# Worship Service and Lectionary - Sunday, October 15, 2023

- Malayalam Holy Communion Service at 8:30 AM
  - Yuvajana Sakhyam members will assist the Service
    - Theme: Youth Sunday Youth with Christ
    - Lesson 1: Daniel 1:11-17
    - Lesson 2: 1 Peter 3:13-18
    - Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:11-16
    - Gospel: Matthew 7:21-27

# • English Divine Service at 11:30 AM

# **Fasting Prayer Meeting**

- Friday, October 13, 2023, at 9:30 AM
  - Trinity Mar Thoma Church
  - Stafford Parsonage

### **Area Prayer Meetings:**

- 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**

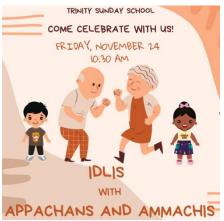
- Sunday School Christmas Musical
  - Dates for our upcoming rehearsals (lunch will be provided):
    - Today, October 8th, right after Sunday School classes
    - Next Sunday, October 15th, after English Divine Service (second service)
  - Please meet in the Sunday School Hall first for lunch.
  - We 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 Ammachi's on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 AM!! Save the date!!



#### • Youth Fellowship

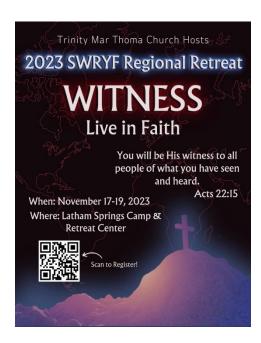
Registration for the SWRYF Regional Retreat has started which we, Trinity YF, are hosting November 17-19, 2023 at Latham Springs Camp and Retreat Center in Aquilla, TX (near Waco). This is open for all our youth ages 12-35.

Theme - Witness: Live in Faith Main Speaker - Rev. Jaisen A. Thomas

The retreat will start at the campsite with registration Friday evening and end with Sunday service at the camp - similar to 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 or go https://tmcyf.org/event/witness/

For more information or if you are interested in donating, please contact Grishma Oomman or Shawn Varghese.



YF will be having a fall bake sale on Sunday, October 22 to help fundraise for Regional Retreat. Our fundraising goal of \$8,000, so come 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.



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 pray for the retreat and the youth of our parish as they face many challenges in this

world. Link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/tmcyfretreatprayer">https://tinyurl.com/tmcyfretreatprayer</a>

Please also join in weekly on Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. to spend some time in prayer via conference call from 10/10/23 to 11/14/23. The phone number to dial in is (607)-374-1149 and access code: 571855#.

# 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



(See attached document for additional details.)

• Suvishesha Sevika Sanghom Essay Competition



(See attached document for additional details.)

# • Yuvajana Sakhyam

### 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.

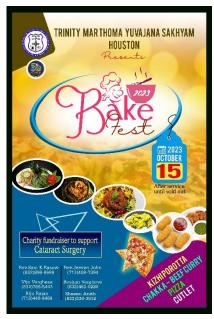
- Donations are welcome along with sponsorship for the event.
- Please support us by buying tickets to the event along with/or signing up to sponsor cataract surgery.
- If you are interested in performing at the event (subject to audition and approval by the organizing committee) or would like more information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



Yuvajana Sakhyam is organizing a bake sale on Sunday, October 15, following the Holy Communion Service. The funds from the bake sale will be used to support commitment to provide free cataract surgeries. See flyer for available food options.

Please support us with your generous contributions.

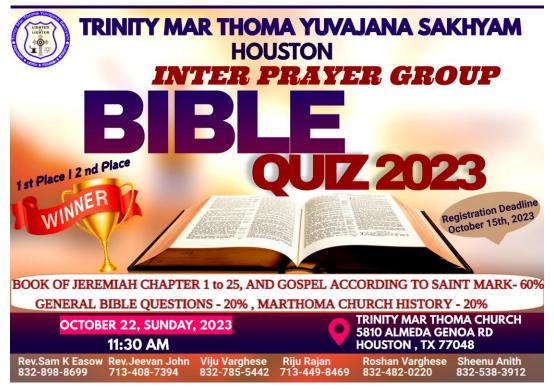












- Each Prayer group can send a <u>5 member Team</u>. People of any age can be part of the team. It is suggested to have a mix of team members from the younger and older generation.
- List of the team members (with 3 substitute members) must be sent to the Vicar by 8 PM on Sunday, October 15th, 2023.
- 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 South West Region Center B monthly prayer meeting will be held on Monday, October 9th at 7.30 pm via zoom. Zoom details listed below. Very Rev. Dr. Cherian Thomas will give the message.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6677643844?pwd=ekJ2VGMvRlpkS041RVJObVNycCtTUT09 Meeting ID: 667 764 3844

Passcode: 6850137. Please plan to attend.

• The Trinity Mar Thoma Church MTVEA Cottage prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10.30 AM, at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph K. Joseph, 5106 Plantation Colony Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77478. Tel 832 731 5162. Please plan to attend.

#### Choir

The Trinity Marthoma Church Choir invites all committed members of the Trinity Parish to join the English Choir.

An audition is scheduled on Saturday October 21st, 2023, at 9 AM.

Members of the parish ages 9 and above can audition. Prospective singers must be able to commit to rehearsal schedules and Sunday Holy Communion Services.

All interested church members are required to sing the below mentioned songs.

Hymnal # 461 He Leadeth Me

Hymnal # 262 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

The candidate shall sing one of these songs (first 2 stanzas) as per the decision of the judges and sing an additional song of his/her choice from Church Worship hymnals.

Those who are interested please email their names to tmcchoir2023@gmail.com on or before October 18th, 2023.

See announcement email for more details.

# **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.
  - 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 O1 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 10/8 Galveston and Other Areas 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.
- Contact Jaiju Kuruvilla for follow-up questions.

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

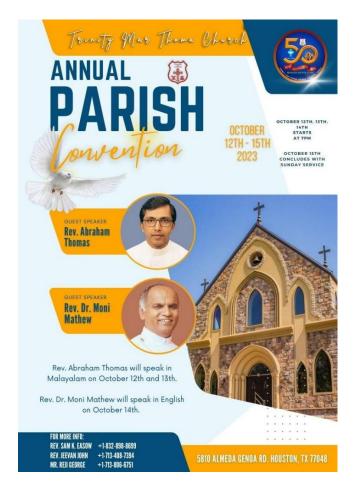
The member list is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please review the list and notify our Vicar – Rev. Sam K. Easow, of any changes by Sunday, October 15, 2023.

## **Trinity Mar Thoma Chuch – Annual Parish Convention**

Please attend the **Annual Trinity Parish Convention** October 12-15, 2023.

The Convention starts at 7:00 PM at Trinity Mar Thoma Church on Thursday (October 12), Friday (October 13), and Saturday (October 14).

It concludes with Malayalam Holy Communion Service on Sunday, October 15.



### Convention Speakers:

**Rev. Abraham Thomas** (Assistant Vicar - Dallas Farmers Branch MTC) will speak in Malayalam on Thursday (10/12) and Friday (10/13).

**Rev. Dr. Moni Mathew** (former Sunday School Samajam general secretary) will speak in English on Saturday (10/14).

### Offertory - Sunday, October 1: \$ 2,991

General: \$ 1,630 Birthday: \$ 1,061

Wedding Anniversary: \$ 300

Please join us for snacks in the fellowship hall.

Snacks are sponsored by Mr. Abraham Joseph. Happy Birthday to Molly and Connor Joseph (grandson)



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.

Pray for our Trinity Parish and all Golden Jubilee Programs over the next year. Have a wonderful new week.

Sincerely,

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