

# Trinity Echoes



*A group photo of all the congregation after our first holy Qurbana service led by Fr Thomas P John*

## WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY NEWLETTER

Welcome to "Trinity Echoes" a initiative brought to you by the members of MGOCSM (Mar Gregorios Orthodox Christian Student Movement) of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Crawley. This newsletter serves as a dynamic platform where we share the latest updates, reflections, and events that resonate with the rich spiritual and communal life within our congregation. Through "Trinity Echoes," we aim to foster a sense of connection, awareness, and inspiration among our community members, keeping everyone informed and engaged in the wonderful journey of faith at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. Stay tuned for compelling stories, event highlights, and a shared celebration of our Orthodox Christian heritage.

## A Decade of Divine Guidance: A Grateful Journey at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

*Almost a decade ago, we started our service at our current church. As we approach our tenth anniversary, we eagerly anticipate celebrating a decade full of spiritual abundance and communal happiness.*

It is with great joy that we recall the countless moments of spiritual growth, fellowship, and service that have enriched our lives in the past decade. Through worships and meaningful events, we have strengthened our faith and forged deep connections with our fellow parishioners, creating a home away from home within these walls.

As we look back on the past ten years, we are humbled by the unmistakable hand of divine wisdom that has guided and sustained us. As we are into the tenth year, we honor the spiritual transformation and renewal that has taken place within our hearts.

We are forever thankful to all who have toiled for our church. A worship and community to the tireless volunteers who dedicated their time and energy, each person has contributed to the vibrant color of our congregation.

As we take a moment to pause and reflect on the journey behind us, we cannot help but be humbled by the unwavering faithfulness of God. His unwavering presence and guidance have been our anchor.

May God's guidance be our eternal compass, leading us with unwavering love and grace as we journey together in faith.



*With thirumeni and president achen at Aura*

## Leadership Camp Highlights: AURA

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I'm thrilled to share the impactful experience of a leadership camp that Aron and I had attended. Located in Grosvenor Hall, Kent, this retreat became a crucible for honing leadership skills and fostering unity.

From day one, the camp buzzed with energy. We immersed ourselves in workshops, team activities, and introspective moments, tackling challenges that pushed us beyond our comfort zones. The diversity of participants enriched the experience, showcasing the strength that arises from unity in diversity.

Engaging with seasoned leaders and fellow campers offered a comprehensive view of leadership. The camp's lessons extend beyond titles—embodying humility, collaboration, and the transformative power of leadership.

We had Also met with Thirumeni who took classes for us to gain a deeper understanding of the orthodox faith, he also let us ask him questions which was a breath of fresh air as it allowed us to ask questions which we normally may not have been able to ask. Among these classes was one especially on leadership in the youth community, for example how to be a good leader within your church and how to engage youth with the orthodox faith. This was a valuable lesson for me as it gave both me and Aron much needed insight as to how to run a successful youth wing.

As I bring these insights back to our community, I am eager to contribute to our shared journey with a spirit of growth and servant leadership.



## Bake Sale

We are delighted to share the wonderful success of our recent charity bake sale, an event that not only satisfied our sweet cravings but also contributed to the growth of our Church.

The atmosphere was rich with the enticing aroma of freshly prepared Indian snacks as we came together to support our church. From flavourful snacks to savoury treats, our fundraising event highlighted the abundant generosity and culinary skills within our community.

Thanks to all your overwhelming support, we not only met but exceeded our fundraising goal. The funds raised will go towards enhancing the services and facilities at Holy Trinity Church, ensuring a vibrant and welcoming space for our community.

Beyond the delicious treats, the bake sale was a testament to the strength of our Holy Trinity bond. Whether working in the kitchen or eagerly participating as patrons, we demonstrated the unity that defines our community.

A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed, baked, and supported our cause. Your dedication reflects the power of our community when we unite for a common purpose.

**Greetings and wishes to those who are celebrating their Birthday and Wedding anniversary this month**

**Aidan Roy Paloothanam**

**Isabel Jomon**

**Bindu Mathew**

**Alan C Abraham**

**Biya Bobby**

**Alex Madakkalil Saju**

**Kaityn Elcen George**

**Dinu Elias Baby**

**Lijin Aju John**

**Ajish K Thomas**

**Edwin Mark Elias**

**Priya Velloor Mathew**



**BEST WISHES**

**Wedding Anniversary**

**Nijin itty and Liji John**

**Jomon Cherian and Litty Sajan**

**Alex Pappachen and Anu Alex**

**Papachen**

**Anith Mathew and Shini**

**Mathew**

**Moncy Kalyil Philip and Sonia**

**Moncy**

**Rojimon and Nimisha Rojimon**

# About the Apostles: Unveiling the Pillars of Orthodox Faith

In the Orthodox Christianity, the names of the twelve apostles resonate as a timeless melody—a collective symphony that has echoed through centuries, shaping the faith we hold dear today. As we embark on this enlightening series, "About the Apostles," our journey begins with an acknowledgment of these foundational figures whose teachings form the bedrock of Orthodox belief.



**The Twelve Apostles and Their Biblical References:**

1. Simon Peter: Leader among the apostles, often referred to as Cephas (Matthew 10:2; Mark 3:16; Luke 6:14).
2. Andrew: Peter's brother and a humble fisherman (Matthew 10:2; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14).
3. James, Son of Zebedee: Part of Christ's inner circle, known as one of the "sons of thunder" (Matthew 10:2; Mark 3:17; Luke 6:14).
4. John: The "beloved disciple," author of the Gospel of John (Matthew 10:2; Mark 3:17; Luke 6:14).
5. Philip: Associated with the miracle of the loaves and fishes (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14; John 1:43-50).
6. Bartholomew (Nathanael): Often mentioned alongside Philip (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14).

7. Matthew (Levi): Former tax collector and Gospel writer (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15).
8. Thomas: Known for doubting Christ's resurrection initially (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15; John 20:24-29).
9. James, Son of Alphaeus: Also known as "James the Less" (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15).
10. Thaddeus: Plays a minor role in the Gospel narratives (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:16).
11. Simon the Zealot: Possibly involved with a Jewish political movement (Matthew 10:4; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15).
12. Judas Iscariot: The infamous betrayer of Jesus (Matthew 10:4; Mark 3:19; Luke 6:16).

In our tradition, these apostles are more than historical figures; they are revered as the foundational pillars of faith. Their teachings, sacrifices, and unwavering commitment to Christ provide a shared legacy that unites Orthodox Christians worldwide

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# "The Overflowing Teacup



Once, a young disciple approached his master, eager to learn the secret of enlightenment. The master invited him for tea. As the master poured tea into the disciple's cup, he continued pouring even after it was full, and the tea started to spill over.

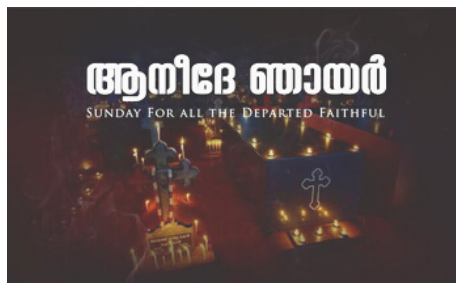
The disciple exclaimed, "Master, the cup is full! It cannot hold any more tea!"

*"Enlightenment comes when one is open and receptive, free from the constraints of preconceived ideas.."*

The master replied, "Like this teacup, your mind is full of preconceived notions and ideas. To truly understand and attain enlightenment, you must first empty your mind of what you think you know."

[Click here to go to the link of Quiz on the Apostles.](#) Read the article above on About the Apostles and answer it . Best Wishes

## February Month Parish Events



**Sunday Feb 4, 2024**  
**REMEMBERING ALL  
THE DEPARTED ONES**

MORNING PRAYER AT 9:30AM  
FOLLOWED BY HOLY QURBANA  
SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS



**Sunday Feb 18, 2024**  
**SECONG SUNDAY OF  
GREAT LENT(LEPER)**

MORNING PRAYER AT 9:30AM  
FOLLOWED BY HOLY QURBANA