

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

Sunday, 12/31

- Year-end retreat starting at **8:30 PM (Day 2)**

**Rev. Dr. Eappen Varghese** is leading the retreat.

### **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

### **Worship Service and Lectionary - Sunday, January 7, 2024**

- Malayalam Holy Communion Service at **8:30 AM**
  - Pearland East Area will assist the Service
    - Theme - Evangelism: Church's primary commission (Outside Kerala Mission)
    - Lesson 1: Isaiah 61:1-11
    - Lesson 2: Acts 20:17-24
    - Epistle: Colossians 1:24-29
    - Gospel: Matthew 9:35-38
- English Divine Holy Communion Service at **11:30 AM**

### **Fasting Prayer Meeting**

- Friday, January 5, 2024, at 9:30 AM
  - Trinity Mar Thoma Church
  - Stafford Parsonage

### **Organizational Announcements**

- Sunday School
- Exam Review – Sunday, December 31, 2023
- Final Exam – Sunday, January 7, 2024

- **Youth Fellowship**

- Thank you to everyone that participated in the Mini Winter Retreat this past Thursday led by Dennis Achen.
  - Shawn Varghese will be distributing Mini Winter Retreat T-shirts in the SS Hall and Trinity Center after the Holy Communion Service.
- This was the final YF event of 2023, and we pray it was a blessing for everyone who attended.
- Please continue to keep the youth of our church and activities of the Youth Fellowship in your prayers.

- **Yuvajana Sakhyam**

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



- Congratulations to the Trinity Mar Thoma Church for winning 2nd Place at the Malayalee Association of Greater Houston (MAGH) Christmas Carol Competition on Friday, December 29, 2023.



- **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.

Zoom Meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87242740053?pwd=UXYwYXBVeXVWYWWRaZ0JnVFUxSjBsZz09>

Meeting ID: 872 4274 0053 / Passcode: 101010

### **Golden Jubilee Year Souvenir**

- 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.
  - Near Term Goal: complete this phase by 1/31/2024.
  - We will recognize three members who gather the highest number of Souvenir advertisements.

### **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](mailto:directory@trinitymtc.org).

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](mailto: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.

### Condolences

**Mr. Thomas M. Cherian** (Moni, 76) received the heavenly call on Wednesday, December 27th, in Houston.

- He is the father of Mrs. Ann Thomas (Missouri City and Stafford prayer group), and the brother of Mrs. Thankamma T. Abraham (Medical Center and Stella Link Prayer group)
- Wake Service: Friday, January 5th, at South Park Funeral Home, Pearland
- Viewing and Funeral: Saturday, January 6th, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Houston.

On behalf of Trinity Mar Thoma Church, we extend heartfelt condolences to the grieving family. May God comfort all family members and friends with Divine peace.

Please continue to uphold all family members and friends in your prayers.

### Offertory - Sunday, December 24 & 25: \$ 5,697

General: \$ 3,952

Birthday: \$ 1,195

Wedding Anniversary: \$ 550

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, 1/7/2024.**
- Contact our Trustees (Shajan George & Pulinhitta George) with follow-up questions.

Please join us for snacks in the Fellowship Hall

Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Anil and Premna and thank you for sponsoring snacks.



We need help with snack sponsorship in the new year. Please help.

Pray continue to pray for our Trinity Parish and all Golden Jubilee Year Programs.

Have a wonderful new week and new year. May God bless all of us and allow us to start the new year with His guidance.

Trinity Mar Thoma Church, Houston, Texas  
December 31, 2023 – Announcements



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