Worship Service and Lectionary - Sunday, November 5, 2023

- English Holy Communion Service at 8:30 AM
 - Sunday School will *assist* the Service.
 - Theme Sanctification of the Church: Beginning of the Liturgical Year; World Sunday School Day; Children to be Partakers in the Concerns of Christ
 - Lesson 1: Proverbs 3:1-8
 - Lesson 2: 1 John 3:1-12
 - Epistle: Ephesians 6:1-4
 - Gospel: John 6:1-14

Fasting Prayer Meeting

- Friday, November 3, 2023, at 9:30 AM
 - Trinity Mar Thoma Church
 - Stafford Parsonage

Area Prayer Meetings

Pasadena Area

Today - Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 6:00 PM

- At the home of John and Minnie Joseph
- *Committee member* for the new year will be selected at this meeting.

• Missouri City and Stafford Area

Saturday, November 4, 2023, at 5:00 PM

• At the home of Chacko and Saramma Sleeba

• North Houston Area

- Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 5:30 PM
 - At the home of Geevarghese Joy and Rosamma Varghese



Organizational Announcements

- <u>Sunday School Christmas Musical</u>
- Dates for our upcoming rehearsals:
 - Today, October 29th, after Sunday School classes
 - Next Sunday, November 5th, after Sunday School classes
- Lunch will be provided on both Sundays.
- 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.



 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!!





Join us @ Elsik High School Parking Lot 11/18/2023 to distribute food to families in need!



We Need Help : • Prep the site

- Distribute food
- Clean up

Scan QR Code to sign up your family to volunteer!!



Youth Fellowship

Thank you for everyone's support with bake sale last week! YF still needs about \$4,000 to meet our fundraising goals, so please donate to help support the costs of the retreat if you haven't!

Regional Retreat Info:

- If you haven't paid for Regional Retreat yet, please do so ASAP.
- We need everyone in church by 3:30 PM Friday Nov 17th to load the bus. The bus will leave church promptly at 4 PM on Friday November 17th and return Sunday November 19th by 5 PM.
- Look out for a detailed email which will be sent out later with more information!
- Please also join in for our weekly prayer calls 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 join in!



• We will 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! We'll be talking about Redemption.



- 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



• 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.

General Body of the Trinity Mar Thoma Church Sevika Sanghom will be held on Sunday, November 12th, immediately after the Holy Communion Service. Agenda: Election of 2024 Office Bearers

Edavaka Mission

As the Christmas season approaches, it's once again a time for caring and sharing. For the past 17 years, the Edavaka Mission has been diligently coordinating the Christmas Gift program for our Evangelists serving in various parts of India.

The living conditions in many regions of India are becoming increasingly challenging. It is our duty to aid the less fortunate. As Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

Thanks to the wholehearted support of our Trinity family, we have successfully carried out this program in previous years. This year, we are relying on our members to support this essential initiative. We are planning to provide ₹3,500 to each of our Evangelists, which is equivalent to approximately \$50.00 per Evangelist, with bank transfer expenses. We humbly request every family to contribute to this project, just as you have done in the past. There are no restrictions; you can support as many Evangelists as you wish. Any amount of donation will be greatly appreciated.

You can make your contribution through Venmo (Name: TMC Edavaka Mission), by mailing a check to the Treasurer, Mr. Babu T. George, or Secretary, Mr. Abraham Idiculla, or by bringing it to the church. For more details, you can also reach out to Achens or one of the Edavaka Mission members. Remember, "God loveth a cheerful giver." Thank you all very much, and may God bless us all.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CHAIN PRAYER

The Golden Jubilee Chain Prayer for the month of October will be on Monday, October 30th from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Please pray for 30 minutes at your scheduled time.

LIGHT TO LIFE MISSION PROJECT

Please renew your sponsorship or if wish to sponsor a child for 2024, please bring a check for \$240 by next Sunday, November 5th.

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.

Golden Jubilee Year Souvenir

A Special Souvenir will be published in our Jubilee Year. All Trinity Families are requested to contribute a Family Compliment (or Advertisement) to be included in this cherished publication. Proceeds from this endeavor will be used for Jubilee Year Mission projects.

Advertisement rates & available pages: Back Cover Inside Page: \$2,500 Platinum (full page): \$1,000 Golden (full page): \$500 Silver (half page): \$300

Indian Christian Ecumenical Community of Houston (ICECH)



Malayalee Association of Greater Houston



Condolences

Mr. P. V. Thomas (86) received the heavenly call on Saturday, October 28, in Kerala. The funeral will be held on Monday, October 30th, at Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, Ranni.

- He is the uncle of Mr. Thomas Mathew (Jeemon, from the Pearland West Prayer group), bother of Rev. Dr. George Varghese, and uncle of Rev. Jiji Mathews.
- On behalf of Trinity Mar Thoma Church, we extend heartfelt condolences to the grieving family.
- Please continue to uphold all family members and friends in your prayers.



The Vicar's vehicle had engine issues and was replaced yesterday.

Thank you to Trustees -Shajan George and Pulinthitta C. George, for making the necessary arrangements.

We also extend our appreciation for the guidance provided by the Executive Committee.

Offertory - Sunday, October 22: \$ 4,428

- General: \$ 1,192
- Birthday: \$ 2,975
- Wedding Anniversary: \$ 261
- 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>

