



Trinity Mar Thoma Church Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

March 21 Saturday:

Sunday school is planning on taking a trip to Houston Museum.

Passion Week Services:

Apr 5, Sunday 9:45 A.M.
 Apr 6-8, Mon-Wed 7:00 P.M.
 Apr 9, Thursday 7:00 P.M.
 Apr 10, Friday 9:00 A.M.
 Apr 12, Sunday 10:30 A.M.

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Reminder



Daylight Saving time starts
on March 8

Message from the Vicar:



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our lord and savior Jesus Christ.

Life is a Journey. We are all pilgrims travelling to uncharted territories. Our beloved Scariah John Achan is on transfer. Achan will have his next assignment in Kerala from May 1st, 2009 onwards. Achan and Kochamma worked hard for the spiritual nurture of our youngsters. I greatly appreciate the dedication, hospitality, care and concern of Achan and Kochamma that they explicated during their ministry. May God bless them in their new assignment. Kindly uphold Scariah John Achan, Jisha Kochamma, Christy and Abel in your prayers.

Jesus Christ was also a pilgrim on this earth. He travelled from the manger in Bethlehem to Heaven through the way of Cross on Calvary. The Manger is the beginning. Calvary is the perfection. The Cross on the Calvary is the ultimate manifestation of God's love for the world. The passion of Jesus Christ is a great source of strength to the believers. The Passion Week is a period of renewal and dedication. George Muller once said, 'The only way to learn strong faith is to endure great trials. I have learned my faith by standing firm amid severe settings'. Let's meditate more on the Cross of Jesus in these days.

In the midst of pain and suffering, the believers are challenged to celebrate the victory won on the cross. Easter is a time of new life. A warm sun shines. Life has a new meaning. Jesus's resurrection gives clear proof that ultimately truth will have victory over evil. If our Lord had not risen from the dead it would have appeared as if sin and death had the last word in human life. But the resurrection proclaims categorically that God's love controls and guides the history. It is the faith in the resurrection that makes a victorious Christian life possible. Our savior is Christ who lives today and forever. Life is God's gift and no force can destroy it. This life through Jesus goes beyond the present time to 'eternal life'. 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live.' (St.John 11; 25-26). Life after death is not a speculation but a certainty. Once a little boy was selling the pictures of Jesus on a roadside. A gentle man approached him. The boy showed him the pictures and said... 'that's Jesus'... The man made no reply. The boy continued 'They killed him'. Where did you learn that? Asked the man. 'In the mission Sunday School' was the boy's reply. The man turned and walked thoughtfully away. He had not gone far when he heard a youthful voice calling 'Sir' I forgot to tell you one thing, He rose again'.... YES... JESUS IS RISEN INDEED...

Wish you all a Happy EASTER!

Yours in Him,
Rev. M.J. Thomaskutty

Vicar's Schedule

March

1	9:00 AM	Emmanuel Mar Thoma Church (Pulpit Exchange)
1	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
3, 4		House Visit - Alief-Sugar Land Area
7	9:30 AM	Sevika Sangam world day of prayer at Church
7	7:00 PM	Prayer meeting @ the res. of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Mathew, North Houston Area
8	9:45 AM	Bible study at Church
8	After Service	Sunday school teachers meeting
8	7:00 PM	Prayer meeting @ the res. of Mr. and Mrs. James Mathew, Alief-Sugar Land Area
10, 11		House Visit - Galveston-Other Area
14		Regional Meeting (Dallas)
15	9:45 AM	Dedication Prayer for Executive Committee Members
15	After Service	2009 Executive Committee Meeting
15	7:00 PM	Prayer meeting @ the res. of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Mathew, Pearland /Manvel Area
17, 18		House Visit – Med ctr/Stella Link Area
19	7:00 PM	Sevika Sangam Cottage Meeting
20	7:00 PM	Edavaka Mission Meeting @ the res. Of Mr. and Mrs. Chacko Varghese Alief-Sugar Land Area
21	11:00 AM	House Warming Prayer @ the res. Of Mr. and Mrs. Jaison V.Chерian North Shore Area
21	7:00 PM	Prayer meeting @ the res. of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Thomas, Pearland Area
22	9:45 AM	Bible study at Church
22	After Service	Yuvajana Sakhyam General Body Meeting
22	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
24,25		House Visit - Missouri City/Stafford Area
27		House Visit - Edavaka Mission
27	7:00 AM	Prayer Meeting @ the res. Of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Varghese, Pearland /Manvel Area
28	9:30 AM	Sevika Sangam Meeting at Church
28	11:00 AM	Baptism
28	7:00 PM	Prayer meeting @ the res. of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Thomas, Pearland/Manvel Area
29	9:15 AM	Sunday school Visit
29	After Service	Sevika Sangam General Body Meeting
29	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
31		House Visit - North Houston

April

1		House Visit - North Houston Area
4	9:30 AM	Sevika Sangam Meeting at Church
4	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting @ the res. Of Mr. and Mrs. John Chacko Galveston and Other Area
5	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
6,7,8	7:00 PM	Evening worship (Sandhya Namaskaram) at Church
9	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service and Holy Communion
10	9:00 AM	Good Friday Service
12	9:45 AM	Bible Study
12	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
14,15		House Visit - North Shore Area
16,17,18		Clergy Meeting, Diocesan Assembly
19	After Service	Yuvajana Sakhyam Meeting
19	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
21,22		House Visit - Pasadena Area
23	7:00 PM	Sevika Sangam Cottage Meeting
24	7:00 PM	Edavaka Mission Prayer Meeting
25		Wedding
26	9:45 AM	Bible study
26	6:00 PM	House Warming
28,29		House Visit - Pearland Area

Organizations' Schedule –March 2009

Edavaka Mission

13	Friday	7:00 PM	Bible study at Church
20	Friday	7:00 PM	Cottage meeting @ the res. of Mr. Chacko Varghese Sugar Land Area
27	Friday		House Visit
28	Saturday	9:30 AM	Meeting at Church

Sevika Sanghom

07	Saturday	9:30 AM	World day of Prayer at church
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Cottage meeting

Sunday School

8	Sunday	After Service	Teachers' Meeting
14	Saturday	9AM – 4:30PM	Junior/Senior Regional Conference at Sehion Mar Thoma Church 3760 E.14 th Street, Plano, TX. 75074
21	Saturday		Trip to Houston Museum. Please register as soon as possible.

Youth Fellowship

1	Sunday	After Service	Bake Sale
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Yuvajana Sakhyam

1	Sunday	After Service	Meeting at Church
22	Sunday	After Service	General Body Meeting

Organizations' Schedule –April 2009

Edavaka Mission

17	Friday	7:00 PM	Bible study
24	Friday	7:00 PM	House visit

Sevika Sanghom

04	Saturday	9:30 AM	Bible Study
16	Thursday	7:00 PM	Cottage meeting

Sunday School

4	Saturday		Teachers Workshop
5	Sunday	After Service	Teachers Meeting
26	Sunday	After Service	Bake Sale

Yuvajana Sakhyam

19	Sunday	After Service	Monthly Meeting
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New Members

Name	Address	Family Name/Place
Jose Mathew Mariamamma Mathew (Babu, Mariamma) Ben ID# 397	5831 Horseshoe falls Missouri City, TX 77459 281 778 7867 Miss. City and Stafford Area	Puthenpurackal, Pullad Ramanolickal, Mallappally
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Shiju George Julie Mary Uthup (Shiju, Julie) Tim , Teena ID# 399	2825 Bellefontaine Houston, TX 77025 713 432 0939 Medical Ctr/Stella Link Area	Thachanalil, Ranny Muttathukara, Vakathanam

Worship Service and Bible Reading:

March

Date/Time	Service	Area/org:	I Reading	II Reading	Epistle	Gospel
01 9:45 AM	Malayalam	Pearland/Manvel	Exo.3:7-18	James 5: 1-11	Acts 16:16-24	Luke 5:12-16
08 10:30 AM	English	Alief/Sugar Land	Isa 1:1-20	Heb 10:1-15	1John 1:1-10	Mark 2:1-12
15 9:45 AM	Malayalam	GOA	Isa 45:1-8	Acts 16:6-15	Gal 2:11-21	Mat 15: 21-28
22 10:30 AM	English	Med/Stella Link	Isa 59:12-21	Rom 8:31-39	Eph 6:10-20	Luke 13:10-17
29 10:30 AM	Praise and worship	Sunday School	Isa 42:1-9	Acts 12:1-11		

April

Date/Time	Service	Area/org:	I Reading	II Reading	Epistle	Gospel
5 9:45 AM	Malayalam (Hosanna)	Miss. City/Staff	Zech 9:9-17	Eph 2:11-22	Col 1:15-24	John 12:12-19
12 10:30 AM	English (Easter)	N Houston	2King 4:27-37	1Cor 15:1-20	Col 3:1-11	Luke 24:1-12
19 9:45 AM	Malayalam	North Shore	Exo 3:1-15	Acts 9:1-18	2Tim 2:1-13	John 20:19-29
26 10:30 AM	English	Pasadena	Eze 36:26-38	2Thess 2:13-3:13	Phil 1:12-25	John 21:1-14

Passion Week Service and Bible Reading:

Date/Time	Service	Area/org:	I Reading	II Reading	Epistle	Gospel
6 7:00 PM	Evening Service	Malayalam Choir	Lev 2:1-16	Acts 13:26-43		
7 7:00 PM	Evening Service	Exe. Committee	Isa 52:1-15	Acts 13:44-52		
8 7:00 PM	Evening Service	Pearland/Manvel	Isa 28:14-29	Col 1:9-22		
9 7:00 PM	Malayalam Holy com.	Alief/Sugar Land	Ex 12:1-28	Heb 9:1-15	Heb 5:1-14	Mat 26:17-30

Good Friday Service and Bible Reading:

Date/Time	Service	Area/org:	I Reading	II Reading	Epistle	Gospel
10 9:00 AM	First service	Edavaka Mission	Isa 53:1-12	1Pet 1:1-25		Mat 26:47-75
	Second service	Sevika Sangam	Zech 13:1-9	Gal 3:1-22		Mat 27:1-44
	Third service	Y Sakhyam	Num 21:1-9	Heb 3:1-19		Mat 27:45-56

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