

### **Worship Service and Lectionary - Sunday, December 24, 2023**

- **English Holy Communion Service at 10:00 AM**
  - Rev. Larry Varghese will lead the Service
  - Alief and Sugar Land Area will *assist* the Service.
    - Theme: Coming of the Savior
    - Lesson 1: Isaiah 11:1-19
    - Lesson 2: 1 John 4:7-16
    - Epistle: Acts 3:19-26
    - Gospel: John 1:14-18

### **Worship Service and Lectionary - Monday, December 25, 2023**

- **Malayalam Holy Communion Service at 9:00 AM**
  - Galveston and Other Areas will *assist* the Service.
    - Theme: Birth of Our Savior
    - Lesson 1: Micah 5:1-9
    - Lesson 2: Philippians 2:5-11
    - Epistle: Galatians 4:1-7
    - Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

### **Christmas Carol Service and Musical**

- Christmas Carol Service and Musical
  - 4:00 PM on Saturday, December 23, 2023
  - At Trinity Mar Thoma Church
- Chief Guest: Rev. Dr. Jobi Mathew
- **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 - 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, including potential updates to the Christmas rehearsal schedule.

### **Fasting Prayer Meeting**

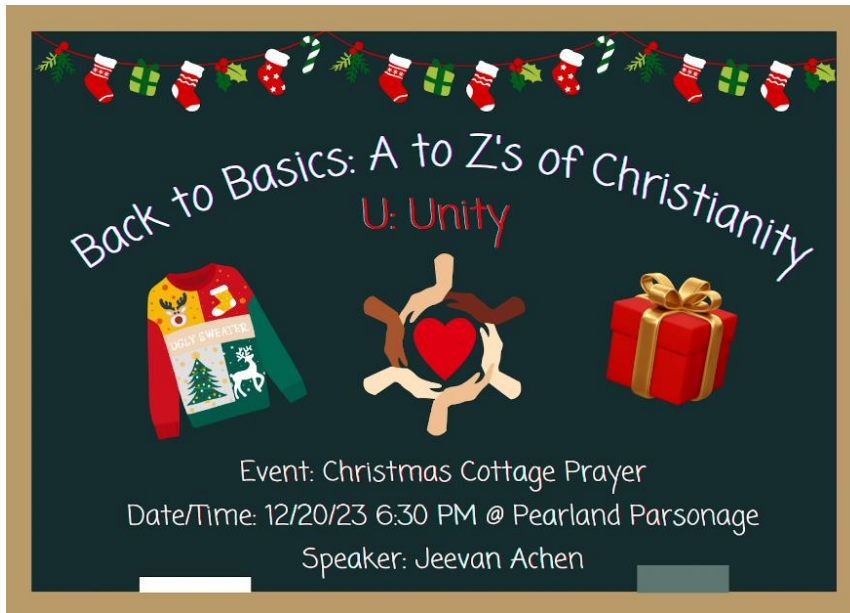
- Friday, December 22, 2023, at 9:30 AM
  - Stafford Parsonage

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

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

**Organizational Announcements**

- **Sunday School**
  - No Sunday School classes on Sunday, December 24, 2023
  - Exam Review – Sunday, December 31, 2023
  - Final Exam – Sunday, January 7, 2024
- **Youth Fellowship**
  - 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



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- 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!
  - Also, if you have not paid for your ticket, please pay cash/check/venmo @TMC-YF \$27 per ticket.



- On December 28 @ 4:30 PM, at church, we will be having a Mini Winter Retreat to end off the year with our YF! Please note the time change from 5 PM to 4:30 PM! The theme is "BeReal." Living and Leading Authentically for Christ as YOUTH. The theme verse will be 1st Timothy 4:12, and our main speaker will be Dennis Achen from Austin MTC. Registration is FREE! Be on the lookout for a registration form in the groupme to sign-up! Come join us for our last event of the year!
- Lastly, if anyone would like a YF hoodie as we enter colder weather, please contact Shawn Varghese!



- **Yuvajana Sakhyam**

- The 2024 Yuvajana Sakhyam members list will be displayed on the Yuvajana Sakhyam notice board in the fellowship hall on Sunday, December 17, 2023, and Sunday, December 23, 2023.
  - If you have questions, please contact Rev. Sam K. Easow, Rev. Jeevan John, or Viju Varghese on or before 5 pm on Sunday, December 24, 2023.
- 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.



- **Golden Jubilee Chain Prayer**

The Golden Jubilee Prayer Cell Chain Prayer is scheduled tomorrow, Monday, December 18th, from 6 AM to 6 PM.

- The Chain Prayer is usually held on the last Monday of each month. The last Monday this month is Christmas Day.
- Please plan to pray for 30 minutes at your scheduled time. We appreciate and thank you for your commitment, dedication and support.

- **Edavaka Mission**

The Southwest Region MTVEA monthly prayer meeting will be held on Monday, December 18th at 7:30 PM, via Zoom. Zoom details listed below.

Rev. Sam Lukose, Vicar Tampa St. Mark MTC will give the message. Please attend.

Zoom Id: 799 998 2537 <https://zoom.us/j/7999982537>

No password.

**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.

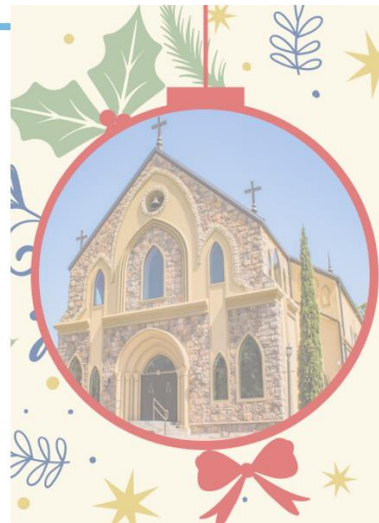
You can make your contribution through Venmo (Name: TMC Edavaka Mission), Zelle (Babu T. George, 281-723-1606), by mailing a check to the Treasurer, Mr. Babu T. George, or Secretary, Mr. Abraham Idiculla, or by bringing it to the church. For more details, you can also reach out to Achens or one of the Edavaka Mission members. Remember, "God loveth a cheerful giver."

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

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### **EDAVAKA MISSION EVANGELIST CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

- Send a Christmas Gift to a Mar Thoma Missionary serving in India! Your \$50 gift will bring Christmas season joy to a special family serving God!
- Join Edavaka Mission in raising money this season of giving to send Christmas Gifts to ~ 600 Evangelists.
  - **Status: \$19,000 collected. (Need another \$6,000!)**
- Please make your contribution via Venmo (Name: TMC Edavaka Mission), Zelle (Babu T. George, 281-723-1606), mail a check to the Treasurer, Mr. Babu T. George, or Secretary, Mr. Abraham Idiculla, or drop it off at Trinity, by Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 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/>

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- Another option is to send an email with your family picture attached to [directory@trinitymtc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **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.

### **Offertory - Sunday, December 10: \$ 2,169**

General: \$ 1,324

Birthday: \$ 670

Wedding Anniversary: \$ 175

Please take care of your Church commitments prior to the end of the year: One Day Income, Subscription, Harvest Festival, Christmas donations, etc.

- Last Day for submitting 2023 donations: Sunday, 12/31/2023.
- Contact our Trustees (Shajan George & Pulinthitta George) with follow-up questions.

Please join us for snacks in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you, Youth Fellowship for sponsoring snacks.

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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