

Worship Service and Lectionary - Sunday, December 10, 2023

- English Holy Communion Service at 8:30 AM
 - Pearland West Area will *assist* the Service.
 - Theme: Meeting Birth of John the Baptist; John the Baptist: Greatest among those born of Women
 - Lesson 1: Malachi 3:1-4
 - Lesson 2: Acts 13:17-26
 - Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1-6
 - Gospel: Luke 1:57-66

Worship Services and Other Programs December 16, 2023 – January 1, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES AND OTHER PROGRAMS DECEMBER 16, 2023 – JANUARY 1, 2024

Day & Date	Worship Service / Other	
Saturday, 12/16	Organization & Prayer Group Christmas get-together, and dinner at 4:00 PM	
Sunday, 12/17	Malayalam Holy Communion at 8:30 AM	English Divine (Service) at 11:30 AM
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	
Sunday, 12/31	Malayalam Holy Communion at 8:30 AM	
Saturday, 12/30	Year-end retreat at 6:00 PM (Rev. Dr. <u>Eappen</u> Varghese leading retreat 12/30-31)	
Sunday, 12/31	Year-end retreat at 8:30 PM	English Holy Communion at 11:00 PM
Monday, 1/1/24	Malayalam Holy Communion at 10:00 AM	

Area Prayer Meetings

Pearland East

- Sunday, 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 8, 2023, at 9:30 AM
 - Trinity Mar Thoma Church
 - Stafford Parsonage

Organizational Announcements

- **TMC Christmas Musical**

Upcoming rehearsals:

- Today - Sunday, December 3rd, after English Divine Worship Service
 - Lunch will be provided after the Divine Service
- Next Sunday, December 10th, after Sunday School classes

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.

- Thank You to all the YF Members and parents who helped to decorate church yesterday for Christmas.

- **Young Family Fellowship**

- YFF will have a general body meeting on 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 pray for and attend the meeting.
- Please join YFF as we "visit Bethlehem" at the Christmas event at **South Main Baptist Church in Pasadena on Friday, December 8th at 6 PM**. This will be a wonderful evening of fellowship, as we walk our way through a live recreation of the journey that Joseph and Mary took leading up to the birth of Jesus.
- All our church families are welcome to join us for this free event. Please make sure to meet us on time at 6 PM in the South Main Baptist church parking lot so we can go together!

- **Yuvajana Sakhyam**

- Yuvajana Sakhyam would like to thank all those who supported us with their generous contributions and a special thanks to all those who attended the cultural evening on Saturday, November 25, at the Stafford Civic Center.

- It was a blessed event with various performances that provided a true sense of the talent and abilities of our members.
- Special thanks to all our invited guests and vicars. We also want to extend our sincere appreciation to all who assisted with organizing the event.

- Yuvajana Sakhyam has commenced its membership drive for FY2024. All members between the ages of 12 and 45 are welcome to register.

Trinity Mar Thoma Church, Houston, Texas

December 3, 2023 – Announcements

- 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.
- **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
- Sevika Sanghom Cottage Prayer
Wednesday, December 6, at 10:30 AM, at the residence of Sheela Mathews.
2723 Plantation Trail, Sugarland
All Sevika Sangham members are invited to participate.
- **Edavaka Mission**

Our Daily Bread copies are placed in the Church foyer. Please take one copy per family.

The Diocese of North America and Europe MTVEA Monthly zoom prayer meeting will be held on Monday December 4, 2023, at 7:30 pm.

Philadelphia Mar Thoma Church will be hosting the prayer. Please plan to attend.

Zoom ID # 667 764 3844 Password 6850137.

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.

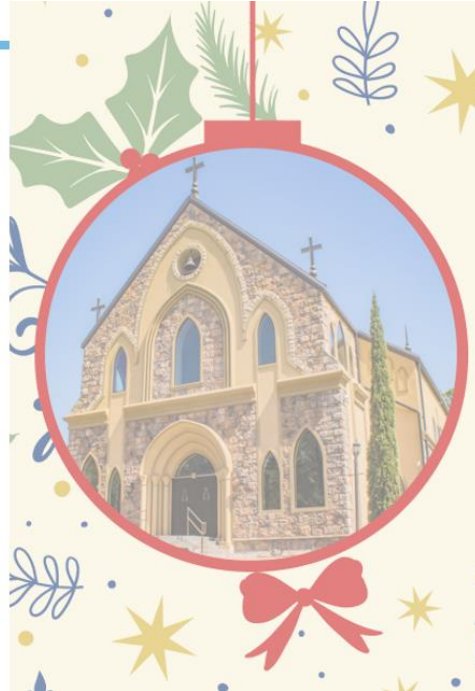
You can make your contribution through Venmo (Name: TMC Edavaka Mission), by mailing a check to the Treasurer, Mr. Babu T. George, or Secretary, Mr. Abraham Idiculla, or by bringing it to the church. For more details, you can also reach out to Achens or one of the Edavaka Mission members. Remember, "God 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: \$8,500 collected. (Need another \$21,500!)**
- 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.

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.

Trinity Mar Thoma Church, Houston, Texas
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Offertory - Sunday, November 26: \$ 2,651

General: \$ 1,837

Birthday: \$ 2,050

Wedding Anniversary: \$ 951

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

Thank you, Manesh Mathew and Family, 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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