

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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Propers for 8:00 am Eucharist:

Page 242; Introit: Psalm 146.1-6; Gradual: Psalm 146.7-10

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY TRINITY XVI

Mon. Sep. 28 **Funeral for Margaret Burnie** at 2:00 pm (please register on Eventbrite)

Tues. Sep. 29 **THE FEAST SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**

In person Mass at 12:15 pm (please register)

Streamed Mass at 7:00 pm. The Church is closed to the public during this Service

Sun. Oct. 4 **THE FEAST OF DEDICATION**

In person Masses at 8:00 and 11:00 am (please register)

Streamed Mass at 9:30 am. The Church is closed to the public during this Service

Sun. Oct 11 **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

Mon. Oct 12 **Thanksgiving Day** - Office Closed

Sun. Oct 18 **THE FEAST OF ST LUKE**

THE ORDINATION OF JAMES SHIRE – 4:00 pm

(registration on Eventbrite will be required. Please see article)

Sun. Oct 25 **TRINITY XX**

Pre-Registration to attend Services: Please do this on Eventbrite via the parish website www.stthomas.on.ca or by calling the office at 416-979-2323 X 4.

Welcome back to St Thomas's!

We are very grateful to all those who have worked so hard to prepare us for returning to public worship reverently and safely. There are many regulations we have to abide by, not least of which is keeping a six-foot distance between people at all times. We all need to do our best to contain the spread of Covid 19, and as a result, for the time being, our Services will look and feel different than they have in the past. Most notably and regrettably, the congregation cannot sing at this time. Only the clergy and cantor will do so. The Collection plate will not be passed during the Service.

Please place your donation in the plate located at the Registrar's table in the Narthex when you came in. It will also be available there at the end of the Service.

In addition to this Notices leaflet, two liturgical documents will be provided at 11:00 am: a large-sheet "Ordinary of the Eucharist" containing elements of the Book of Common Prayer liturgy that do not change from week to week, and a booklet containing the "Proper" – those elements that do change: music, collects, readings, psalms and intercessions that are specific to today. None of the documents provided should be shared. You may take them home.

Please read the following, and listen carefully to the clergy's verbal instructions regarding the procedure for receiving Holy Communion. Remain in your seat until invited by the sidespeople to move into the centre aisle. Follow the floor markings to maintain a safe distance. Stand in the marked space six feet from the priest when you arrive at the front pew to hear the words of administration "The Body of Christ given for thee", then come forward to the priest and extend your hands folded one upon the other; carefully enclose the Host in your hands and proceed to the table to the left or right near the pulpit or lectern. Those seated on the left side of the church (facing the altar) will move to the pulpit and those on the right to the lectern. Once there, remove your mask from one ear to consume the Host, replace your mask and sanitize your hands with the sanitizer provided on the table. Return to your seat by the side aisles. It is not permitted to receive on the tongue at this time.

If you need to use the washroom, please proceed to the one normally designated for women at the bottom of the stairs at the main entrance. There is no access to the Parish Hall. Only one person is allowed to use the washroom at a time. Maintain physical distance while waiting.

At the end of the Liturgy, during the organ voluntary, please remain seated. Sidespeople will invite people to leave, pew by pew, beginning with the back rows. Those wishing to remain to the end of the organ Postlude may do so. While we would all love to be able to socialize after Church, it is not yet safe to do so. If you wish to greet friends afterwards, we ask that you move well away from the exit doors, so that others can get out of the building safely.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In Christian charity, these protocols are meant to protect others as well as ourselves.

SAINT THOMAS'S REFUGEE COMMITTEE UPDATE

We are delighted to report that the Murad family arrived on Wednesday night and are now living in quarantine in the Rectory. Obaida, his wife Hazar, and their three children – Faeza (8), Mohammed (5) and Huda (2) – had a long journey by car across Turkey from Reyhanli near the Syrian border to Istanbul where they boarded a direct flight to Toronto on Wednesday morning.

They were met at the airport by Obaida's brother Hamzeh who has been in Canada for five years and is married and has three children.

Two committee members, wearing full PPE, toured the family through the first two floors of the Rectory (the third floor is temporarily blocked off) and the laundry facilities in the basement on Thursday and showed them how everything works.

They have almost no English and are truly lovely people. The children, who are absolutely adorable, had this message to send: "We love Canada. Happy. Thank you."

They will be living in the Rectory until the end of December at the latest, by which time they need to have found more permanent housing so that we can begin making needed repairs and improvements to ready the Rectory for Fr. Humphrey and his family.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Murads. At this point, they do not need anything else. If we learn of anything, we will let the parish know.

Once quarantine is over the committee will be helping them complete many important administrative tasks and will connect them with the appropriate resources and services they will need. Thanks also to everyone who has expressed interest in helping the family with these tasks. We will be reaching out to you shortly.

Please pray for the work of the committee and especially for the family, and consider praying by action. Join us – we still have need for all skills and talents – in a concrete expression of our Anglo-Catholic tradition of welcome and service to the community. If you would to help in this effort by taking on a task, please contact Andrew Gray (agray@torys.com) or Andrew Smith (ajksmith@gmail.com).

THE FRIDAY FOOD MINISTRY is having its annual Thanksgiving Dinner for our guests on Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 12. The Thanksgiving Dinner is one of the great highlights of the year for the Friday Food Ministry, and we will need help to make this a memorable day for our guests.

In order to ensure the safety of our volunteers and guests, the Thanksgiving meal will be a take-away meal, and we will have a limited crew of volunteers to prepare and serve to better maintain a physical distance between everyone involved. However, we will still need your help to make this meal happen. In particular we will need 3 to 4 people to assist with shopping, meal preparation, and meal service. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Deacon James Shire at fridayfoodministry@gmail.com. Volunteers assisting will need to complete a health screening process prior to serving.

JAMES SHIRE'S ORDINATION – Sunday, October 18 at 4:00 pm

The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, on behalf of the Diocese of Hawai'i, will ordain James Robert Shire to the Sacred Order of Priests in Christ's One Holy and Apostolic Church on Sunday, October 18 at four in the afternoon at St. Thomas's Anglican Church.

Registration for the Liturgy will occur over Eventbrite and it will be live-streamed.

Your prayers are requested.

MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

With our return to public worship now underway and the transition to YouTube livestreaming progressing and improving each week, I want to extend my gratitude to the section leads, whose musicality, adaptability, and eagerness to participate in our Sunday Zoom services greatly enhanced these weekly offerings during our six-month shutdown.

With such severe restrictions placed on our music program, it was wonderful to have live music each week – even if virtual and socially-distanced – and it is a privilege to count these fine individuals as colleagues and friends.

Now that we are once again meeting in person, I encourage you to stop in and hear an 11:00 service. Although there are many changes and we still cannot sing together, the leads and I are pleased to perform Bach arias every Sunday from now until Christmas as a small and simple way to create a sense of community and togetherness through these magnificent musical works.

To all the section leads: Thank you! We would not be where we are today without your skill, support, and artistry.