

TRINITY MAR THOMA CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

Passion Week Services:

Mar 16, Sunday 9:45 a.m.
 Mar 17-19, Mon-Wed 7:00 p.m.
 Mar 20, Thursday 7:00 p.m.
 Mar 21, Friday 9:00 a.m.
 Mar 23, Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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Message from the Vicar:

Dearlly Beloved in Christ,

Why should we observe Lent? What is its significance? The essence of Lent is 'fasting and praying'. Fasting is an excellent weapon to fight against evil. It was with this weapon that Jesus Christ overcame Satan before he started his public ministry.

After having the last meal with his disciples, Jesus made his way to the Garden of Gethsemane to wrestle in prayer. He urged his disciples to pray with him. During the prayer, his sweat mingled with blood and fell in big drops on the ground. Ironically when Jesus knelt down in prayer, his disciples fell asleep. Christ expected the prayerful support of his disciples in his painful moments. But his disciples responded indifferently. We, as Christians are entrusted to share the burden of others. Remember some one near you is struggling. We can kneel in prayer along with the suffering ones. The living God is paying attention to our fasting and prayer. The Tomb in Jerusalem and the Cross in the Church altar are empty which imply we serve the Risen Christ.

In history, we read how the news of the battle of Waterloo was received in England. The signals were not clear and people received the message as WELLINGTON DEFEATED. All of London was shocked and mourned. But later the correct and complete message came as WELLINGTON DEFEATED NAPOLEON. Immediately the thrilling news raced across the nation, lifting everyone from gloom to joy. So also the heavy gloom and despair of Calvary fled before the victory of Jesus' open and empty tomb. Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory over sin and death through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord..(1 Cor. 15:57).

May you all have a joyful Easter.

Yours in Him,

Rev. M.J. Thomaskutty.

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Vicar's Schedule for March & April 2008

March

1	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Sevika Sanghom bible study
		6:30 p.m.	Northshore area prayer meeting @ Mr. & Mrs. Abraham George
2	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Immanueal Mar Thoma Church, pulpit exchange
		6:30 p.m.	Alief & Sugar Land area prayer meeting
3-5	Mon-Wed		House visit - Alief & Sugar Land area
7	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship Committee
8	Saturday	11:00a.m.	Baptism
		6:30 p.m.	GOA prayer meeting
9	Sunday	6:30 p.m.	Missouri City & Stafford area prayer meeting
		After Service	2008 Executive Committee Meeting
10-12	Mon-Wed		House visit – GOA & HC/Med Center/Stella Link
14	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Edavaka Mission bible study
15	Saturday		Regional Conference in Dallas
16	Sunday	After Service	Sevika Sanghom General Body Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	North Houston area prayer meeting
17-19	Mon-Wed	7:00 p.m.	Evening worship at church
20	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service and Holy Communion
21	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Good Friday Service
22	Saturday	6:30 p.m.	HC/Med Center/Stella Link area prayer meeting
23	Sunday	6:30 p.m.	Pearland & Manvel area prayer meeting
24-26	Mon-Wed		House Visit – Missouri City & Stafford area
27	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Sevika Sanghom bible study
28	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Edavaka Mission bible study
29	Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Baptism
		6:30 p.m.	Wedding Engagement
30	Sunday	After Service	Yuvajana Sakhyam Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	Pearland & Manvel area prayer meeting
31-2 nd	Apr. Mon-Wed		House Visit – North Houston area

April

6	Sunday	6.30 p.m.	HC/Med Center/Stella Link area prayer meeting
7-9	Mon-Wed		House Visit – Northshore area
11	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Edavaka Mission bible study
12	Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Baptism
		6.30 p.m.	Missouri City & Stafford area prayer meeting @ Mr. Sam Varghese
13	Sunday	6.30 p.m.	North Houston area prayer meeting
14-16	Mon-Wed		House Visit – Pasadena area
17	Thursday	7:00p.m.	Sevika Sanghom bible study
18	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Edavaka Mission bible study
19	Saturday	7.00 p.m.	Sunday School Children's talent show
20	Sunday	6.30 p.m.	Northshore area prayer meeting
21-23	Mon-Wed		House Visit – Pearland & Manvel area
25	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Edavaka Mission bible study
26	Saturday	11:30 a.m.	House Warming
		6.30 p.m.	Alief & Sugar Land area prayer meeting
27	Sunday	6.30 p.m.	Pasadena area prayer meeting
28-30	Mon-Wed		House Visit – Pearland & Manvel area



Organizations' Schedule – March 2008

Edavaka Mission

14	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
15	Saturday		Conference at St. Paul's MTC, Dallas
28	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study

Sevika Sanghom

1	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
15	Saturday		Conference at St. Paul's MTC, Dallas
16	Sunday	After Service	General Body Meeting
27	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study

Sunday School

15	Saturday		Conference at St. Paul's MTC, Dallas
21	Good Friday		2 nd and 3 rd Good Friday Sessions at Sunday School Hall
30	Sunday		Vicar visits Sunday School Classes

Yuvajana Sakhyam

30	Sunday	After Service	Yuvajana Sakhyam Meeting
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Organizations' Schedule – April 2008

Edavaka Mission

11	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
18	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
25	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study

Sevika Sanghom

17	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
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Sunday School

6	Sunday	After Service	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
19	Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School Children's Talent Show

New Members

George, Abraham T. Stacy S. George (Aby, Stacy)	Thadathil Puthuparambil, Mezhuveli Kanjirappallil, Anaprambal ID # 386 MC & Stafford Area	1000 Farrah Lane, Stafford, TX 77477 281 499 9082	Yohannan, Binu Seby Yohannan (Binu, Seby) Angelina	Cherukizhangummanil, Pathanapuram Payattuville Veedu, Mulavana, Kundara ID # 389 Pearland & Manvel Area	11603 Summer Moon Drive Pearland, TX 77584 binu5@msn.com 713 436 7105
Koikkeriel, Thomas P. Jaimole Thomas (Thomas, Jaimole) Jeena, Keziah	Koikkeriel, Amichakary Mankidiyil, Piravom ID # 387 Galv. & Other Area	110 Barracuda Avenue Galveston, TX 77550 jkoikkeriel@yahoo.com 409 515 0056	Thomas, Stanley Jency Thomas (Stanley, Jency)	Puthukallel, Punnaveley Thovelil, Maramon ID # 390 Pasadena Area	6014 Lacey Oak Drive Pasadena, TX 77550 281 991 0318
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Kuruvilla, Jaiju Lalu Kuruvilla (Jaiju, Lalu) Christina	Methrayil Naranathu, Keezhvaipur Eattickal, Mundiappally ID # 392 MC & Stafford Area	2314 Palm Harbour Drive Missouri City, TX 77459 hillpark@gmail.com 281 668 4906			

Change of Address

Abraham, O.E. Sosamma Abraham (Thampy, Leela)	Ottathengil, Vennikulam Mathilunkal, Kuttapuzha ID # 221 MC & Stafford Area	1634 Pebble Brook Missouri City, TX 77459 281 438 8631	Jose, Thayyil J. Sheeba T. Jose (Jose, Sheeba) Janina, Justina, Johana	Thayyil, Othera Manthanathu, Valakuzhy ID # 260 Pearland & Manvel Area	12001 Opal Creek Drive Pearland, TX 77584 713 436 5640
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Worship Services & Bible Readings

March 2008

2 Sunday Malayalam Holy Communion
Service @ 9:45 a.m.
Pasadena Area 1st Lesson: Judges 4:4-16
 2nd Lesson: Acts 17:22-31
 Lay Leader: Gal 3:19-29

9 Sunday English Holy Communion
Service @ 10:30 a.m.
*Pearland/
 Marvel Area* 1st Lesson: Isa 40:1-11
 2nd Lesson: 1 Pet 4:1-11
 Lay Leader: 2 Cor 4:1-12

16 Sunday Malayalam Holy Communion
Service @ 9:45 a.m.
*Alief/Sugar-
 Land Area* 1st Lesson: Zech 9:9-17
 2nd Lesson: Heb 5:1-10
 Lay Leader: Phil 2:1-11

23 Sunday English Holy Communion
Service @ 10:30 a.m.
 (Easter)
*HC/Med. Center/
 Stella Link* 1st Lesson: 2 Kings 4:27-37
 2nd Lesson: 1 Cor 15:12-28
 Lay Leader: 1 Cor 15:42-58

30 Sunday English Praise & Worship
Service @ 10:30 a.m.
Youth 1st Lesson: Exo 3:1-15
Fellowship 2nd Lesson: 2 Pet 1:12-21
 Lay Leader: 1 Tim 2:1-7

April 2008

6 Sunday Malayalam Holy Communion
Service @ 9:45 a.m.
*MC/Stafford
 Area* 1st Lesson: Ezek 37:1-14
 2nd Lesson: Col 3:1-11
 Lay Leader: Rom 6:1-14

13 Sunday English Holy Communion Service
@ 10:30 a.m.
*North Houston
 Area* 1st Lesson: Isa 61:1-11
 2nd Lesson: 1 John 3:1-12
 Lay Leader: 2 Cor 12:1-10

20 Sunday Malayalam Holy Communion
Service @ 9:45 a.m.
*North Shore
 Area* 1st Lesson: 1 Kings 17:1-24
 2nd Lesson: Col 2:6-15
 Lay Leader: Phil 3:9-16

27 Sunday English Holy Communion Service
@ 10:30 a.m.
Pasadena Area 1st Lesson: Gen 2:4-17
 2nd Lesson: 1 Cor 13:1-13
 Lay Leader: 1 Cor 2:6-16

Passion Week Service Schedule and Bible Readings

17 Monday Evening Service @7:00 p.m.
Senior Citizen Fell. 1st Lesson: Isa 63:7-19 2nd Lesson: Heb 2:1-18

18 Tuesday Evening Service @7:00 p.m.
Malayalam Choir 1st Lesson: Num 21:1-16 2nd Lesson: Eph 2:1-10

19 Wednesday Evening Service @7:00 p.m.
Exe. Committee 1st Lesson: Levit 16:1-28 2nd Lesson: 1 Peter 4:7-19

20 Thursday Mal. Holy Communion Serv @ 7:00 p.m.
*Galveston &
 Other Area* 1st Lesson: Exo 12:1-28
 2nd Lesson: Heb 9:1-15
 Lay Leader: St. Mat 26:1-16

21 Friday Good Friday Service @9:00 a.m.

<i>1st Service</i>	<i>2nd Service</i>	<i>3rd Service</i>
<i>Edavaqa Mission</i>	<i>Yuvajana Sakhyam</i>	<i>Sevika Sanghom</i>
1 st Lesson: Isa 53:1-12	1 st Lesson: Zech. 13:1-9	1 st Lesson: Num. 21:1-9
2 nd Lesson: 1 Pet 1:1-25	2 nd Lesson: Gal 3:1-22	2 nd Lesson: Heb 3:1-19