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

Fasting Prayer Meeting

- Friday, December 29, 2023, at 9:30 AM
 - o Trinity Mar Thoma Church

Trinity Mar Thoma Church Year-end Retreat (at Trinity)

Saturday, 12/30

• Year-end retreat starting at **6:00 PM**

Sunday, 12/31

• Year-end retreat starting at 8:30 PM

Rev. Dr. Eappen Varghese is leading the retreat both evenings.

Worship Service and Lectionary - Sunday, December 31, 2023

- Malayalam Holy Communion Service at 8:30 AM
 - Pasadena Area will assist the Service
 - Theme: With Christ into the new Year
 - Lesson 1: 1 Samuel 7:1-12
 - Lesson 2: Revelations 21:1-8
 - Epistle: Romans 8:31-39
 - Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Worship Service and Lectionary - Sunday, December 31, 2023

- English Holy Communion Service at ~ 11:00 PM, following year-end retreat.
 - (2023) Executive Committee will assist the Service
 - Theme: Watch Night Service
 - Lesson 1: Deuteronomy 8:1-20
 - Lesson 2: 2 Corinthians 9:10-15
 - Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 - Gospel: Luke 13:6-9

Worship Service and Lectionary - Monday, January 1, 2024

- Malayalam Holy Communion Service at 10:00 AM
 - (2024) Executive Committee will assist the Service
 - Theme: New Year's Day

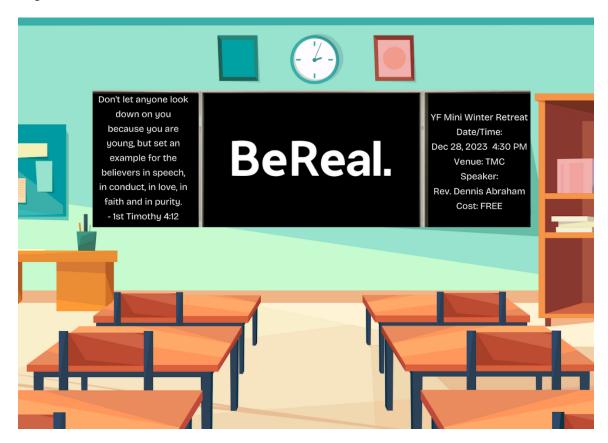
Lesson 1: Genesis 17:1-14
Lesson 2: Galatians 3:23-29
Epistle: Romans 3:1-8
Gospel: Luke 2:15-21

Organizational Announcements

- Sunday School
- No Sunday School classes today Sunday, December 24, 2023
- Exam Review Sunday, December 31, 2023
- Final Exam Sunday, January 7, 2024

• Youth Fellowship

- Dec 28 4:30 PM at church, we will be having a Mini Winter Retreat to end off the year with our YF! 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! Come join us for our last event of the year!
- Register <u>HERE!</u>



• Yuvajana Sakhyam

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



• Yuvajana Sakhyam 2024 calendar is available for sale at \$10. Limited quantities are available, so please purchase your copy today.



• Edavaka Mission

The Diocese of North America and Europe MTVEA Monthly prayer meeting will be held on Monday, January 1, 2024, at 7:30 PM, on Zoom.

- Our Trinity Mar Thoma Church will be hosting the prayer.
- Sam K. Easow Achen will give the message and Trinity members will assist the prayer meeting.

We invite all Trinity families to join the prayer meeting and make it a blessed time. Zoom ID # 667 764 3844 Password 6850137.

Christmas Gift program for our 600 Evangelists

- We are thrilled to announce the successful conclusion of the Evangelist Christmas Gift collection initiative.
- Trinity families wholeheartedly engaged in the project, enabling distribution of Christmas gifts to 550 Evangelists serving in different parts of India.
- Our sincere appreciation goes to all who participated in this project.

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

Parish Directory Update

- A Special Souvenir will be published in our Jubilee Year.
- Advertisement rates & available pages:
 - Back Cover Inside Page: \$2,500, Platinum (full page): \$1,000
 - Golden (full page): \$500, and Silver (half page): \$300
- All Trinity Families are requested to contribute a Family Compliment (or Advertisement) to be included in this cherished publication. All proceeds from this endeavor will be used for Jubilee Year Mission projects.
- We will also acknowledge three members who gather the highest number of Souvenir advertisements by 3/31/2024.

Parish Directory Update

Work on the upcoming release of the Trinity Parish Directory in early 2024 is underway, and we seek your assistance in updating your information. This includes any changes to your home address, email address, phone number(s), and family member names.

Moreover, we need your new family picture for inclusion in the directory. A group of Trinity photographers, led by Mr. Joseph Varghese (Rajan), will be available to capture images following Church Services tomorrow (Sunday, 12/24) and Monday (12/25) in the room next to the sanctuary. Seize this opportunity to obtain the perfect picture for our Parish Directory.

Should you prefer to use your own picture for the directory update, you can do so through this link: https://directory.trinitymtc.org/.

Alternatively, you may send an email with your family picture attached to directory@trinitymtc.org.

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For any necessary revisions to your address and other details, you can use the same link (https://directory.trinitymtc.org/) or send an email (to directory@trinitymtc.org) listing the required changes.

If you require assistance or have follow-up questions, feel free to reach out to your Prayer Group Leader, Shajan George, or Reji George.

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 17: \$ 3,279

General: \$ 1,854 Birthday: \$ 975

Wedding Anniversary: \$450

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.

Thank you to all who planned, organized, and attended the Trinity Christmas Musical and Carol Service yesterday – December 23, 2023.

- Chief Guest Rev. Dr. Jobi Mathew, Our Achens and their families, English and Malayalam Choirs, Sunday School Children, Teachers and Parents, Young Family Fellowship, Edavaka Mission and Yuvajana Sakhyam, Trinity Carolers, AV Ministry, Emcees – Simran and Daniel, Trinity Office Bearers & Executive Committee
- Snack Sponsors: Young Family Fellowship, John Chacko Family.

Please join us for snacks in the Fellowship Hall Pray <u>continue to pray</u> for our Trinity Parish and all Golden Jubilee Year Programs. Have a wonderful new week.

Sincerely, Reji George **TMC Secretary** Phone: 713-806-6751

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