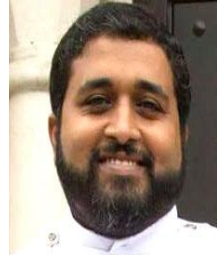


**Trinity Mar Thoma Church**  
**5810 Almeda Genoa Road, Houston, TX 77048**  
**News Letter: March-April 2019**  
**Message from Rev. Philip Philip**

Dearly Beloved in Christ

Greetings to you all in the name of our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

I write this message with mixed feeling. This would be my last message that I could pen down as the Assistant Vicar of Trinity Mar Thoma Church, Houston through this newsletter. As I reflect over the past years, I could affirm that these were the three memorable years of fulfilment. What a blessed time we had with the Trinity family! I thank God for your love and care that we have experienced during our life and tenure here.



I am grateful to the present as well as the previous office bearers and committee members for their never-ending support and dedicated work towards the various activities of our parish. All of this was accomplished through the skill and dedicated work of many volunteers giving their countless hours of time. “Whatsoever your hand intends to do, do with all your heart” {Ecclesiastes 9:10-11}. As the members of this parish, amidst your daily struggle raising kids, work, and other things, many of you have thrived physically and emotionally to put forth the effort to attend worship services or support parish activities. I believe God will reward these efforts. The Trinity Mar Thoma Church has the unique quality of helping the needy with no reciprocal expectations, knowing that “whatever you have done for the least of these, you have done for me” (Matthew 25:40). As a family, we remember the good time and fellowship we had with all the members, especially with the youngsters of this parish. I am grateful to you for your genuine love and whole-hearted support in my ministry.

A smile and kind word can change the day for someone. Thanks for sharing your smiles and words of encouragement. I have learned many things during my ministry here at Houston. I have learned that even though we may disagree on how to do things — we can still love each other and work together. Life is filled with give and take situations. God did not intend this Christian journey to be a solo trip. He placed us in community — to work together, struggle together, learn from one another, encourage each other, and serve one another. It is all about relationship —our relationship with God and our relationship with others. We can remain faithful—even when it hurts. Sometimes we need to “yield our right of way”. God is with us in every situation we face.

I am thankful to Rev. Mathews Philip and family and Rev. Jacob P Thomas and family for their love and affection, and encouragement in my ministry during these three years.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Assistant Vicar Rev. Roshan Mathews and family. His service would definitely be a blessing for our parish.

I am most grateful to God and the Episcopal Synod for giving me the opportunity to be the Assistant Vicar of this great church, to shepherd this congregation during a unique and very special time. As all of you know, I am transferred to Vapi Mission in Gujarat, India, May onwards. I request your prayers for our ministry over there. Kindly accept our sincere thanks that we express from the bottom of our hearts. You will always be near and dear to us. Our hearts and home are open to you and we will uphold you in our prayers. It is my prayer that God will continue to bless and grow this Church.

May each of you have an abundant life overflowing in God's love and deeds of service

Ginsey, Prathyash & Prajod join me in wishing you all the very best. "Good bye"

In His will

Rev. Philip Philip

March 1st, 2019.



### **Farewell Meeting:**

Sunday April 14 (Palm Sunday) after Holy Communion Service



## Vicars' Schedule March 2019

March 1-2	Fri-Sat	SW Regional Annual Conference	Dallas
March 3	Sunday	Diocesan Sunday-Pulpit Change	Dallas
March 3	Sunday	Parish Executive Committee	7.00 pm
March 8	Friday	Fasting Prayer	9.30 am
		Edavaka Mission Cottage prayer church	7.00 pm
March 9	Saturday	Sunday School Field Trip	9.00 pm
		Retreat: Parish Executive committee And Organizations	
		Office bearers combined at church	4.00 pm
		Lenten Prayer	6.00 pm
March 10	Sunday	Edavaka Mission General Body	After HC
		Executive Committee Members Dedication	
		Yuvajana Sakhyam (YS) General Body	After HC
March 12	Tuesday	Lenten Prayer	6.30 pm
March 14	Thursday	Prayer meeting @ Beaumont address	10.00 am
		Lenten Prayer	6.30 pm
		Prayer Pearland West Cherian Thomas	6.30 pm
March 15	Friday	Fasting Prayer	9.30 am
March 16	Saturday	Baptism	11.00 am
		Prayer Fellowship GOA @ Church	5.00 pm
		Prayer Missouri City	6.30 pm
March 17	Sunday	Lenten Prayer	6.00 pm
March 18	Monday	SW Regional Clergy @ ST Paul's	Dallas
March 19	Tuesday	Lenten Prayer	6.30 pm
March 20	Wednesday	Lenten Prayer	6.30 pm
March 22	Friday	Edavaka Mission- Cottage Prayer	7.00 pm
March 23	Saturday	Baptism	8.00 am
	Saturday	Prayer Meeting-Pearland East	6.30 pm
March 24	Sunday	YS Monthly Meeting	After HC
	Sunday	Prayer-Pearland West	6.30 pm
March 26	Tuesday	Lenten Prayer	6.30 pm
March 27	Wednesday	Lenten Prayer	6.30 pm
March 29	Friday	Mexico Trip	
	Friday	Young Family Fellowship (YFF) Cottage Prayer	
March 30	Saturday	Mexico Trip	
	Saturday	Baptism	11.00 am
	Saturday	Prayer -Missouri City and Stafford	6.30 pm

## Vicars' Schedule for April 2019

April 1	Monday	Lenten Prayer	7.00 pm
April 5	Friday	Fasting Prayer	9.30 am
	Friday	Youth Fellowship (YF) -Ablaze	6.30 pm
April 6	Saturday	Prayer @ Alief and Sugar Land	6.30 pm
	Saturday	Prayer @ Missouri City and Stafford	
April 9	Tuesday	Lenten Prayer	6.30 pm
April 10	Wednesday	Lenten Prayer	6.30 pm
April 11	Thursday	Sevika Sangham Cottage Prayer	10.00 am
April 11	Thursday	Lenten Prayer	6.30 pm
April 12	Friday	Fasting Prayer	9.30 am
	Friday	Lenten Prayer	6.30 pm
April 13	Saturday	Sevika Sangham/Edavaka Mission meeting	10.00 am
	Saturday	Prayer-North Shore	6.30 pm
April 14	Sunday	Farewell Meeting of Rev Philip Philip	After HC
April 15	Monday	Passion week begins-Sandhya Namaskaram	6.30 pm
April 16	Tuesday	Sandhya Namaskaram	6.30 pm
April 17	Wednesday	Sandhya Namaskaram	6.30 pm

### **Diocesan Episcopal Visit:**

### **Pesaha Vyazhazhcha (Maundy Thursday) and Good Friday**

April 18	Thursday	<i>Pesaha</i> Thursday-Holy Communion	7.00 pm
April 19	Friday	Good Friday Service	9.00 am
		<b>Second Service for Children and Youths at Trinity Center</b>	
April 21	Sunday	Easter Service	8.30 am
April 23	Tuesday	Philip achen leaves Parsonage	TBA

## Lenten Prayers

9-Mar	Saturday	Jibu A. Mathew and Aileen Korulla-Missouri City	3418 Andover Trace Lane, Missouri City, Texas 77459	06.00 pm
9-Mar	Saturday	Anith George Philip and Sheenu Anith-Alief and Sugar Land	5403 Eagle Trace Ct., Sugarland, TX 77479	06.30 pm
12-Mar	Tuesday	John Thomas	10410 Kelly Lake Trail, Houston, TX 77089	06.30 pm
14-Mar	Thursday	Dr Joseph Anthony Oommen and Dr Smitha Elizabeth Oommen	7730 Deebchase Dr. Beaumont, TX 77713	10.00 am
14-Mar	Thursday	Thomas Kannaeth	4005 Elmwood Dr. Pearland, TX 77584	06.30 pm
19-Mar	Tuesday	Philip V. Chirayil and Molly	11318 Sailwing Creek Ct., Pearland, TX 77584	06.30 pm
26-Mar	Tuesday	Thomas K Philip and Marykkutty	403 Cascade Pines Houston, TX 77049	06.30 pm
27-Mar	Wednesday	Jessey M George	2007 Camelia Crest, Pearland, TX 77581	06.30 pm
1-Apr	Monday	Chacko V. Sleeba and Saramma	2730 Lake Villa Dr., Missouri City, TX 77459	06.30 pm
10 Apr	Wednesday	Kuruvilla Abraham and Valsa	626 Spring Breeze, League City, TX 77573	06.30 pm
11-Apr	Thursday	P.S. Thomas and Thankamma	1208 Oak Hollow Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546	06.30 pm



## Worship Schedule and Lectionary for March and April 2019

WORSHIP SERVICE AND LECTIONARY FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2019								
Date	Time	Service	Area/Org	Theme	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
3/3	8.30 am	Malayalam HC	North Shore	<i>Perthutho</i> Great Lent Starts	Isaiah 58:1-14	Romans 2:1-10	2 Corinth 5:16-21	John 2:1-11
	11.15 am	English Divine						
3/10	8.00 am	Bible Study	Pasadena	Christ's Presence with the Outcast	Esther 4:1-17	Acts 15: 6-21	Romans 15:7-13	Mark 1:40-45
	8.30 am	English HC						
3/17	8.30 am	Malayalam HC	Pearland East	Release from the Burden of Sin	2 Samuel 12:1-14	Acts 8:9-17	Galatians 3:10-14	Mark 2 1-12
	11.15 am	English Divine						
3/24	8.30 am	English HC	Pearland West	Faith Expression of the Marginalized	Isaiah 45:1-8	Acts 10:24-33	1 Corinth 1: 20-25	Matt 15:21-28
	11.15 am	Malayalam HC						
3/31	8.30 am	English HC	Alief/ Sugarland	Transforming the Oppressive Structures	Nahum 1:1-15	Acts 16: 25-34	Acts 4:32-37	Luke 13:10-17
4/7	8.30 am	Malayalam HC	GOA	Cross a Model to Discipleship	Genesis 26:12-33	2 Corinth 11:20-31	2 Corinth 1:3-11	Mark 10:46-52
	11.15 am	English Divine						
4/14	8.00 am	Bible Study	Med Ctr Stella Lnk	Hosanna Lord Save Us	Zechariah 9:1-12	1 Timothy 4:6-16	Hebrews 5:5-10	Luke 19:28-40
	8.30 am	English HC						
4/21	8.30 am	Malayalam HC	Missouri/ Stafford	Easter: Celebration of Resurrection	Genesis 23:1-19	Colossians 3:1-11	1 Thessaloni 4:13-18	Matt 28:1-10
	11.15 am	English Divine						
4/28	8.30 am	English HC	North Houston	Proclamation of the Faith by Church	Genesis 28:10-22	Acts 20:7-12	1 Thessaloni 1:2-10	John 20:24-29
	11.15 am	Malayalam HC						

## Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

WORSHIP SERVICE AND LECTIONARY FOR MONTE THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY								
Date	Time	Service	Area/Org	Theme	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
4/18	7.00 pm	Maundy Thurs Malayalam HC	TBA	Fellowship in the Suffering of Christ	Exodus 12:1-17	Hebrews 9:1-15	1 Corinth 11:23-34	Matt 26:17-30
4/19	8.00 am	Good Friday	TBA	First Service	Isaiah 53:1-12	1 Pet 1:1-25	Matt 26:47-75?	Children To SS
		Good Friday	TBA	Second Service	Zechariah 13:1-9	Galatians 3:1-22	Galatians 3:10-14	Matt 27:1-44
		Good Friday	TBA	Third Service	Numbers 21:1-9	Hebrews 3:1-19	1 Corinth 1: 20-25	Matt 27:45-56

**Our Diocesan Episcopa Rt. Rev. Dr. Issac Mar Philexinos Thirumeni will be celebrating the Holy Communion Service on Thursday (*Pesaha*) April 4 and all three sessions of Good Friday Service on April 4. Please attend prayerfully**

## Area Prayer Meetings

9-Mar	Saturday	Jibu A. Mathew and Aileen Korulla-Missouri City	3418 Andover Trace Lane, Missouri City, Texas 77459	06.00 pm
9-Mar	Saturday	Anith George Philip and Sheenu Anith-Aliel and Sugar Land	5403 Eagle Trace Ct., SUGAR LAND, TX 77479	06.30 pm
10-Mar	Sunday	Thomas Cherian-Pearland West	13309 QUIET LAKE LN, Pearland, TX 77584	6.30 pm
10-Mar	Sunday	James Mathew- Missouri City Prayer Group	2811 LAKESHORE HARBOUR DRIVE , MISSOURI CITY, TX 77459	6.30 pm
16-Mar	Saturday	Galveston Other Area	Church	5.00 pm-06.00 pm
16-Mar	Saturday	Abraham Mathews-North Shore Area	Add address	07.00 pm
16-Mar	Saturday	P I George	2015 WESTWOOD, STAFFORD, TX 77477	06.30 pm
17-Mar	Sunday	Dr Eapen Daniel and Aleyamma	3822 Pearl Pass Ln., Sugarland, TX 77479	06.30 pm
23-Mar	Saturday	Thomas K. Varghese-Pearland East	3409 HARBOUR BREEZE LANE, PEARLAND, TX 77584	06.30 pm
24-Mar	Sunday	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph K. Joseph	4914 Laurel Hill Ct, Sugarland, TX 77478	7.00 am
6-Apr	Saturday	Manesh Mathew and Jeena	7303 ENCHANTED ROCK LANE, MISSOURI CITY, TX 77459	06.30 pm
6-Apr	Saturday	Jimmy Thomas and Moji	10931 Colinton Dr., Richmond, TX 77407	06.30 pm
13-Apr	Saturday	Pulinthitta C. George	156 BLACKWALNUT DRIVE, HOUSTON, TX 77015	06.30 pm
21 Apr	Saturday	M. Georgekutty	2816 Green Mountain Drive, Pearland, tx 77584	06.30 pm

### Edavaka Mission

- Cottage prayer meeting on Friday, March 22, 2019, at 7.00 pm at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Tony K. Varghese, 3310 Waters Edge Dr., Manvel, TX 77578
- Cottage prayer meeting on Friday, April 26, 2019 at 7.00 pm at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas K. Philip, 403 Cascade Pines Dr., Houston, Tx 77049.
- Edavaka Mission General Body Meeting: March 10, 2019 after church service.

### Senior Citizens Fellowship

**There will be a Senior Citizen Meeting on Thursday March 28 at 10 am at Church**

# Sunday School

- **Starts at 10.15 am. Parents please bring children on time.**

**It is important for children to participate in all programs of Sunday School**

## March

Sunday school invites you all to participate in the **Art Exhibit!** Please submit art pieces that are inspired by the life, death or resurrection of Christ. Art pieces can be submitted anytime starting March 1st until **April 14th** (Palm Sunday). Please submit art pieces to Stacy, Grace, or Anitha. Art pieces will be displayed on the e Sunday School hall walls.



- **March 1st: Sunday School play during Regional Church Conference**
- **March 16th: Sunday School Spring Field Trip at Jumping Zaxx Indoor Trampoline Park @ 10am (register and pay \$20/person for the field trip with Vineeta Mathew or one of the SS officers by March 10th).**

## April

- **April 6th:** Community Service Project at our church (TMC) @ 9:30am
- **April 14th:** Palm Sunday - Sunday School processional @ 8am (NO Sunday School class due to farewell program)
- **April 19th:** Good Friday - English worship in Trinity Center (immediately after part 1 in church)
- **April 21st:** Easter Sunday - NO Sunday School class
- **April 28th:** Diocesan Exam (Grades 5th-10th)

**Art Exhibit! Please submit art pieces that are inspired by the life, death or resurrection of Christ.**



## Youth Fellowship

March 3 Social hour after church

March 9, 3 on 3

March 29, Cottage prayer venue not confirmed

March 31, Bake sale after church

April 5 Ablaze at 6.30

April 26, Men/Women Bible study at 630p

**YF Regional One Day**

**Conference:**

Hosted by Sehion Mar Thoma Church.

Theme: Greener Grass

Price: \$10.00

Verse: Galatians 1:10

Time: 9:00 A.M.-4:00 pm

## Sevika Sangham



This year's Diocesan National Sevika Sangham Conference will be held at our church from October 10-13.

*Save the Date*

Please pray and plan to attend. We need the help and support of the whole church regardless of age and gender.

April 11, Thursday Sevika Sangham Cottage Prayer, 10.00 am

April 13 Saturday Sevika Sangham/Edavaka Mission meeting, 10.00 am

## Fasting Prayer

Every Friday at Church and Stafford Parsonage @ 9:30AM

## Yuvajana Sakhyam

Monthly Meeting: Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Malayalam Service

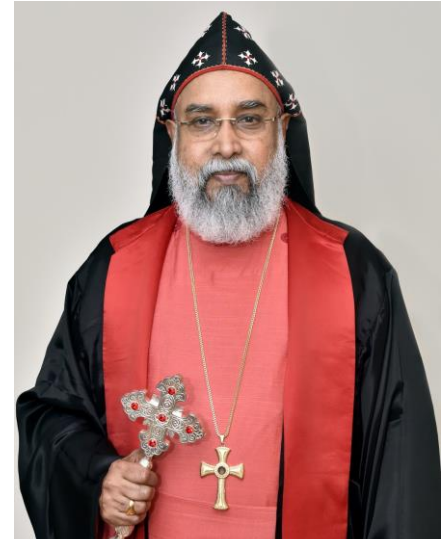
## Parish Office Bearers/Executive Committee Member Retreat

Retreat: Saturday March 9, at church 4.30 pm

Dedication: Sunday March 10, during Holy Communion Service

## Episcopal Visit

Our Diocesan Episcopa Rt. Rev. Dr. Issac Mar Philexinos Thirumeni will be celebrating the Holy Communion Service on Thursday (*Pesaha*) April and Good Friday Service on April 4. Please attend prayerfully



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