

## News from the Anglican Province of Alexandria

My dear friends,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

I would like to thank you so much for your prayers and support of the different dioceses of the Province. Your prayers for us mean a lot and we feel it.

I would like to share with you some of our news and prayer requests:

### 1- Back to church!

From the beginning of August, all our churches resumed its services after a period of 4 months' lockdown. It was wonderful to the members of the congregations to meet again in the parishes. We give attention to the physical distances, wearing masks and using hand sanitizers before communion.



### 2- Clergy, lay ministers and wives day

On Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>, we all met at All Saints' Cathedral Hall for a time of prayer, praise, and fellowship. This was the first time we met

face to face since the lockdown in March. It was very encouraging to hear news from the different congregations as they shared how the hand of the Lord is moving within the diocese. We heard encouraging words from



Bishop Samy and Archdeacon Emad. Lay minister Maged Shafeek led an uplifting time of worship. Some of the lyrics from a song we sang was “we are coming close to your heart; we lift up our hearts to you.” This song touched our hearts as we prayed for the upcoming court case on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. Bishop Mouneer shared about what is required from us as the new Province of Alexandria, encouraging us to **pour out ourselves in His service, develop new leaders, focus on discipleship, and plant new churches**. This time was followed by Eucharist

at the Cathedral. After Eucharist, we had a two hour cruise on the Nile. We thank God for this very encouraging time.

### **3-Celebration for the successful students from our churches and schools**

On Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>, our partnership office and the Media Center arranged a celebration for our students who succeed in the different grades in their schools. It was wonderful for our students from the school for the deaf to join. We were also joined by the students from the Episcopal school in Menouf, Christians and Muslims. It was a great joy to see students from St. Raphael for the Sudanese refugees participating as well. To our surprise, part of the celebration was broadcasted by Egyptian Television. Here is the link

<https://www.facebook.com/SabahakMasri/videos/1547207082128556/>



### **3- Alexandria School of Theology (AST) & a new digital era**

Bishop Samy Fawzy and the faculty of the Alexandria School of Theology were excited and thankful to add a new interactive digital board at AST. This will help in giving online lectures in the different campuses of AST, help in recording lectures, and help in many other ways. It is very encouraging that this year about 36 students applied to study at AST.



### **4- AST Lecturers training retreat**

Bishop Samy organized a training retreat for all the lecturers at AST. He encouraged the lecturers to make their contributions while planning for the future of AST. There is a wonderful family spirit among all the staff.

#### 5- Graduation ceremony of the Nuba Mountain Institute

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, the church celebrated the graduation of ten Sudanese students of the Nuba Mountain Institute. The graduation ceremony was organized by the Director of the institute, Mrs. Bonita Dirk. Archdeacon Emad Basilios who teaches there also attended the ceremony.



#### 6- Starting “Together we develop Egypt” initiative in Alexandria

When the lockdown ended, we started again the initiative of “Together We Develop Egypt.” This initiative is supported by the Episcopal Anglican Diocese of Egypt in collaboration with Misr El Kheir foundation. It encourages Christian and Muslim youth to work together in small community



development projects. In his address, Bishop Samy said to the youth present “love should be our motive, love in spite of our differences.” He also explained the meaning of loving the neighbor

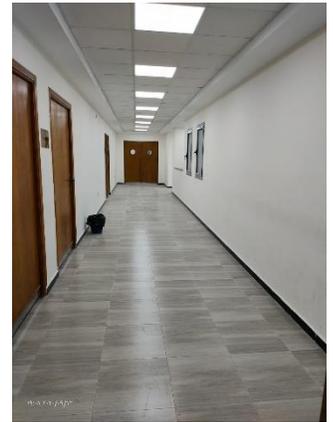
#### 7- Training workshop on Media and press

Our media center organized 2 training workshops for new individuals (from our institutions and churches) who are working with media. This was very fruitful and now we are getting news from around the diocese.



8- **Completing the Third floor at the new outpatient clinic of Harpur Memorial Hospital, Menouf**

We thank God for completing this phase of the outpatient clinic in Menouf. We are grateful to Dr. Samir for his hard work in supervising this project. We are also grateful for all our friends who financially supported this project.



9- **The Good Shepherd Cathedral, Gambella, Ethiopia**

We are happy to share with you that the building of this new Cathedral is coming up. We are grateful for a generous grant of 24,000 Pounds Sterling from Jerusalem and Middle East Church Association (St Mary's Waqf) and a generous donation of 100,000 US\$ from Bishop Kuan Kim Seng. We pray that the pandemic will come to an end



in order to consecrate this new Cathedral. We are also happy to share with you that there is a new spirit of cooperation among the clergy in Gambella. We very much appreciate the support of the friends of the church in Ethiopia (FACE) to the different ministries in Gambella. It is sad to say that one of the guards of Good Shepherd Peter Teny was killed by a crocodile during the current floods.

10- **New locum in St. George, Tunis**

Rev Blair Carlson from the United States will be coming to serve in Tunisia from the beginning of October. Rev David Aziz will move to St Mark Pro-Cathedral in Alexandria after handing over the responsibilities to Rev Blair.

### **11- Renovation of the parsonage of Holy Trinity, Algiers**

We were delighted to hear from Canon Huw Thomas that the renovation of the parsonage of Holy Trinity is now complete and the building is ready to accommodate the Italian school as well as church activities. We are very grateful to Canon Huw for his hard work during this difficult time of the pandemic.



#### **Prayer Requests:**

- 1- Pray for our court case on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September.
- 2- Pray for AST graduation service on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September.
- 3- Pray for the upcoming youth worker training program which will be led by Deacon Mark Takki, the youth pastor in collaboration with AST.
- 4- Pray for the family of Peter Teny who was killed in Gambella by a crocodile.
- 5- Pray for the completion of the new extension of the Episcopal school in Menouf.
- 6- Pray so that the Lord will provide towards the building extension of Harpur Memorial hospital, Sadat city
- 7- Above all pray so that the new Province of Alexandria may flourish, grow and faithfully fulfill God's purpose.

Thank you again for your prayers and support.

May the Lord bless you!

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