



SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
FIFTH AVENUE AT 53rd STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue invites you to a service of Choral Evensong and a Reception which will follow in honor of the Reverend Canon Faiz Basheer Jerjes, MBE, Rector of St. George's Anglican Episcopal Church in Baghdad, Iraq. Choral Evensong will take place on Tuesday May 23rd at 5:30pm in Saint Thomas Church (1 West 53rd Street) and the Reception will begin after the service in Andrew Hall, which is adjacent to the worship space.

Canon Faiz is Iraq's only ordained Anglican priest, and he is the first Iraqi national to be ordained as an Anglican priest. He has been a leader in interfaith dialogue initiatives in Iraq, and has been instrumental in assisting Internally Displaced People, following the devastation caused by ISIS in the traditional Iraqi Christian heartland of Mosul and the Nineveh Plains.

Sinan Hannah is chief administrator at St. George's as well as Canon Faiz's translator for this event. Alongside his work for the parish, he has worked in numerous capacities to assist Iraqis who were displaced by ISIS. He plans to study toward ordination as an Anglican priest.

St. George's was founded in 1864 and is the only Anglican church in Iraq. St. George's also operates a nursery and elementary school, as well as a medical clinic, which has 17 staff members and treats 1,500 patients free of charge each month.

Canon Faiz and Sinan's visit to the U.S. is sponsored by Stand With Iraqi Christians, an Episcopal charity based in Radnor, PA, whose mission is to offer friendship and financial assistance to Iraqi Christians working to restore peace and rebuild their communities.

The service is free and tickets to the Reception are \$25 and may be purchased by following **this link**. The Reception will include a short presentation by Canon Faiz and donations to St. George's are welcome during the reception, via QR code or check.