

**ST. PAUL'S MAR THOMA CHURCH, DALLAS
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sunday, January 19, 2014

Called for Unity - Ecumenical Sunday

Kalpana / Circular

- DC/37/14 – **Diocesan Council Election (2014 – 2017)**
- Election to the following posts:
 - **Diocesan Secretary (1), Diocesan Treasurer (1),
Diocesan Council Members (16)**
 - The make up of the council shall be
 - Minimum of 1 representative from each center in the diocese
 - Elected members shall include a **minimum of 4 women**
 - A **minimum of one half** of the elected members shall be **new members**
 - **Term limit: Three** consecutive council terms
- **Election** for the new diocesan council are scheduled during the diocesan assembly meetings **on 04/4 & 04/05.**

Diocesan Directory Publication

- ◉ The **diocesan directory is ready for publication**. Directory has over 700 pages and includes history and ads.
- ◉ This is **published once in 5 years**.
- ◉ St. Paul's has placed order for only 10 copies.
- ◉ If anyone else needs copies, **please pay \$20 today** to trustees. The new names need to be turned in by tonight.

Chacko Mathew
Directory Convener

General Body Meeting Notice

- ◉ **The General Body** meeting of **St. Paul's Mar Thoma Church** will be held on **Sunday, 01/26/2014** at the Church following the Holy Communion service to transact the following agenda:
 - **Election of Sabha Mandalam and Diocesan Assembly representative**
 - **Updates on Old church building tax**
 - **Discussion on payment of tax and funding**
 - AOB with the permission of chair

Worship Service

- ◉ Holy Qurbana in **Malayalam** on **01/26** starting at **09:30 am**

Area Prayers

- ◉ **Agape** prayer fellowship on Saturday, **01/25** at **6:30 pm** at the residence of **Mr. & Mrs. Shalu & Rejimol Philip.**

Special Prayer Meetings

- ◉ **Intercessory prayer** on Monday, **01/20** at **7:00 pm** at the residence of **Mr. & Mrs. Sunny & Santhi John**.
- ◉ **Fasting prayer** on Friday, **01/24** at **10:00 am** at the residence of **Mr. & Mrs. C.C. Jacob & Leelamma**.

Sunday School

- ◉ Sunday School **starts at 8:30 am** every Sunday, beginning with **Teachers' dedication at 8:30** followed by **Praise & Worship at 8:45 am**. Parents, please encourage your children to **be on time**.
- ◉ Sunday School **Praise & Worship practice** will be held on Saturday, **01/25 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm**. Praise & Worship team, please be sure to attend.
- ◉ The 2014 **refreshment signup** sheet is posted on the SS bulletin board. **Please support** and sign up.

Sunday School

- A General body Meeting of Sunday School Teachers, South West Centre- A, Dallas will be held as a conference call on Sunday (today), 01/19 at 8.30pm. All Superintendents, Secretaries and Teachers are requested to attend the meeting.
- Conference call- 605 477 2100 Code- 147728#
- AGENDA:
 1. Election of Office-Bearers of Southwest Centre – A, Dallas.
 2. Fixing date and Place for centre Sunday School Camp.
 3. Any other matters relevant.

Youth Fellowship

- Thanks to all who came out to the Bible Study on Friday. Special thanks to Joseph Koshy for leading.
- A quick meeting of the Youth Fellowship will be held today after the Holy Qurbana.
- Youth Fellowship Gender Breakout will be held on Friday, 01/24 at 6:30 pm at Church.
- YF requests your assistance in taking care of 2013 membership dues, team dues or any bake sale IOU's before 01/26. Any unpaid dues will be carried over to 2014.
- YF will be playing Volleyball today from 4:00 – 6:00pm. Thanks to Renita Thomas for setting this up.

Youth Fellowship

- ◉ Notice for Center 7 Elections 2014-2017.
- ◉ Election to be held on Friday, 01/31 at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's Mar Thoma Church, Dallas.
- ◉ Elections to the following posts will be held:
 - Vice-president
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Regional Representative

Chris Abraham

SEVIKA SANGHAM

- ❖ Next meeting will be held on Saturday 01/25 from 10-11:30am at church.
- ❖ The Southwest Region Sevika Sangham/Evangelist's Association/Yuvajana Sakhyam joint Conference will be held on 02/21 – 02/22 at Trinity Marthoma Church, Houston. Deadline for registration is 02/10. Registration fee is \$20. Notify Annamma Chacko or Bindu Joseph if you are interested in attending so transportation & housing can be arranged.
- ❖ World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Ignatius church in Carrollton on Saturday 03/08 at 9am. The featured country will be Egypt and the theme is "Streams in the Desert".
- ❖ Sevika Sangham is the Women's Ministry section of Mar Thoma church. So we encourage all women 18 and above to get involved in this ministry by attending these events.

Parish Mission

- ◉ Parish Mission prayer will be held on **Friday, 01/24** at 7:00 pm **at Church**.
- ◉ **Mr. Abraham N.V.** was elected as the Southwest Center A Auditor for 2014. **CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

Yuvajana Sakhyam

- ◉ Yuvajana Sakhyam **Southwest Regional Conference** will be held on **02/28 and 03/01** at **Trinity Mar Thoma Church, Houston**. All Sakhyam mebers are requested to participate.
- ◉ **Membership:** All church members **between the age 12-45** interested in participating Yuvajana Sakhyam activities is **requested to register** their Sakhyam membership by completing the membership form.
 - Registration fee **\$5/person**
 - **Register before 01/19 (today)**
 - Details posted on the notice board

Choir

- ◉ Malayalam **Choir practice** will be held **today after the Holy Communion Service.**

Facility Updates

- ◉ Our church has **received IRS exemption under 501(c) (3).** Appreciates the hard work of **Secretary Mr. Liju Thomas, Trustee Rajan C. George, Vice President Babu Mathew and other 2013 Executive Committee members** for a job well done.
- ◉ **Annual city inspection** of our Church facility was **successfully completed** last week. All required building repairs are complete, all door closers are reinstalled, and stained ceiling tiles are replaced. Also the choir railings are repaired and reinstalled.
- ◉ **Special thanks** to our facility manager, **Mr. Sunny K. John** for his leadership.

Other Announcements

- If anyone has missed any Sundays and would like to **check out the announcements** for that Sunday, please visit our **church website at stpaulsmtc.org**.

The screenshot shows the website for St. Paul's MTC, featuring a banner for a memorial service for Patrick (1987-2013) on every third Sunday at 9:30 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. Below the banner is a navigation menu with icons for service times, lectionary, announcements (circled in red), church reports, and newsletters. To the right is a video player showing a church service, with a play button and a progress bar at 06:24. The video player also includes social media icons for heart, clock, and share.

Have a **Blessed Week**