## WELCOME TO WHAT'S HAPPENING @ TMSS we're so glad you're here!

### PALM SUNDAY THROUGH EYES OF A CHILD

Last month, as we journeyed through the season of Easter, we witnessed a touching glimpse of faith through a simple yet meaningful craft created by one of our students.

This work was more than just a project — it was a reflection of a child's heart trying to understand the story of Palm Sunday. Every careful step, every piece placed with patience and effort, showed us how even young minds can grasp deep truths when guided by faith and love.

Patience did not come easily, but perseverance shone through. Through this craft, we are reminded that each child carries a unique gift — a special way of seeing and sharing God's story with the world. Their efforts, no matter how small they may seem, hold profound beauty when they come from the heart.

May we all learn to see with the simple, trusting eyes of a child — eyes that find meaning in every act of faith, no matter how small.

### Questions for Thought

- How do I express my faith in ways that are true to who I am?
- Am I taking time to see the beauty in small efforts both in myself and in others?
- How can I encourage a heart of perseverance and wonder in my own faith journey?

#### **Dear Parents**,

April was a month of learning, celebration, and heartfelt memories at Trinity Mar Thoma Sunday School.

The month began with students continuing their individual classes, building their knowledge of Scripture and strengthening their understanding through discussions and activities. Along with the classes, we also had common sessions where students came together across different grades to learn, share, and grow together.

A major highlight of April was the celebration of the **16th Anniversary** of our Sunday School on April 12th. The theme, "From Manger to Cross – A Journey of Love and Redemption," beautifully captured the spirit of the day. Our students and teachers worked together to present choreographies, choir songs, and a skit, each one telling the story of Jesus' life and love in a special way. It was a joy to see the students' talents and efforts come alive on stage.

We also had a special moment as we bid farewell to **Rev. Biji M Raju**, **Neeta Kochamma**, and their daughter Izel. Their time with us has been a blessing, marked by their sincere care, support, and involvement in our Sunday School activities. We are truly grateful for their presence among us and the memories we shared. As they move forward to new places, they leave behind a lasting impact on our students and teachers alike.

Earlier in the month, some of our students took part in the Education Blessing Day special services held at The Mar Thoma Parish, Dubai, on April 4th, 5th, and 6th, where they received prayers and blessings for their academic journeys.

As we look ahead to May, we are excited to announce our Arts Festival, where students across all grades will have the opportunity to showcase their talents. The festival will feature a range of activities, including storytelling, elocution, singing, colouring, clay modelling, drawing, extempore, Bible reading, and a quiz competition. We are looking forward to watching our students express their creativity and grow in confidence as they participate in these activities. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to not only display their skills but also to develop a deeper sense of joy in their God-given talents.

We are excited to continue this journey of learning and faith together as we move through the month of May!



# REFLECTION SHAWN P JOHNSON TMSS STUDENT

### A Journey of Faith, Friendship, and Growth – My Sunday School Testimony

As I write this, it's hard to accept that my time in Sunday School has ended. It feels like yesterday when I was walking into class, holding my Bible and bag. And now, here I am—graduated, grown, and incredibly thankful.

Sunday School wasn't just a place I went every weekend. It became a part of my life. It gave me more than just knowledge of the Bible—it gave me a foundation.

One of the biggest blessings in my journey has been the people and friends I've made along the way. I don't think I could ever express how grateful I am for my teachers. They saw something in us, even on the days we didn't feel like paying attention or participating. They reminded us, over and over again, that God has a plan for each of our lives. And that message stuck with me.

I still fondly reminisce about my last year in Sunday School. Those times when we took our extended washroom breaks, or the time when we lifted the EXPLORE trophy. Those times we couldn't stop laughing during class, and the moments we sat in silence, letting a verse really sink in. Sunday School created friendships I'll treasure for life, and memories that will always bring a smile.

Now, stepping out as a graduate, I realize how much these years have shaped and moulded me. I've had my own share of doubts, struggles, and moments of weakness, but I've also seen God's providence for us in those very moments. Sunday School gave me a safe space to wrestle with my faith, ask honest questions, and grow stronger through it all.

To my younger friends still in Sunday School: Don't rush through it. It might seem like just another class sometimes, but trust me—it's so much more. And to my teachers, thank you for everything—for the lessons, the prayers, the encouragement, and for showing us what it means to live out our faith every single day.



### DIAMOND PAINTING ART BY OUR KG 1 STUDENT -JOSHUA

Joshua, you are a wonderful creation of God, and the patience you've shown in your diamond painting reflects His gifts in you.

May you continue to grow in focus and creativity, using the talents God has blessed you with to create beautiful things.















"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." – Numbers 6:24-26

Happy Birthday to all our amazing staff, students, and parents who celebrated in April!

As you celebrate this special year, may you feel God's abundant love and grace surrounding you. May His light shine brightly on your path, guiding you toward the plans He has set for you, filling your life with peace, joy, and purpose.

We pray that this year is a time of growth, deepening faith, and wonderful new experiences as you continue to walk in His wisdom and strength.

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM TMSS 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

























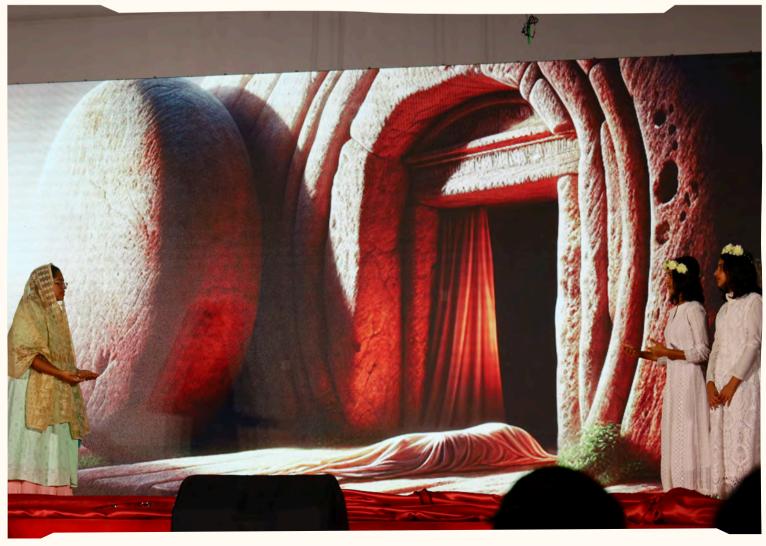
























### FAREWELL



As Rev. Biji M. Raju Achen, our Assistant Vicar and President of Trinity Mar Thoma Sunday School, along with Neeta Kochamma and Izel, prepare to move on to their next place of ministry, we take a moment to thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

Your time with us has been a true blessing. Through your leadership, prayers, and constant encouragement, you have made a lasting difference in the lives of our students and teachers. The love, care, and faith you poured into our Sunday School will always be remembered with gratitude.

We wish Achen the very best in the place where God has now called him to serve. May his ministry continue to be a blessing, bearing fruit in every heart he touches.

Though you move forward, a part of you will always remain here—with the memories, the prayers, and the bonds that were built.

With love and prayers,

Your Trinity Mar Thoma Sunday School Family

May is here—a time to embrace new beginnings, growth, and the beautiful blessings that each day brings.

As we step into this month, let's take a moment to appreciate the opportunity to grow and shine in the way God has designed us. Each day is a gift, and as we move forward, we are reminded that God's hand is always guiding us toward His perfect plan. This month, as our students prepare for the Arts Festival, we celebrate not only their talents but also the joy of using those gifts to honour God and uplift one another.

May this month serve as a reminder of the boundless possibilities that lie ahead, and the promise that with God, nothing is impossible. Whether through creativity, learning, or acts of kindness, may we continue to grow in faith, spreading light wherever we go.

Let us remember that we are each a uniquely gifted flower in God's garden—beautifully crafted with purpose, ready to bloom and bring joy to the world. As we journey together, let us trust that our gifts are part of His greater plan, and that with every step, we are growing closer to His perfect vision for our lives.