

If you have questions, there are many resources.

The Church of the Epiphany website
www.EpiphanyNYC.org

Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf website
www.cypgulf.org

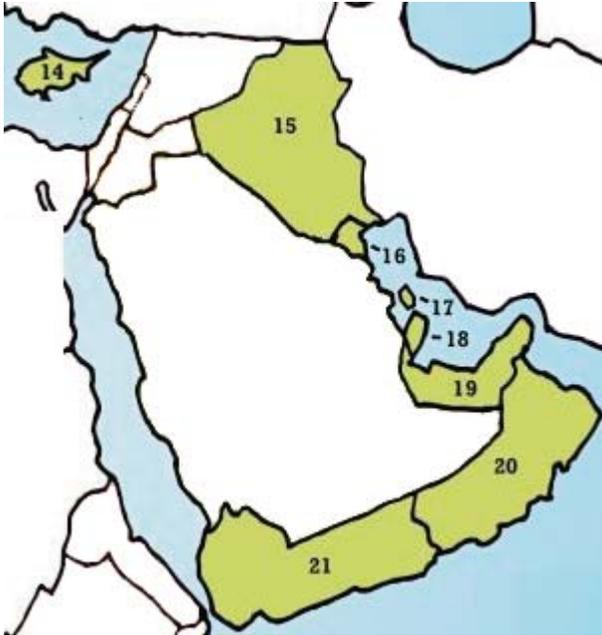
Neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth... For we are God's servants, working together.
1 Corinthians 3:7, 9a

Christians *in the* Middle East

Threatened and Thriving



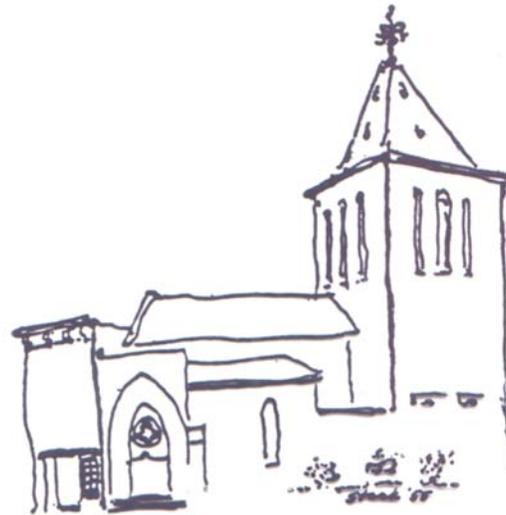
The Anglican Diocese of
Cyprus and the Gulf



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*includes Abu Dhabi and Dubai



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The Lord's Prayer in Arabic



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St. George's Church, Baghdad

Our sister relationship with the Church of the Epiphany in Doha, Qatar, Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, has made the congregation of Epiphany in Manhattan acutely aware the issues affecting Christians in the Middle East. We are actively engaged in praying for our brothers and sisters there as well as raising funds to assist with refugee issues, particularly in Iraq and Yemen.



Refugee women in Baghdad

Christianity was founded in the Middle East, and Christians have lived on these lands for over 2,000 years. Today the political unrest and bloodshed that have beset Syria, Iraq, and Yemen, the continuing struggles in Israel/Palestine as well as

O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
Micah 6:8

North Africa have forced Christians to flee their homes in search of safety. The immigration crisis has had a global impact as more than 65 million people worldwide are living as refugees or displaced persons.



Anglican Centre, Doha, Qatar

Working with St. George's Church in Baghdad, our parish, along with other parishes and individuals in New York, has sent funds for the refurbishment of an education center at the refugee camp in Baghdad, which houses courses in computer science, sewing, English, among others.

But the devastation of these ancient Christian communities, as terrible as it is, is not the whole story. Because the Gulf States, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Abu Dhabi, etc., rely on migrant or "guest" workers, these countries host over 25 million foreign nationals within their borders, many of whom are Christians seeking to worship in these Muslim countries.

The Anglican Church is present in these countries, and frequently offers hospitality by sharing its churches and halls with Christians of a multitude of languages and worship traditions. The challenges are considerable, but at the same time, there is a degree of fellowship and cooperation not seen in other parts of the world.



Altar at the Centre prepared for Nigerians worshipping in Igbo

For example, the Anglican Centre in Doha, built on land donated by the government, houses over 75 congregations from 6:00am to 10:00pm every Friday, the day of worship in a Muslim country. The parking lot is overflowing. Christians from Europe, India, Asia, and Africa stream in, some with families, others alone, having left spouses, children, or parents behind in their native land. Languages and styles of worship vary widely, but all are joined together in the belief that Jesus Christ is Lord.



Friday Service at Epiphany, Doha

Thus, we describe Christianity in the Middle East as

THREATENED and THRIVING.

While the ancient Christian communities in these countries they are threatened by war, poverty, and bloodshed, others from all over the world make their home in the Middle East, witnessing to their faith with an inspiring spirit of strength and renewal.

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