

Trinity Messenger

A PUBLICATION OF TRINITY MAR THOMA CHURCH, HOUSTON, TEXAS

Golden Jubilee Year 2024 - Quarter 1

Greetings and Happy New Year!

The start of the year is a fitting time for self-reflection. This is true for us individually and even collectively as a Parish. It is God's great compassion that fills us with life and allows us to embark on new beginnings.

Please pray for Sam Achen, Jeevan Achen, Oommen Samuel Achen, and 2024 Executive Committee as they begin a new year giving leadership to our 400 family Trinity Parish.

Pray for our Parish, our Golden Jubilee programs, our Organizations, our Prayer groups and all our Church families.

The Trinity newsletter has been redesigned. It will be published quarterly and will continue to be enhanced to provide Parish and other related information succinctly.

Your ideas and suggestions to enhance this publication are invaluable. Please reach out to the Secretary with your input. Let's work together to make our newsletter an even more enriching source of Parish community connection and information-sharing.



INSIDE this issue

- Letter from the Vicar
- Worship Services & Lectionary
- Area Prayer Meetings
- Trinity Organization Meetings
- Trinity 2023 Executive Committee Members
- Trinity 2024 Executive Committee Members
- Trinity Golden Jubilee Programs
- Trinity Golden Jubilee General Committee Members

The Golden Jubilee year is here!!

Visit Trinity Online: <http://www.trinitymtc.org>



FROM THE VICAR:

Rev. Sam K. Easow

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.”
Eph: 1:3

Beloved greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! As we step into the year 2024, let us praise and express gratitude to God for guiding us. In this moment, let's reflect on the immeasurable grace we've experienced amid life's diverse situations. Our world faces threats of destruction and chaos, marked by conflicts like the Israel-Palestine and Russia-Ukraine wars, and environmental degradation causing anxiety globally. In such chaos, the Church is called to proclaim the good news of divine peace and engage in life-giving mission activities that bring peace, justice, and hope to the world.

As a Parish, we celebrate five decades of witnessing Christ in this land. Let us humbly submit ourselves before the Almighty, acknowledging the divine providence experienced throughout the years. Among the planned activities are the completion of three houses in Kerala as part of the Abhayam Project (Metropolitan's Ordination Golden Jubilee Project), marriage assistance for five young women in Kerala, higher education assistance, the Kazhcha initiative involving cataract surgery for 100 people in Kerala, and neighborhood ministry initiatives in the Houston area. Additionally, there will be a chain prayer, a souvenir, cultural programs, a combined Holy Communion, ecumenical sports meet, support for mission activities in India, and a public meeting.

Your prayers and wholehearted support for these endeavors are earnestly requested.

After seven years of distinguished leadership in the Diocese, Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa is moving to India to assume the role of Episcopa of Trivandrum - Quilon Diocese. Thirumeni's leadership has been a blessing to our Diocese and the ecumenical realm.

Let us thank Thirumeni and praise God for the blessings received.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham Mar Paulos Thirumeni will be our new Diocesan Episcopa. Let us uphold Paulos Thirumeni in our prayers for a blessed ministry in this Diocese.

Regular area prayer meetings are essential to strengthen fellowship among our 400 families, including many new members. Let us make dedicated efforts to connect with one another and foster meaningful fellowship.

Appreciation goes to the 2023 office bearers and executive committee for their selfless service to the Parish. Special thanks to the outgoing Secretary, Reji George, for his meticulous and magnanimous service to the Parish

Let us humble ourselves before God to continue being a blessed community of faith in this land. May the new year be a time of remembering, rejoicing, and reviving.

God bless you all.

With love and prayers,

Sam Achen

Worship Services and Lectionary - Q1 2024

	Day	Time	Service	Theme	Lessons	Epistle, Gospel	Area/Organization
1/1/2024	Monday	10:00 AM	Malayalam HC	New Year's Day, Day of Circumcision of the Lord	Gen. 17:1-14, Gal. 3:23-29	Rom. 3:1-18, Luke 2:15-21	Organization - Executive Committee
1/7/2024	Sunday	8:30 AM	Malayalam HC	Evangelism: Church's primary commission (Outside Kerala Mission)	Isa. 61:1-11, Acts 20:17-24	Col 1:24-29, Matt. 9:35-38	Prayer Group - Pearland East
		11:30 AM	English HC				English Divine Service
1/14/2024	Sunday	8:30 AM	English HC	Life: for the Glory of God (Temperance Day)	Prov. 23:19-35, 1 Thess. 5:1-11	Eph. 5:15-20, Matt. 5:13-16	Prayer Group - Pearland West
1/20/2024	Saturday	10:00 AM	Malayalam HC	Love: the Foundation of Unity	Num. 11:23-30, 1 Cor. 3:1-9	Eph. 4:1-17, John 15:8-16	Organization - Healing Hearts Ministry
1/21/2024	Sunday	8:30 AM	Malayalam HC	Love: the Foundation of Unity	Num. 11:23-30, 1 Cor. 3:1-9	Eph. 4:1-17, John 15:8-16	Prayer Group - Alief and Sugar Land
		11:30 AM	English Divine				English Divine Service
1/28/2024	Sunday	8:30 AM	English HC	Participation in nation building: a Christian responsibility	Neh. 2:11-18, 1 Peter 2:1-12	Rom. 12:9-21, Matt. 13:31-34	Prayer Group - Galveston and Other Areas
2/4/2024	Sunday	8:30 AM	Malayalam HC	Jesus Christ who Heals	2 Kgs. 20:1-11, Acts 14:8-15	Jas 5:13-18, John 9:1-11	Prayer Group - Medical Center and Stella Link
		11:30 AM	English HC				English Divine Service
2/11/2024	Sunday	8:30 AM	English HC	Pethurtha - Beginning of the Great Lent: Jesus Christ who transforms	Ezek. 18:21-32, 2 Cor. 5:17-21	Rom. 13:11-14, John 2:1-11	Prayer Group - Missouri City and Stafford
2/18/2024	Sunday	8:30 AM	English HC	The Compassionate touch of Jesus Christ that sanctifies	2 Kgs. 5:1-14, Acts 10:34-43	1 John 1:5-10, Matt. 8:1-4	Prayer Group - North Shore
2/24/2024	Saturday	10:00 AM	Malayalam HC	Jesus Christ who leads to holistic Healing	2 Kgs 4:16-37, Acts 5:12-16	Eph 2:1-8, Luke 5:17-26	Organization - Healing Hearts Ministry
2/25/2024	Sunday	8:30 AM	Malayalam HC	Jesus Christ who leads to holistic Healing	2 Kgs 4:16-37, Acts 5:12-16	Eph 2:1-8, Luke 5:17-26	Prayer Group - North Houston
		11:30 AM	English Divine				English Divine Service
3/3/2024	Sunday	8:30 AM	Malayalam HC	Jesus Christ who redeems all	Gen. 12:1-9, Acts 8:26-40	Rom. 15:14-21, Mark 7:24-30	Prayer Group - Pasadena
		11:30 AM	English HC				English Divine Service
3/10/2024	Sunday	8:30 AM	English HC	Jesus Christ who liberates	Exod. 3:1-15, Acts 27:9-25	Phil. 1:12-20, Luke 13:10-17	Prayer Group - Pearland East
3/17/2024	Sunday	8:30 AM	Malayalam HC	Jesus Christ who stops at human cries	Gen. 21:9-19, Acts 12:5-16	Rom. 8:26-30, Mark 10:46-52	Prayer Group - Pearland West
		11:30 AM	English Divine				English Divine Service
3/22/2024	Friday	10:00 AM	Malayalam HC	Jesus Christ who overcomes temptations (40th Friday in Great Lent)	Jer. 7:3-17, 1 Pet. 1:13-22	Rom. 8:35-39, Luke 4:1-13	Organization - Senior Fellowship & Healing Hearts Ministry
3/24/2024	Sunday	8:30 AM	English HC	Hosanna: Jesus Christ, the Lord of Peace; Theological Seminary Sunday	Zech. 9:9-17, Eph. 2:11-22	Phil. 4:4-9, Luke 19:29-40	Prayer Group - Alief and Sugar Land
3/28/2024	Thursday	6:30 PM	Malayalam HC	Passover (Maundy) Thursday: Celebration of the Divine Plan of salvation	Exod. 12:1-20, Phil. 2:1-11	1 Cor. 11:23-34, Matt. 26:17-29	Organization - Yuvajana Sakhyam
3/29/2024	Friday	9:00 AM	Good Friday (English & Malayalam)	Good Friday; Crucified Christ, the way to Eternal Life	1 Pet. 1, Gal 3:1-22, Heb. 3:1-19	Matt. 26:47-75, Matt. 27:1-44, Matt 27:45-56	Organization - YF/Sevika Sanghom/Edavaka Mission
3/31/2024	Sunday	9:00 AM	Malayalam HC	Kemta -Feast of Resurrection - Easter Sunday; Christ who defeated death and resurrected	Isa. 60:12-21, 1 Cor. 15:42-58	1 Cor. 15:20-28; John 20:1-18	Prayer Group - Galveston and Other Areas

Area Prayer Meetings - Q1 2024

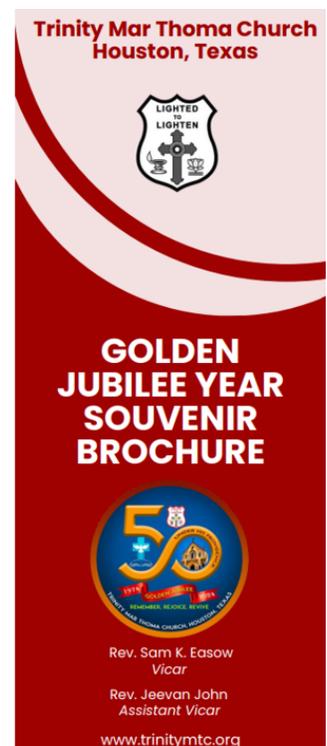
Prayer Group	Date	Time	Venue/Residence
Alief and Sugar Land	27-Jan	6:00 PM	Shirley George
	23-Mar	5:00 PM	Kunjamma George
North Houston	27-Jan	6:00 PM	George Philipose
	17-Feb	4:00 PM	Riju Rajan
Pasadena	28-Jan	5:30 PM	John Abraham
Pearland West	10-Feb	6:00 PM	Joe Mathew

Organization Meetings - Q1 2024

Organization	Date	Time	Venue/Residence
Edavaka Mission	9-Jan	10:30 AM	Joseph Chemmarappally
	13-Feb	10:30 AM	Tom Thomas
	20-Feb	10:30 AM	Philip Abraham
	27-Feb	10:30 AM	Babu T. George
Combined Sevika Sanghom, Senior Fellowship, and Edavaka Mission Regional Meeting	March 8-9		Dallas Farmers Branch MTC

Golden Jubilee Year Souvenir

- A **Special Souvenir** will be published in our Jubilee Year.
- Advertisement rates & available pages:
 - Platinum Pages: \$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.
 - Near Term Goal: complete this phase by 1/31/2024



2023 Executive Committee Members

OFFICE BEARERS				
1	Rev. Sam K. Easow	Vicar	832-898-8699	kalayilsamachen@gmail.com
2	Rev. Jeevan John	Assistant Vicar	713-408-7394	jeevan2c@gmail.com
3	Mr. T. A. Mathew	Vice-President	832-771-2504	tamathew47@gmail.com
4	Mr. Reji George	Secretary	713-806-6751	reji.george@yahoo.com
5	Mr. Pulinthitta C. George	Trustee Finance	713-471-0982	george_pulinthitta@yahoo.com
6	Mr. Shajan George	Trustee Accounts	832-452-4195	shajangeorge@gmail.com
7	Mr. P. K. Thomas	Adult Lay Leader	832-640-0085	pkthomas101@yahoo.com
8	Mr. Kevin Johnson	Youth Lay Leader	281-624-9366	kevin.john402@gmail.com
AREA REPRESENTATIVES				
9	Mr. George Samuel	Alief & Sugarland	281-658-2341	aniyankunju@aol.com
10	Mr. John Chacko	Galveston & Other Areas	281-332-2488	globalparts4u@gmail.com
11	Mr. Easow T. Abraham	Medical Center/Stella Link	713-906-8068	abraham2379@sbcglobal.net
12	Mr. Magesh Mathew	Missouri City & Stafford	832-359-5702	mageshmathew@gmail.com
13	Mr. Sunny Alexander	North Houston	832-641-6400	sunnyalexander@sbcglobal.net
14	Mr. Thomas Mathew	North Shore	713-398-6696	tmathew04@yahoo.com
15	Mr. John Joseph	Pasadena	713-291-9895	johnj_05@yahoo.com
16	Mr. Jose Mathew	Pearland East	281-777-9480	josesusan1@gmail.com
17	Mr. Thomas Mathew	Pearland West	407-718-4805	jeemonranny@gmail.com
ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES				
18	Mr. Abraham Mathew	Choir	281-691-4140	abraham77339@gmail.com
19	Mr. Abraham K. Idiculla	Edavaka Mission	713-664-5607	akidiculla@yahoo.com
20	Mrs. Sheela Mathews	Sevika Sanghom	832-641-4874	sheelamathews2002@yahoo.com
21	Mr. Viju Varghese	Yuvajana Sakhyam	832-785-5442	viju2007@yahoo.com
22	Mr. Joseph M. Chemmarappally	Senior Fellowship	832-723-6065	chemmagracy@yahoo.com
23	Mrs. Stacy George	Young Family Fellowship	832-265-8497	stacysgeorge@gmail.com
24	Mrs. Shiny George	Sunday School	713-817-9812	shibuandshinygeorge@yahoo.com
25	Mr. Shawn Varghese	Youth Fellowship	832-259-5080	shawnvarghese2008@gmail.com
ASSEMBLY & MANDALAM REPRESENTATIVES				
26	Mr. Rajan K. Geevarghese	Diocesan Assembly Member	713-569-9668	rajang4914@yahoo.com
27	Mr. Jojy Sam Jaocb	Diocesan Assembly Member	713-894-7542	jojyac@gmail.com
28	Mr. Shajimon Idiculla	Mandalam Member	713-628-1015	idicula96@gmail.com
AUDITORS				
1	Mr. John Philip	Auditor	281-902-6682	johnphilip951@gmail.com
2	Mr. Jaiju Kuruvilla	Auditor	281-736-2299	hillpark@gmail.com

2024 Executive Committee Members

OFFICE BEARERS				
1	Rev. Sam K. Easow	Vicar	832-898-8699	kalayilsamachen@gmail.com
2	Rev. Jeevan John	Assistant Vicar	713-408-7394	jeevan2c@gmail.com
3	Mr. T. A. Mathew	Vice-President	832-771-2504	tamathew47@gmail.com
4	Mr. Thomas Mathew	Secretary	407-718-4805	jeemonranny@gmail.com
5	Mr. Pulinthitta C. George	Trustee Finance	713-471-0982	george_pulinthitta@yahoo.com
6	Mr. Shajan George	Trustee Accounts	832-452-4195	shajangeorge@gmail.com
7	Mr. George Samuel	Adult Lay Leader	281-658-2341	aniyankunju@aol.com
8	Mr. Shawn Varghese	Youth Lay Leader	832-259-5080	shawnvarghese2008@gmail.com
AREA REPRESENTATIVES				
9	Varghese Samuel	Alief & Sugarland	281-804-4060	varghese75@aol.com
10	Mr. John Chacko	Galveston & Other Areas	281-332-2488	globalparts4u@gmail.com
11	Mr. Thomas K. Idiculla	Medical Center/Stella Link	713-870-2151	tkidiculla@gmail.com
12	Mr. Mathew Zachariah	Missouri City & Stafford	720-421-0071	blessonulanad@gmail.com
13	Mr. Riju Rajan	North Houston	713-449-8469	riju_rajan@hotmail.com
14	Mr. Jaison V. Cherian	North Shore	281-454-4288	jvcjune28@yahoo.com
15	Mr. John Joseph	Pasadena	713-291-9895	johnj_05@yahoo.com
16	Mr. Bijoh Benjamin	Pearland East	281-787-6497	bijohbenjamin@gmail.com
17	Mr. Thomas Mathew	Pearland West	407-718-4805	jeemonranny@gmail.com
ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES				
18		Choir		
19	Mr. Abraham K. Idiculla	Edavaka Mission	713-664-5607	akidiculla@yahoo.com
20	Mrs. Sheela Mathews	Sevika Sanghom	832-641-4874	sheelamathews2002@yahoo.com
21		Yuvajana Sakhyam		
22	Mr. Joseph M. Chemmarappally	Senior Fellowship	832-723-6065	chemmagracy@yahoo.com
23	Mrs. Stacy George	Young Family Fellowship	832-265-8497	stacysgeorge@gmail.com
24	Mrs. Shiny George	Sunday School	713-817-9812	shibuandshinygeorge@yahoo.com
25	Ms. Anina Shajimon	Youth Fellowship	832-538-7307	anina.shajimon@gmail.com
ASSEMBLY & MANDALAM REPRESENTATIVES				
26	Mr. Shawn Varghese	Diocesan Assembly Member	832-259-5080	shawnvarghese2008@gmail.com
27	Mr. Rajan K. Geevarghese	Diocesan Assembly Member	713-569-9668	rajang4914@yahoo.com
28	Mr. Jojy Sam Jaocb	Diocesan Assembly Member	713-894-7542	jojyjac@gmail.com
29	Mr. Shajimon Idiculla	Mandalam Member	713-628-1015	idicula96@gmail.com
AUDITORS				
1	Tom Thomas	Auditor	832-589-8335	thomast194750@gmail.com
2	John Varghese (Anil)	Auditor	832-594-7198	anilv1974@gmail.com



Trinity Golden Jubilee and Programs

Our Parish embarked on its journey on April 4, 1974, under the guidance of the late Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Athanasius Suffragan Metropolitan, who led a prayer meeting and inspired a few Mar Thoma families to gather for worship and prayer. Later that year, in September, the Late Rev. T. I. Joseph conducted the first Malayalam Holy Communion Service in Houston.

The inauguration of our Parish Golden Jubilee year took place during the 49th Parish Day on June 18, 2023, with Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa leading the activities. Sam Achen, Jeevan Achen, Jubilee General Convenor Shajan George, Jubilee General Co-Convenor Thomas Mathew (Jeemon), and various sub-committees are spearheading a range of programs.

These initiatives encompass the transformation of the Trinity Campus Building Project into a Jubilee Memorial Project, establishing a Houston Food Bank Distribution Center at Trinity, creating an updated Trinity Address/Photo Directory, preparing over 50 youngsters for Lay Ministry, and ensuring that all Church and Church organization activities throughout the Jubilee Year align with the Jubilee Theme, "50 Years Under His Providence: Remember, Rejoice, Revive."

Ongoing activities include Prayer Cell Chain Prayers, Zoom Prayer Meetings led by Achens who served at Trinity, Mission Project planning, Jubilee Souvenir development, and the compilation of a Picture Directory. Upcoming activities in the pipeline encompass Bake Sales, a Sports Tournament, Trinity Fest, Family Conference, Alumni Meet, and a Grand Finale.



Golden Jubilee Sub-Committee

Prayer Cell

1. Mr. T. A. Mathew (Convener)
2. Mrs. Gracy George (Co-Convener)
3. Mr. Abraham Mathew
4. Mrs. Susamma Kurian
5. Mrs. Achamma Chacko
6. Mrs. Ponnamma Philip
7. Mr. George Varghese
8. Mr. Thomas K. Philip
9. Mrs. Kunjamma Eappen
10. Mr. Thomas Varghese
11. Mr. M. Georgekutty
12. Mr. P.K. Thomas

Souvenir

1. Mr. Reji George (Convener)
2. Mr. Oommen Thomas (Co-Convener)
3. Mr. Joseph Varghese
4. Mr. T. A. Mathew
5. Mrs. Annie Zachariah
6. Mrs. Moji John
7. Mr. Kevin Joseph
8. Miss. Tinju Eappen
9. Mr. Anoop George
10. Mrs. Sheeja Jose
11. Mr. George Samuel
12. Mr. Oommen K. Varghese

Finance

1. Mr. Pulinthitta George (Convener)
2. Mr. Varghese Samuel (Co-Convener)
3. Mr. Shajan George
4. Mr. Thomas Mathew (Thampi)
5. Mr. Abraham Joseph
6. Mr. Mathews Chandapillai

Food

1. Mr. John Chacko (Convener)
2. Mr. Daniel Zachariah (Co-Convener)
3. Mr. Joseph K. Joseph
4. Mrs. Kunjamma George
5. Mrs. Sally Thomas
6. Mrs. Rachel Cherian
7. Mrs. Valsa Mathew
8. Mrs. Valsa Abraham
9. Mr. John Kuruvilla
10. Mr. John Joseph
11. Mr. Easow T. Abraham
12. Mr. Jose Mathew
13. Mr. Philip Chirayil
14. Mr. Joseph George

Program

1. Mr. Joji Jacob (Convener)
2. Mrs. Reenu Varghese (Co-Convener)
3. Mrs. Lizzy Rajan
4. Mr. Jaiju Kuruvilla
5. Mrs. Shiny George
6. Mr. Reji John
7. Mr. Soman Chemmarappally
8. Mrs. Seena Varghese
9. Mr. Thomas Benjamin
10. Mr. Viju Varghese
11. Mrs. Sheeba Jose
12. Mr. Leena George

Mission (Local/India)

1. Mr. Abraham Idiculla (Convener)
2. Mr. Aby Mathai (Co-Convener)
3. Mr. Shawn Varghese
4. Mrs. Stacy George
5. Mrs. Shine George
6. Mr. Anil Varghese
7. Mrs. Jooley Zharairah
8. Mr. Thomas Varghese (Shibu)
9. Mrs. Mary George (Mercy)
10. Mr. P. I. Varghese
11. Mr. Babu T. George
12. Mr. Magesh Mathew

Reception

1. Mr. Rajan Geevarghese (Convener)
2. Mrs. Sheela Mathews (Co-Convener)
3. Mrs. Annie Oommen
4. Mrs. Sherry Reji
5. Mrs. Lally Chacko
6. Mrs. Suja Koshy
7. Mr. Josh Alexander
8. Mrs. Lillykutty Thomas
9. Mr. Ajit Jacob Mathew

Public Relations/Media

1. Mr. M. T. Mathai (Convener)
2. Mr. Joseph Varghese (Co-Convener)
3. Mr. Thomas K. Varghese
4. Mr. Jaison Samuel
5. Mr. Thomas Mathew (Jeemon)
6. Mr. Kevin Johnson
7. Mrs. Susan Bijoo Mathew

Choir

1. Mr. Rojin Oommen (Convener)
2. Mrs. Rekha Abraham (Co-Convener)
3. Mr. Abraham Mathew (Anand)
4. Mrs. Kunjukunjamma Thomas
5. Mr. Abraham George
6. Mrs. Julie John
7. Mr. Jithin Kurian

Trinity Mar Thoma Church

5810 Almeda Genoa Road

Houston, Texas 75228

www.trinitymtc.org

