the directory update, use this link: <u>https://directory.trinitymtc.org/</u>
- Another option is to send an email with your family picture attached to <u>directory@trinitymtc.org</u>

Revisions to your address and other information, if needed, can be made using the same link (<u>https://directory.trinitymtc.org/</u>) or by sending an email (to <u>directory@trinitymtc.org</u>) listing required changes.

We are also working on a printed form option to update the Parish Directory. Contact your Prayer Group Leader, Shajan George or Reji George for assistance with this effort or if you have follow-up questions.

Trinity Mar Thoma Church Jubilee Year Family Conference

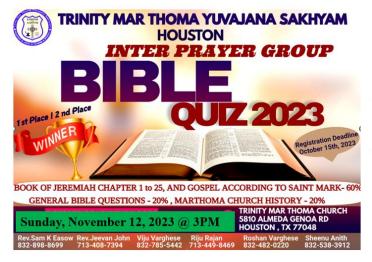
- Thank you to all who registered for the Trinity Jubilee Family Conference in May 2024.
- Those who registered are requested to make the \$150 advance payment.
- Contact Jojy Jacob for follow-up questions.



COMBINED FAREWELL MEETING RT. REV. DR. ISAAC MAR PHILOXENOS EPISCOPA

- A Farewell meeting for our **Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar <u>Philoxenos Episcopa</u>, is arranged for today -Sunday, October 22nd, at Immanuel Mar <u>Thoma</u> Church.**
- This combined (St. Thomas MTC, Trinity MTC & Immanuel MTC) meeting will be held around 12 Noon, following the Immanuel Mar <u>Thoma</u> Parish Day program.
- Trinity members are requested to attend this farewell meeting.

Livestreaming Link for the 29th Parish Day and Combined Farewell Ceremony for Rt Rev. Dr Isaac Mar Philoxenos - Oct 22, 2023, at Immanuel MTC, Stafford, Texas: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FS7v3XCZKF0



Inter Prayer Group Bible Quiz will be held on: Sunday, November 12, @ 3 PM. Note the revised date and time for the Bible Quiz.



Condolences

Mr. John George (76) received the heavenly call on Monday, October 16, in Florida.

- He is the father of Mr. Gigi John George, from the Pearland East prayer group.
- The funeral was held on Saturday, October 21st, at South Florida Mar Thoma Church.

On behalf of Trinity Mar Thoma Church, we extend heartfelt condolences to the grieving family. May God comfort all family members and friends with Divine peace.

Please continue to uphold all family members and friends in your prayers.

Offertory - Sunday, October 15: \$ 3.096

- General: \$ 1,329
- Birthday: \$1,421
- Wedding Anniversary: \$ 236
- Harvest Festival payments:

Please remember to settle auction related and other payments. See email from our Trustees for amount due.

- Contact our Trustees if you can sponsor Sunday snacks.
- Pray for our Trinity Parish and all Golden Jubilee Programs over the next year. Have a wonderful new week.

Sincerely,

Reji George **TMC Secretary** Phone: 713-806-6751 Email: <u>Reji.George@yahoo.com</u>

