GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

14th June 2019 – June 2020
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Thus far now from then, two score years and a ten, standing tall and glorious, for our Almighty God has been gracious.

With beginnings that were humble, Holy Trinity Church did not stumble; as by the days, months and years it grew, and still strives everyday, anew.

At this time ought we to remember the nation’s rulers, founders, and every member, whose tireless efforts were brought to fruition by our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the foundation.

Servants of God from around the globe, shepherding our church, in Christ, our hope. Choirs led by maestros, their voices raise, as they sing hymns in worship and praise.

Hearts of old and young are won, as they together worship as one; though to various denominations they belong; in Christ their unity and faith is strong.

To our Lord we are ever grateful for this body of Christ, so wonderful; and may we continue to serve and bless, radiating to the world, our Lord’s goodness.

Steffi Nisha Anand
INVITATION FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

UNVEILING OF THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
GOLDEN JUBILEE PLAQUE at 11:00 AM

14TH JUNE, 2019

THANKSGIVING SERVICE COMMEMORATING THE GLORIOUS FIFTIETH YEARS at 7:30 PM

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OLD NITIA, DUBAI

Chief guest: THE RT. REV. DR. MOLUNEEF HANNA ANIS
Bishop of the Episcopal/Anglican Bishopric of Egypt
with North Africa and the Horn of Africa

INVITED BY Rev. HARSHAD CH MAYANAR, PRIEST AND MEMBERS OF HFC COUNCIL
The Bishop of Egypt, Bishop Mouneer and his wife Nancy were the guest of honour at the inaugural event.

Bishop Mouneer unveiled the magnificent plaque specially designed and erected to commemorate the 50th year of Holy Trinity Church in the United Arab Emirates.
The event was launched with a morning service followed by the unveiling of the plaque and the official service and event in the evening.
25 October, 2019

Holy Trinity Church, in collaboration with Dubai Health Authority and Noor Dubai Foundation, hosted a medical camp and blood donation campaign on the 25th October 2019 at Holy Trinity compound in Oud Metha, Dubai. The campaign was titled Tolerance in Sight.

The campaign, Tolerance in Sight, was part of the 50th celebrations and Holy Trinity Church stepped out and embraced the ethos of 2019, Year of Tolerance.

Holy Trinity Church organized and hosted the campaign, which saw
• more than 200 people receiving free eye screening tests,
• 90 tested and qualified people donated blood
• More than 400 people benefited from the clinics available on the day

An impressive mobile clinic fully equipped and manned by qualified ophthalmologists and optometrists volunteered their time and skill to conduct the tests.

The medical camp was manned by Physicians from Dubai Healthcare Authority and volunteer certified Doctors from the guest congregations at Holy Trinity compound.

The event was led by Ms Shurooq Ali AlBanna, Project Manager of Noor Dubai Foundation and the volunteers of Holy Trinity Church.
ROCK tells the story of Simon Peter and his journey from a humble fisherman to the disciple of Jesus who preached at Pentecost and first proclaimed the gospel message to the gentiles - those not of the Jewish race. As the musical unfolds, not only do we see Peter's successes, but also his flaws and failures. The overriding message is that it is not human endeavour, but only the unconditional love of Jesus with the power of the Holy Spirit that enables us to truly stand on solid ground.

CHARACTERS

Peter, a fisherman from Galilee
Cornelius, a Roman centurion
Jesus of Nazareth
Zillah, Peter’s wife
Miriam, Peter’s mother-in-law
Susannah, a maid at the High Priest’s house
John, a fisherman, Peter’s friends

SINGERS

Bill Edwards, Cornelius, a Roman centurion
Devon Brown, Peter
Yvette Roberts, Susannah, a maid at the High Priest’s house
Ann Steer, Miriam, Peter’s mother-in-law
Paul Edwards, Jesus
Sara Sorrell, Zillah, Peter’s wife

SONGS

1. Rock of ages / My hope is built
2. In Caesarea beside the sea
3. Working in the family business
4. I will follow you
5. You are Messiah
6. In this bread, in this wine
7. Surely you must have been with Him
8. The look of love
9. Were you there?
10. A chosen people
11. Simon Peter, do you love me?
12. This is the place
13. Just as I am
14. Working in the father’s business
15. In Caesarea beside the sea (reprise)
16. He is the stone (Jesus the Rock)

BACK UP CHOIR

Children
Carmen Jones, Gabriel Timothy, Ivan Jones, James Philip, Della, John Aaron Della, Karish Swathi

Sopranos
Andrea Handel, Ana Oommen, Esther Sweeka Ganesh, Pokka Anu Loby, Gigi Alexander, Jollita Parlee-Vijayaraj, Dossie Jones, Lynda Catherin, Menina Dora Daniel, Nikita Pour, Ol✈️eva Mary Thomas, Sujee Thomas, Shendele Morvic, Sheethal Banu, Shevon Mikhie Sivas, Manya Varanasi Mathews, Sumith Kusyal, Yohana John

Altos
Blanca Jones, Bla Mathews, Grac Harris, Sheila Gunda, Moses, Bhola Vijayan, Ria Rachel Mathews, Andrea Mariah, Neeli Anand

Tenors
Antony Jones, Arun George, Kevya Banu, Benji Mathews, Jacob, Nancy Philip

Basses
Arthur Simons, Merwin Victor, Naveen Ratnam Didla, John, Thomas, Joseph Abiga, Rahul Khos, Sanjaya Palpethwala

"If you love me, feed my sheep."

Joh 15:21:5

18 November, 2019
"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

1 Peter 2:9
TOLERANCE DAY
18 November, 2019
The 2019 Carols in the Desert was celebrated under the stars, on a beautiful, clear and balmy night on the 13th December 2019, roughly 45 km away from Dubai at an exclusive and isolated spot in the desert, perfect for a night of song and merriment.

The 324 guests were transported in 3 buses and 20 SUVs vehicles to the location.

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A special photo booth perched on a sand dune, ensured that each family had their photograph taken as a memento of the wonderful festive event.

There was no shortage of choirs and singers for the evening, the Holy Trinity Choir lead the evening singing, followed by regional ethnic groups performing in their native language.

The evening was rounded off with a sumptuous feast and singing around the campfire.

A wonderful night under the stars!
13 December 2019  | CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE DESERT
CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

24th December 2019
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Holy Trinity Church had organised a community service campaign to clean Dubai Creek Park as part of our 50th Anniversary Celebrations. Dubai Creek Park was selected as it was close by and easy for the volunteers to join. The Management of Dubai Creek Park were kind enough to approve our request to volunteer and clean the park on 18th January 2020. We were assigned three different beach areas to be cleaned by the Park supervisor.

About 30 volunteers from Holy Trinity Church including a few guest church members joined the team. The area cleaned was approximately one kilometre long, and a total of 30 plus black bin bags of refuse such as plastic bottles, caps, bags, disposable cutlery and debris was collected by the volunteers and disposed of by the Park authorities.
TALENT SHOW
31 January 2020
The first Interchurch Talent Show was organized by the Women’s Guild on the 31st January 2020 to commemorate the 50th year celebrations of Holy Trinity Church.

The members were unanimous in their decision to host an event that included and drew together all the residents and guest churches from the Holy Trinity Church Compound.

The response from the guest churches was overwhelming and met with great enthusiasm and excitement that resulted in a program with over 25 performances, requiring 2 performing platforms to accommodate a tightly packed program of delightful praise and worship.

The abundance of talent amongst all the performers was greeted with great applause from the audience.
The afternoon program commenced with the UAE National Anthem sung in Arabic by the Holy Trinity Church Choir followed by a dazzling array of floats paraded around the quadrangle. The performances included praise and worship through the medium of dance, song, art, and recitation of scripture in Arabic and English.

Guest of honour at the Interchurch Talent Show was Ms. Shurooq Ali AlBanna, Project Manager for Noor Dubai Foundation, and Pastor Asish Thomas and his wife Rekha Thomas.

The show was compared by Ms Rebecca Raj, from Holy Trinity Church and Ms Atef Mona – from the Egyptian Coptic Church.
INTERESTING FACTS:

Combined Children’s Choir was made up of an amazing 187 young voices, conducted by Samcy Philip and Rachel Tharian.

More than 10 additional activities took place around the quadrangle which included arts and craft, children’s colouring activities, Bible quiz, balloon bending, and face painting.

Congregants of 8 churches performed on the day:

- Holy Trinity Church
- Egyptian Coptic Church
- St John’s Telegu Church
- Community Church
- CSI Malayalam Church
- Myanmar Christian Church
- CSI Tamil Church
- Beracha Assembly
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31 January 2020 | TALENT SHOW
A special item was the launch of the children’s book, co-authored and edited by the children, Sunday school teachers and members of the Women’s Guild of Holy Trinity Church.
A much-anticipated event of the 50th year Golden Jubilee Anniversary celebrations, was the Música Gloria event. A glamorous musical evening held at the spectacular Dubai Opera, Downtown Dubai on February 20th, 2020. The program was a melodious, magnificent rendition of famous classical and contemporary works, performed by four renowned choirs and a symphony orchestra of international repute. The closing performance was a grand finale with over 260 voices and musicians.

The first half featured individual pieces by the Dubai Chamber Choir, the Dubai Camerata Singers, Madras Musical Association, the Kuwait Chamber Chorale and the Emirates Community Symphonic Orchestra.

The second half brought together all performing musicians in perfect harmony with three renowned classical works. The performance by the mass choir enthralled the audience resulting in an encore and thunderous standing ovation.

It was a proud moment to see members of our Holy Trinity Church’s choir joining in with the participating choirs. Bianca Jones, (Alto) has been singing with the Dubai Chamber Choir for 11 years, Rhodel Toledo (Tenor), Rhoda Vijaya (Alto), Joseph Alwyn (bass) and Jeanette Jones (Soprano) sang with the Dubai Camerata Singers led by Arne Lubasen, also a member of Holy Trinity Church Choir.

We are blessed at our services by the wonderful gift of music and talent of the many who give of themselves to glorify God with the wonderful sound of voices and instruments.
The Dubai Chamber Choir held its first concert at Holy Trinity Church in May 2003, the year that it was established. Renowned for their renditions of famous a-cappella works, the DCC presents traditional and contemporary choral music to local audiences at their bi-annual free concerts.

Under the able guidance of the composer, choirmaster and conductor, Arne Sunico Lubasan, the Dubai Camerata Singers was formed in 2017 as a 10-member group from the Philippines. They have evolved into a multinational group of over 30 singers from the Philippines, France, Chile, India and Syria.

In over just 3 years, they have achieved first runner up at the Choir Fest Middle East (Dubai in 2017 and 2019).

Arne Sunico Lubasan has received multiple accolades in the national and international choral arena and brings his gifts and talent to the Holy Trinity Church Choir. Arne is a valued member of the Dubai Chamber Choir, Dubai Festival Chorus and a member of Holy Trinity Church choir. He is the composer of “Dakbanwa Sang Iloilo, Bugal Ko”, the official hymn of his hometown - Iloilo City.
The Madras Musical Association is a 90 plus group of talented musicians and choristers, of which they hold accreditations from Trinity College and Royal Schools of Music.

Amongst their numerous international accomplishments, they have also performed at spectacular events, sung for the Pope in 2009 and, performed in both the Sydney Olympics in 2000 and, the London Olympics in 2012.

They are well renowned for their multilingual performances of classical works from Mozart to Beethoven.

The Kuwait Chamber Chorale was founded in 2017; it comprises of a group of choristers as well as, aspiring and professional musicians from various churches choirs in Kuwait.

The Group participated in the performance of Messiah at Carnegie Hall and a performance at Metuchen Assembly of God in New Jersey.
Emirates Community Symphonic Orchestra was founded in 2014. The orchestra comprises 60 professional and amateur musicians, from various backgrounds and nationalities, with a passion for symphonic music.

The event was produced with the combined talent of the talented Bianca Jones and Merwyn Victor of Holy Trinity Church. It had been in the making for more than a year, and together with a team of volunteers they delivered a magnificent, musical event, extraordinaire.