

Worship Service and Lectionary - Sunday, December 17, 2023

- Malayalam Holy Communion Service at 8:30 AM
 - Pearland East Area will *assist* the Service.
 - Theme: Annunciation to Joseph; Joseph: A Man of Higher Justice
 - Lesson 1: Zephaniah 3:14-20
 - Lesson 2: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
 - Epistle: Romans 14:13-19
 - Gospel: Matthew 1:18-23

Area Prayer Meetings

Pearland East

- Today - Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 4:00 PM
- At the residence of Rev. Oommen Samuel & Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rojin Oommen
 - 4003 Belle Way, Pearland, TX 77584
 - Area representative for the year 2024 will be elected at this meeting.
 - Please attend with prayers

Fasting Prayer Meeting

- Friday, December 15, 2023, at 9:30 AM
 - Trinity Mar Thoma Church
 - Stafford Parsonage

Christmas Get-Together: Organizations and Prayer Groups



**Worship Services, Christmas Carol Service and Christmas Musical, and Year-end Retreat
December 23, 2023 – January 1, 2024**

**WORSHIP SERVICES AND OTHER PROGRAMS
DECEMBER 23, 2023 – DECEMBER 25, 2023**

Day & Date	Worship Service / Other
Saturday, 12/23	Christmas Carol Service and Christmas Musical at 4:00 PM
Sunday, 12/24	English Holy Communion at 10:00 AM (Rev. Larry Varghese)
Monday, 12/25	Malayalam Holy Communion at 9:00 AM

**WORSHIP SERVICES AND OTHER PROGRAMS
DECEMBER 30, 2023 – JANUARY 1, 2024**

Day & Date	Worship Service / Other
Saturday, 12/30	Year-end retreat at 6:00 PM (Rev. Dr. Eappen Varghese is leading the retreat 12/30-31)
Sunday, 12/31	Malayalam Holy Communion at 8:30 AM
Sunday, 12/31	Year-end retreat at 8:30 PM
Sunday, 12/31	English Holy Communion at 11:00 PM
Monday, 1/1/24	Malayalam Holy Communion at 10:00 AM

Organizational Announcements

• **TMC Christmas Musical**

We are down to our last rehearsals and then it's SHOW TIME!

Schedule of upcoming rehearsals are as follows. These are MANDATORY rehearsals, and ALL participants are REQUIRED to attend.

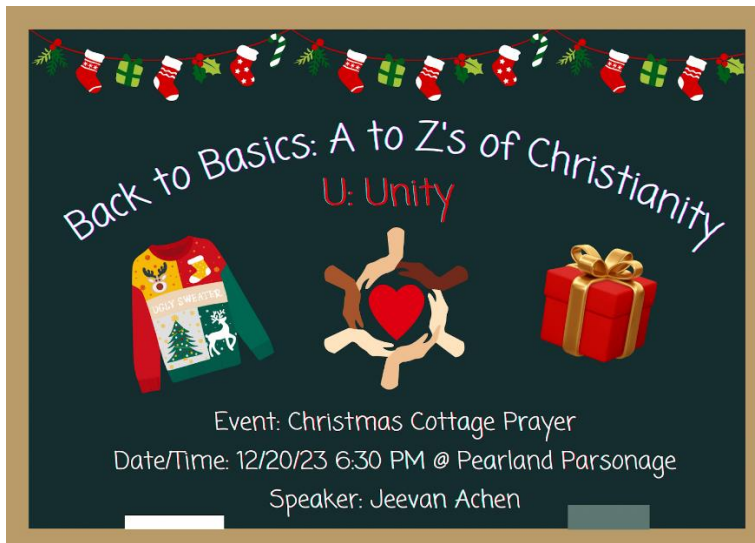
- Today, Dec 10th, after Sunday School classes (Lunch will be provided)
- Sunday, Dec 17th, after English Divine Service (Lunch will be provided after second service)
- Thursday, Dec 21st at 6 PM (Dinner will be provided)
- Friday, Dec 22nd at 6 PM – Dress Rehearsal (Dinner will be provided)
- Saturday, Dec 23rd (day of the program) – please arrive at 2 PM (Snacks will be provided)

Please continue to look for email communications from TMC Christmas (trinitymtchristmas@gmail.com) for important details.

- **Youth Fellowship**
- YF General Body will be held on December 10, 2023, after Sunday School, in the Balcony.
Agenda items:
 1. Election of 2024 officers,
 2. Report of Regional Retreat,
 3. Discussion of Year End Events
 4. AOB.
- YF December 2023 Events



- Dec 20th 6:30 PM at the Pearland Parsonage, we will be having our **annual Christmas Prayer!** We'll be talking about unity! Please RSVP on the website!
 - We will be having a White Elephant gift exchange! If you'd like to play, please bring a gift (valued \$15 or less) to add to the pile!
 - Attire: your ugliest Christmas sweater



Trinity Mar Thoma Church, Houston, Texas
December 10, 2023 – Announcements

- Dec 22 @ 7 PM, **YF Social: Rockets vs Mavs basketball game** - You should have been added to a separate groupme for the event!
 - Please let Shawn Varghese or Daniel Jacob know if you have not!



- On December 28 @ 5 PM at Trinity, we will be having a **MINI YF Winter Retreat** to end off the year with our YF! More details to come!
- Lastly, if anyone would like a YF hoodie as we enter colder weather, please contact Shawn Varghese!



BACKGROUND WILL NOT PRINT



- **Young Family Fellowship**

- YFF will have a general body meeting today, Sunday, December 10th in the sanctuary immediately following Sunday School. This meeting will be to elect officers for the 2024 year. We ask all members to attend the meeting. Please meet us in the front choir pews.
- Thank you to everyone who joined us on Friday for the Bethlehem event. We hope it was a meaningful way for you and the family to usher in the Christmas season.

- **Yuvajana Sakhyam**

- Yuvajana Sakhyam has commenced its membership drive for FY2024. All members between the ages of 12 and 45 are welcome to register.
 - The fee for membership is \$10 per person. Please fill out the membership form that will be available at the special counter that will be open in the fellowship hall or use the link:
[Trinity Mar Thoma Church Yuvajana Sakhyam Membership Application Form - 2024](#)
 - The last date for the registration will be December 17th, 2023. Please contact the office bearers if you need any further information or have any questions.
- Yuvajana Sakhyam is selling Special Christmas Plum cakes from today for the next few weeks to raise funds for the Kaazcha charity program. Please support this noble cause.



- **Sevika Sanghom**

- General Body of the Trinity Mar Thoma Church Sevika Sanghom will be held on Sunday, December 10th, immediately after the Holy Communion Service.
Agenda: Election of 2024 Office Bearers

- Diocesan Sevika Sanghom will be conducting our next meeting as Christmas Celebration and farewell to Thirumeni on **Thursday, December 14th, at 7.30 PM EST**, via Zoom. See attached file for more details.



- **Edavaka Mission**

MTVEA Center B Prayer will be held on December 11th Monday at 7:30 PM, via Zoom. Austin Mar Thoma Church will lead the session. Zoom details:
Meeting ID: 667 764 3844 & Password: 6850137
Please plan to attend.

Christmas Gift program for our 600 Evangelists

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 600 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.

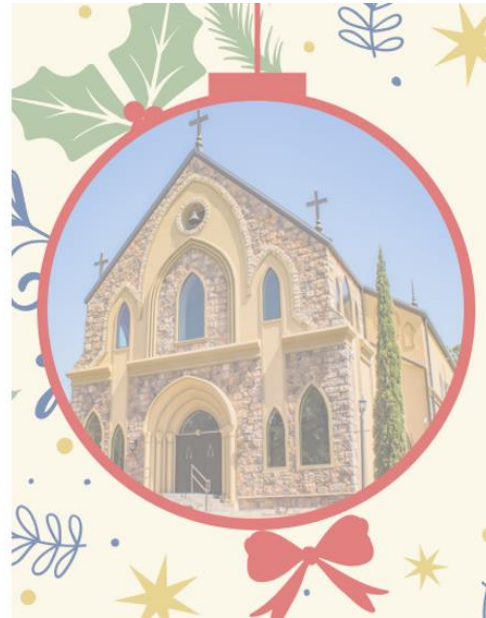
You can make your contribution through Venmo (Name: TMC Edavaka Mission), by mailing a check to the Treasurer, Mr. Babu T. George, or Secretary, Mr. Abraham Idiculla, or by bringing it to the church. For more details, you can also reach out to Achens or one of the Edavaka Mission members. Remember, "God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

Thank you all very much, and may God bless us all.

EDAVAKA MISSION

EVANGELIST CHRISTMAS GIFTS

- Send a Christmas Gift to a Mar Thoma Missionary serving in India.
- Your \$50 gift will bring Christmas joy to a special family serving God!
- Join Edavaka Mission in raising \$30,000 this season of giving to send Christmas Gifts to 600 Evangelists.
 - **Status: \$11,000 collected. (Need another \$16,000!)**
- You can make your contribution via Venmo (Name: TMC Edavaka Mission), mail a check to the Treasurer, Mr. Babu T. George, or Secretary, Mr. Abraham Idiculla, or drop it off at Trinity.
- For more information, you can also contact our Achens or one of the Edavaka Mission members.



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:
<https://directory.trinitymtc.org/>
- Another option is to send an email with your family picture attached to
directory@trinitymtc.org

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

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, Houston, Texas
December 10, 2023 – Announcements

Farewell Meeting in Honor of Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa

His Grace Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa is completing his tenure as the Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of North America and Europe.

The Diocesan Council has decided to arrange a Farewell Meeting in honor of His Grace Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa on Sunday, December 31st, 2023, at Ascension Mar Thoma Church, Philadelphia. The Holy Communion service will begin at 9:00 AM and will immediately be followed by the Farewell Meeting.

All are cordially invited to prayerfully participate in the Holy Communion service and Farewell Meeting. Additional details are attached.

Indian Christian Ecumenical Community of Houston (ICECH)

- General Body and Annual election will be held on Thursday, December 14th, at 7 PM, at St. Joseph Syro Malabar Catholic Forane Church, Missouri City, TX.
- 42nd Christmas Celebration & 2nd Christmas Carol Competition will be held on Monday, January 1, 2024, at 4 PM, at St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Cathedral Auditorium.

Offertory - Sunday, December 3: \$ 2,750

General: \$ 1,515

Birthday: \$ 1,060

Wedding Anniversary: \$ 175

Please take care of your Church commitments prior to the end of the year: Suvishesha Nidhi donations, One Day Income, Subscription, Harvest Festival, Christmas donations, etc. Contact our Trustees (Shajan George & Pulinthitta George) with follow-up questions.

Please join us for snacks in the Fellowship Hall

Pray continue to pray for our Trinity Parish and all Golden Jubilee Year Programs.

Have a wonderful new week and month!

Sincerely,

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