

TRINITY MAR THOMA CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter**

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Upcoming Events:

Church Retreat

Sept. 12-14 @ Camp Allen

Sevika Sanghom Day

Sunday, Sept. 21

Voluntary Evangelists' Day

Sunday, Oct 5

Youth Sunday

Sunday, Oct 19

Church Convention

Oct. 23-25 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Family Sunday & One Day
Income Offering**

Sunday, Oct 26

Sept. 08

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Oct. 08

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Message from the Vicar:

St. Matthew 6:10 ".....Thy Kingdom Come..."

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During the months of September and October, our Church will be observing the Sevika Sanghom Day, the Yuvajana Sakhyam Day and Edavaka Mission Day. The Church retreat will be in the second week of September and the church convention will be in the last week of October. The main purpose of these gatherings is to enhance the growth of the Kingdom of God. The mission of Jesus Christ was to establish the Kingdom of God. He appeared as a preacher in Galilee proclaiming 'the Kingdom of God' (St. Mark 1:14-15). Let's meditate on the message Jesus really wanted to convey.

The term kingdom of God was not a new idea. The "new age" which the prophets and seers of the Old Testament foresaw, came to be known among the Jews as the Kingdom of God. Many Zealots and Patriots of Jesus' time were eagerly waiting for the kingdom of God to be established after the downfall of the Roman Empire in Palestine. One of Jesus' disciples, Simon the Cannite, also known as the Zealot was a member of this radical group which planned to establish the kingdom of God by physical force or military power. But Jesus used the term with a new meaning. There are two main streams of thought in His concept of the Kingdom. Firstly The Kingdom of God is a new spiritual relationship that should be born in each person's heart. God should be enthroned. Every person must freely accept His Lordship. It is the reign of God on Earth as it is in Heaven. The Kingdom of God doesn't come by improving our human environment or even by the establishment of ethical and moral laws. It is born in the heart and life of any person who makes a complete U-Turn in his life, repents and confesses his sins and believes the Gospel. Secondly, The Kingdom of God should not only be confined to individual lives or to private experiences but should also emerge as a mighty power that permeates all the institutions and societies, rites and observances, political ideas and ideologies, and all relationships and activities. The Kingdom of God brings everything into subjection to God. To bring this about, those who believe in Kingdom's standards must practice them in the world in perfect cooperation with others. To pray thy kingdom come is just the beginning of our preparation. The complete and perfect manifestation of His kingdom lies beyond human thought and vision. It is an eschatological plus.

Let's examine our understanding of the Kingdom of God. Do we see it in terms of our religion and politics? Or do we think of it as the Kingdom beyond the narrow confines of human boundaries? We cannot enter the Kingdom with out repentance and change of heart. May God help us to work more fruitfully for the growth of His Kingdom on Earth. Let's pray for those who are being persecuted in Orissa and various parts of the world for the cause of the Kingdom of God.

In His Service,
Rev. M.J. Thomaskutty.



Vicar's Schedule for Sept & Oct 2008

September

2-3	Tues-Wed		House visit - Alief and Sugar Land Area
6	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Sevika Sanghom Bible Class
		12:30 p.m.	Yuvajana Sakhyam get-together
		7:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting @ the res. of Mr. Daniel Varghese, North Houston area
7	Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting @ the res. of Mr. Nellical Chacko, Stella Link area
9-10	Tues-Wed		House visit - GOA Area
12-14	Fri-Sunday		Church Retreat at Camp Allen
14	Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Prayer meeting at Pearland and Manvel area
16-17	Tues-Wed		House visit – Med.Ctr/Stella Link Area
18	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Sevika Sanghom cottage Meeting
19	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Edavaka Mission Bible study
20	Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Wedding
21	Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting @ the res. of Mr. Manesh Mathew, MC& Stafford area
23-24	Tues-Wed		House visit – Missouri City and Stafford Area
26	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Edavaka Mission cottage meeting
28	Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting @ the res. of Mr. P.K. Thomas, Stella Link area
30	Tuesday		House visit – North Houston Area

October

1	Wednesday		House visit – North Houston Area
4	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Sevika Sanghom Bible Study
		7:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting @ the res. of Alex Pappachan, Pearland and Manvel area
5	Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Prayer meeting @ the res. of Mr. P.E. Varghese, MC & Stafford area
7-8	Tues-Wed		House visit – Northshore
10	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Edavaka Mission Bible study
11	Saturday		Wedding
12	Sunday	7.00 p.m.	Prayer meeting @ the res. of Mr. Daniel Chacko, Stella Link area
14-15	Tues-Wed		House visit – Pasadena Area
16	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Sevika Sanghom cottage meeting
17	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Edavaka Mission House visit
18	Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Engagement
		7:00 p.m.	Prayer meeting-Northshore area
19	Sunday	7:00 p.m.	House warming
21-22	Tues-Wed		House visit – Pearland and Manvel Area
24	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Edavaka Mission cottage meeting
23-25	Thurs-Saturday	7.00 p.m.	Church Convention
26	Sunday	7.00 p.m.	Prayer meeting –Northshore area



Organizations' Schedule – September 2008

Edavaka Mission

19	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Bible study
26	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Cottage Meeting @ the res. of Mr. T.E. Thomas

Sevika Sanghom

6	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Bible study
18	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Cottage Meeting
21	Sunday		Sevika Sanghom Sunday

Sunday School

7	Sunday		New Academic Year begins
7	Sunday	After Service	Teachers' Meeting

Yuvajana Sakhyam

6	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Get-together
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Organizations' Schedule – October 2008

Edavaka Mission

5	Sunday		Voluntary Evangelists' Sunday
10	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Bible study/Cottage Meeting
17	Friday	7:00 p.m.	House Visit
24	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Cottage Meeting @ the res. of Mr. P.M. John

Sevika Sanghom

4	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
9-12	Thurs-Sun		2008 Sevika Sanghom Leadership Conference at Greater Seattle MTC
16	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Cottage Meeting

Sunday School

5	Sunday	After Service	Teachers' Meeting
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Yuvajana Sakhyam

19	Sunday		Youth Sunday
19	Sunday	After Service	Yuvajana Sakhyam meeting

New Members

Mathew, Deepak John Shirley Mathew (Deepak, Shirley)	ID# 395 Pearland & Manvel Area	13301 Barons Cove Lane, Pearland, TX 77584 dee_mathew@yahoo.com 281 993 4228
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Change of Address

Cherian, Jaison V. Deenamma Jaison (Jaison, Lizy) Jaisley, Jesna, Jancy	Vadakkathara, Ranny Kolerathu, Thelliyoorkavu ID# 245 Northshore Area	6802 Stableton Lane, Houston, TX 77049 281 454 4288	Ninan, Raji T. (Raji)	Cheruthone House, Nalanchira ID# 378 Pasadena Area	5018 Misty Lane, Pasadena, TX 77505 rajininan@yahoo.com 713 240 9226
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Worship Services & Bible Readings

September 2008

7 Sunday

Malayalam Holy Communion Service
@9:45 a.m.

Northshore
Area

1st Lesson: Prov 8:1-12
2nd Lesson: Tit 2:1-8
Lay Leader: Col 1:24-29

14 Sunday

Holy Communion Service @Camp Allen

TBA

1st Lesson: Micah 4:1-7
2nd Lesson: 2 Cor 5:11-21
Lay Leader: Rom 12:9-21

21 Sunday

Malayalam Holy Communion Service
@9:45 a.m.

Sevika
Sanghom

1st Lesson: Esth 7:1-10
2nd Lesson: Acts 6:11-15
Lay Leader: 2 Tim 1:1-5

28 Sunday

English Holy Communion Service
@10:30 a.m.

Pasadena Area

1st Lesson: Isa 40:21-31
2nd Lesson: 1 Tim 5:1-10
Lay Leader: 1 John 3:1-10

October 2008

5 Sunday

Malayalam Holy Communion Service
@ 9:45 a.m.

Edavaka
Mission

1st Lesson: 2 Kings. 5:1-14
2nd Lesson: Acts 11:19-30
Lay Leader: Acts. 18:24-28

12 Sunday

English Holy Communion Service
@10:30 a.m.

Pearland &
Marvel Area

1st Lesson: 2 Sam. 9:1-13
2nd Lesson: 1Thes.5: 12-22
Lay Leader: 2 Cor. 12:1-10

19 Sunday

Malayalam Holy Communion Service
@ 9:45 a.m.

Yuvajana
Sakhtyam

1st Lesson: 1 Sam 17:32-50
2nd Lesson: Phil 3:1-16
Lay Leader: 1Tim 4:6-16

26 Sunday

English Holy Communion Service
@10:30 a.m.

Alief/Sugar-
Land Area

1st Lesson: Josh. 24:14-22
2nd Lesson: Gal 6:1-10
Lay Leader: Rom 16:1-16

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