

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

Sunday, May 04, 2014

Invitation to Christ's Hospitality
(2nd Sunday after Easter)

Kalpana / Circular

- Kalpana DC/416/2014 – Diocesan Assembly Meeting 2014.

Rt. Rev. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius
Diocesan Episcopa

Kalpana / Circular

- ◉ Circular DC/440/14 – Election of Officer Bearers of various diocesan organizations.

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Kalpana / Circular

- ◉ Circular DC/245/14 – Vacation approval for Rev. O.C. Kurian from 06/10 – 06/19/2014.
- ◉ Circular DC/278/14 – Vacation approval for Rev. George Jacob from 06/27 – 07/06/2014.

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Worship Service

- ◉ Holy Qurbana in **Malayalam** on **05/11** starting at **10:15am**.
- ◉ Please note Rev. George Jacob achen will be officiating the Qurbana. Achen asked for our consensus to be here on the 2nd Sunday instead of his regular turn of 3rd Sunday.
- ◉ **Today's refreshments are provided by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mathew. Thank you.**
- ◉ **Last week's refreshments were provided by Mr. & Mrs. Philip Samuel & Lizi Philip. Thank you.**

Area Prayer Fellowships

- ◉ **Manna prayer fellowship TODAY, 05/04 at 6:00 pm at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. James Mepurathu and Leelamma James.**

Special Prayer Fellowships

- ◉ No Monday prayer this week.
- ◉ Fasting prayer on Friday, 05/09 at 10:00 am at the parsonage.

Sunday School

- ◉ Sunday School starts at 8:30 am on next Sunday.
- ◉ Today the Diocesan Exam will be going on from 11 AM to 12:45 PM. As such, we kindly ask all members to refrain from entering the Fellowship Hall until after the examination is over.
- ◉ We will have a Teachers' meeting immediately after Service in the Nursery Room. All Teachers are requested to attend this meeting.

Sunday School

- ◉ Upcoming events:
 - **Annual Competitions: 05/10.** Songs and elocution topics are posted on the Sunday School bulletin board. **We have also uploaded the audio recording of all songs in our church website under Sunday school section.** The web address is <http://stpaulsmtc.org/sundayschool>. The competitions will start at 9:30 am.
 - We will be **taking pictures this Sunday, 05/04 for the Mother's Day** slideshow. Please make sure to take pictures for this year's slide shows.

Youth Fellowship



- ◉ There will be an **urgent youth fellowship meeting immediately after service today.**
- ◉ Please pay your youth fellowship dues by NEXT SUNDAY to ensure your spot on the tournament roster. If you have not paid by next Sunday, you WILL NOT be allowed to play in the tournament. No exceptions. Dues are \$10 and should be given to Charles, Justin, or Sherlin.
- ◉ Upcoming events:
 - **Bible Camp and Vacation Bible School at Broken Bow, OK from 06/01 – 06/06.**
- ◉ **We will be having auditions this Sunday 05/04/2014 at Farmers Branch MTC from 3:00 – 5:00 pm and our FINAL AUDITION on Friday 04/16/2014 at Sehion Mar Thoma Church from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.**

Yuvajana Sakhyam

- ◉ Yuvajana Sakhyam Cottage Fellowship at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Sibujoseph & Tharajoseph on Saturday, 05/10 @ 6:30 pm.



SEVIKA SANGHAM



**The next Sevika Sangham meeting
will Saturday May 10th at 10am at
church.**



Parish Mission

- ◉ Parish Mission prayer will be held on Friday, 05/09 at 7:00 pm at Church.

Choir

- ◉ Our Choir has participated in the Easter Celebration hosted by Dallas CSI Congregation of Dallas and sang three songs.
- ◉ Our performance was much appreciated.
- ◉ Great job by Choir Leader Mr. John Thomas & all choir members.

Building Project – Path Forward

- The executive committee which met on 05/02/2014 discussed future facility expansions.
- There are multiple pieces to the ultimate build out plan
 - Auditorium / New Sunday School class rooms/ gymnasium, etc.
 - Increasing seating capacity by opening up the balcony.
 - Other amenities, etc.
- While all these are important pieces and need to be completed over the next several years, **prioritizing** them “*based on the needs and priority of our children, youths, senior citizens, various organizations, etc. is important*”.

Building Project – Path Forward

- With that in mind, after extensive discussion, the Executive Committee made the following decision.
- Appoint an exploratory committee with the following charter:
 - Survey members of the church to gather information on what church members are mostly interested in (*type of facility, sequence of development, member willingness to take on additional financial liability, timing of various projects, etc.*).
 - Develop a list of general amenities, technology options (*compromises*), for various phases.
 - Establish a rough order of magnitude (*rough estimate of cost*) for various projects.
 - Establish a general time line for the completion of various projects.

Building Project – Path Forward

- ◉ The exploratory committee is made up of 12 members consisting of a very diverse and educated individuals with engineering, finance and project management experience.
- ◉ Senior adults, parents of older youths and younger children and older youths are represented in the committee. The goal of the committee is to conduct fact finding and report back to the executive committee for further analysis and decision making.
- ◉ The exploratory committee should report back their observations and recommendations to the Executive Committee in the 06/22/2014 executive committee meeting.
- ◉ The exploratory committee has no decision making authority, but simply entrusted to carry out fact finding and report back to committee.

Have a Blessed Week