Worship Service and Lectionary - Sunday, December 3, 2023

- Malayalam Holy Communion Service at 8:30 AM
 - North Houston Area will *assist* the Service.
 - Theme Meeting of Virgin Mary and Elizabeth: The meeting that shares The Good news of salvation; Bible Sunday
 - We are observing this Sunday as Family Sunday

• Lesson 1: Zechariah 2:10-13

• Lesson 2: Romans 1:1-7

• Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

• Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

- English Holy Communion Service at 11:30 AM
 - English Divine Service Team will *assist* the Service.

Area Prayer Meetings

Alief Sugar Land

- Sunday, November 26, 2023, at 5:00 PM
 - Arranged by Nishant and Anitha Varghese at the residence of Mr. Varghese K.
 Chacko and Mrs. Nirmala Varghese (Raju & Nirmala)
 1823 Hickory Hill Court, Sugar Land, TX 77478
 - o Area representative for the year 2024 will be elected at this meeting.

Missouri City/Stafford

- Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 5:30 PM
 - At the residence of Mrs. Sobhi Cherian
 323 North Marathon Way, Stafford, TX 77477

Fasting Prayer Meeting

- Friday, December 1, 2023, at 9:30 AM
 - o Trinity Mar Thoma Church
 - Stafford Parsonage

Organizational Announcements

• TMC Christmas Musical

Upcoming rehearsals:

- No rehearsals today
- Sunday, December 3rd, after English Divine Worship Service
 - lunch will be provided after the Divine Service

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

• Youth Fellowship

Thank you to all who helped support us prayerfully, financially, and volunteering for the **2023 SWRYF Regional Retreat** last weekend! We had close to 140 participants including clergy and parent volunteers. We pray it was a fruitful conference for everyone who attended and that lives were changed to live for Christ. Please continue to uphold the activities of the youth fellowship in your prayers.



• 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

• Edavaka Mission

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

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).

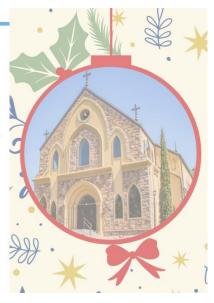
Thanks to the wholehearted support of our Trinity family, we have successfully carried out this program in previous years. This year, we are relying on our members to support this essential initiative. We are planning to provide ₹3,500 to each of our Evangelists, which is equivalent to approximately \$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 <u>Thoma</u> 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: \$7,000 collected. (Need another \$23,000!)
- You can make your contribution via Venmo (Name: TMC <u>Edavaka</u> Mission), mail a check to the Treasurer, Mr. Babu T. George, or Secretary, Mr. Abraham <u>Idiculla</u>, or drop it off at Trinity.
- For more information, you can also contact our <u>Achens</u> or one of the <u>Edayaka Mission members</u>.



• Senior Fellowship

A Senior Fellowship meeting is scheduled at Trinity Mar Thoma Church on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at 10 AM. Bible Quiz topic: Revelation Chapters 21 and 22 All members are requested to attend the Prayer meeting.

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 <u>directory@trinitymtc.org</u>

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.

Golden Jubilee Chain Prayer

The Golden Jubilee Chain Prayer for the month of November will be on Monday, November 27th, from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Please pray for 30 minutes at your assigned time. Contact Mrs. Gracy George or Mr. T. A. Mathew for more information.

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 Trinity Mar Thoma Church, Houston, Texas November 26, 2023 – Announcements

Mar Thoma Messenger

Mar Thoma Messenger, our Diocese's official publication, is published in New York, every three months. November holds special significance as it is designated as Messenger Month, during which we are encouraged to enlist new Messenger subscribers.

Trinity was honored with the Messenger Award in 2022. By signing up an additional 10 new subscribers before December 31st, Trinity can earn another Messenger Award in 2023.

To contribute, kindly make your check payable to "Mar Thoma Messenger" and hand it over to Messenger Promoters, Mr. Joseph George Thadathil (Raju) and Mr. Rajan Geevarghese (Reji). You also have the option to use Zelle (account number 832-771-2504).

Alternatively, you can mail your check to the following address:

T. A. Mathew, 12906 Southern Manor Drive, Pearland, Texas 77584

Messenger subscription rates: Three Years: \$35, Six Years: \$70, Life Subscription: \$300

Notice of General Body Meeting

A General Body meeting of Trinity Mar Thoma Church will be held today - Sunday, November 26, 2023, immediately after the English Holy Communion Service, to transact the following agenda items:

- 1. Election of (2024) Office Bearers, Committee Members, and Auditors
- 2. Trinity Campus Building Project update
- 3. Trinity Golden Jubilee activity update
- 4. Any Other Business with the permission of the Chair

All General Body members are requested to attend the meeting.

St Thomas Mar Thoma Church Christmas Bells – Saturday, December 2nd



Happy Birthday Jeevan Achen!!



Please join us for snacks in the Fellowship Hall Thank you, Pulinthitta & Emily George, for sponsoring snacks to celebrate the blessed arrival of grandson – Caleb George Panicker.





Offertory - Sunday, November 19: \$ 2,651

General: \$ 1,321 Birthday: \$ 1,205 Trinity Mar Thoma Church, Houston, Texas November 26, 2023 – Announcements

Wedding Anniversary: \$ 125

- Suvishesha Nidhi donations: please donate, if you are yet to help this Mar Thoma mission project collection
- Family Sunday: please support the needs of the Parish through the One Day Income collection. Donation envelopes are placed in the foyer.

Please continue to pray for our Trinity Parish and all Golden Jubilee Year Programs. Have a wonderful new week!

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

Email: Reji.George@yahoo.com

