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Fall 2018 Newsletter



Farewell to Our Interim

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I want to thank all of you for the many ways you allowed me to be your pastor for seven months (May 1-Dec 1). I look back with profound gratitude on our journey of faith together in ministry and service.

One of my greatest joys as your pastor has been to work with the Leadership Team. They are a diverse and talented group who seek the best way to serve God together, even if it isn't the easiest way. Together, we have sought to continue developing our parish life and remaining active through Bible study, morning prayer and coffee time, monthly meetings with youth, helping the Food Bank before it left on September 30, cleaning up the garden, work parties, regular monthly Eucharist services for Seton Villa and Rideau Manor, pastoral visits to hospitals, and much more.

Together, we have realized a few plans, lived through a few trials, and persevered. We have done everything; as Mother Teresa said: *"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."*

I've had the privilege of worshipping God with members of St. Timothy every Sunday, I've taken one funeral, and baptized two Iraqi babies (one is my niece) in the baptismal font, where they received the Holy Spirit by your prayers and among our Anglican congregation.

This Sunday, November 25, is the Feast of Christ the King, celebrated on the final Sunday of Liturgical Year B, the last Sunday before Advent, the new Liturgical Year C. It is the right time to change! I see that beautiful leaves have fallen on the path around the St. Timothy's building. They remind me that it is the time of change, some matters are ending ... there are changes from one season to another ... there may be a storm before the calm, and birth pangs, and living through them requires tapping into a deep well of faith and courage. It's also how new life

emerges. It's almost as if the pain of change is necessary so that something can be born! Advent is the season of hope! As St. Paul said: *"And we know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose"* (Romans 8:28).

Life is always changing, and everything, whether good or bad, will eventually come to an end. Nothing in this life remains the same; only the Lord is unchanging and constant in His love, at all times: *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever* (Hebrews 13:8).

I pray for The Rev. James Duckett, your new rector and leader for the St. Timothy community. I ask you to support him and work with him together through your new phase, drawing you closer to God and closer to each other.

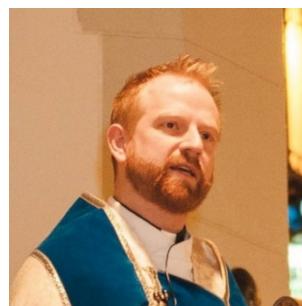
I hope that you deepen your relationship with God, and you find that God is the source of all strength and hope for you. Your zeal is admirable! I am really amazed by those who sit at the back of the Church during the service, offering their ministry silently in the background! I hope that you will be who you are, the beloved and loving people of God, all your days.

I will continue to hold you in my prayers. I pray for you to have a bright future: *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"* (Jeremiah 29:11).

I am grateful to have served as your Pastor, and St. Timothy will always hold a special place in my ministry journey and in my heart.

To God be the Glory!

Father Ayooob Adwar



Welcome Our New Priest

The Parish of St. Timothy announces the appointment of Rev. James Duckett as our new priest. James will be starting on December 1.

James was raised in Powell River, BC with two younger sisters. Following graduation, he pursued studies at UBC, and he earned a BA in English Lit followed by a BEd in Secondary English and ESL. Shortly after graduation, he moved to Montreal, where his time teaching in a Christian private school led him to consider seminary. He took a break from teaching to return to school and after a McGill's Bachelor of Theology, he was granted a Master of Divinity from the Montreal School of Theology, a college run by the Anglican, Presbyterian, and United Churches. Returning to teaching, it wasn't long before he left the evangelical church he had been attending for some years and began the process of discernment within the Anglican church. Amid the discernment, he also met (and married) his wife Sacha. Their daughter Eleanor was born shortly after James was ordained a deacon, and she processed in his arms with him when he was priested a year later. One year after that, Sacha got a job in Vancouver, bringing the whole family back to James's home turf, where he served as interim priest-in-charge at St. Paul's in Vancouver's West End before accepting the call to St. Timothy's.

savour, we stayed to talk. The Adwar family catered (and donated!) a fund-raising several-course "Taste of the Middle East". It was a financial and fellowship success. Fr. Ayoob was proud to baptize his niece; to weave elements of the Chaldean tradition and Aramaic language into the service. Even a cantor! Following the baptism, the Adwar family fed us a delicious Iraqi lunch.

Thank you, Fr. Ayoob for sharing your Iraqi, Chaldean, monastic and Italian life experiences with us. We have, for a time, walked with a man of great personal faith, and we are richer for the experience.



Food Bank Update

The Food Bank has successfully transitioned to the Burnaby North Neighbourhood House. However, our involvement with them has not ended! We are going to be working closely with the Neighbourhood House to use our kitchen facilities for food-based workshops. Becky Barnes has been working with the Food Bank as a site coordinator, but she has also volunteered with the Neighbourhood House as the St Timothy's Liaison. We will be meeting with Simone, the coordinator of the Neighbourhood House, and Fr. James in January to work out how St Timothy's can best support the Food Bank in its new location and work with the Neighbourhood House to meet the needs of the community. If you would like more information, please speak with Becky Barnes. The Neighbourhood House can always use new volunteers – please ask Becky about that too!



Weekly E-mails

Look for the weekly parish e-mails to resume soon. Please keep us up to date on your e-mail address. With a new priest and the Advent season arriving, there will be lots to communicate. Also watch our website www.sainttimothy.ca.



Our World View Broadened

Father Ayoob and his family spoiled us! A few minutes of Morning Prayer most Saturday mornings were topped off with cardamom-flavored coffee and home-baked scrumptious sweets (instead of cream and/or sugar in the coffee). Of course, with such deliciousness to



Kids' Church

We have an exciting new curriculum, geared to Sunday schools like ours: fluctuating numbers and mixed-aged kids. The curriculum is called *Few Children, Great Opportunities*, written by Ruth Alliston and Sue Price, published by the Bible Reading Fellowship. Volunteers rotate teaching in two-week shifts. The themes, all

“God is ...,” can be covered in one week or two. Supporting materials are excellent. Teachers and helpers are always needed. Children are the future of the church. Be not afraid!



Upcoming Events

Nov. 25 Potluck lunch after the service to say farewell to Fr. Ayoob. All are welcome.

Nov. 29 Last Bible study with Fr. Ayoob.

Dec. 1 The Rev. James Duckett starts.

Advent wreath building indoors at 9:30 am. Agile parishioners hang exterior Advent wreath at their convenience.

Dec. 1 Family Games Night at 6 pm

Our monthly get together for anyone who likes good old-fashioned board games and/or challenging puzzles. Bring your dinner or snacks of choice; bring your family, friends and neighbours.

Dec. 2 Advent 1. First Sunday service for Rev. James Duckett.

Dec. 5 Ladies Christmas Lunch at Burnaby Mtn. Golf Course. Reserve through Peggy Smallwood 778-772-7477 or peg.smallwood@gmail.com. \$35 all included.

Dec. 8 Annual cookie baking and swap 3 pm to whenever. St. Timothy kitchen.

Dec. 10 Ceremony of new ministry for the Rev. James Duckett.

Volunteers needed both for the service and the following reception. Donations of light refreshment items and people willing to set up and or clean up welcome.

Dec. 23 Christmas Pageant integrated into the service. Written by two of our youth; performed with full congregational participation.



Paying for Our Sign

Check our www.sainttimothy.ca or our Facebook page to contribute to the GoFundMe campaign. We need to replace the \$15,000 we took from the Memorial Fund to pay for the sign. That fund is our capital projects/contingency fund. A major plumbing issue looms, and the roof will be calling for attention in 3-5 years.



Altar Guild

We have reached the point at which there is nothing more we can cut from our traditional duties and still lay the Lord's table every week. There are now too few of us to cover the team-of-two, once a month rotation. Age, illness and death have claimed too many of our members. We need new members. One hour a month, partnered with an experienced member – that is all we ask.



Our Stewardship-Gratitude Campaign

The time has come to pledge. Pledge cards are out and welcomed back by hand or by collection plate. Please prayerfully consider your pledge, and, if appropriate, review it. If you have never pledged, please consider doing so. Pledges help us budget for the next year.

Open giving is always welcome but if you want an income tax receipt, please use an envelope (your own numbered version or one from the leaflet desk at the entrance). Better still, sign up for Pre-authorized donation (PAD). PAD forms are available in the Narthex; ask a greeter. PAD forms are also online at www.vancouver.anglican.ca. To receive a 2018 tax credit for your offering, we must receive your last offering of the year by Sunday, December 30, 2018.