December 23, 2020

We are pleased to announce that The Rev. Bruce Jackson will join the St. Anthony ministry team as Interim Rector of St. Anthony, effective Sunday, January 10, 2021.

Father Jackson’s appointment has been approved by our Bishop and received unanimous assent from the Vestry. He will serve here full time, celebrating at services and otherwise guiding our parish affairs, including providing pastoral support to our congregation. His term in office is set to expire soon after the arrival of a new Rector for St. Anthony, an event expected late in 2021 or shortly thereafter.

Our new Interim, age 72, is a seasoned minister and, in previous positions, an experienced executive and leader. He is currently Rector of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Glendale, a position he has held since 2011 and from which he will retire at the end of this month. He also has served our diocese as a delegate to the Episcopal General Convention, parliamentarian to our diocese’s annual convention, president of the diocesan Disciplinary Committee and, currently, as a member of the Diocesan Standing Committee.

Raised in the Baptist faith, Fr. Jackson also served a Lutheran congregation as Assistant Pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Scottsdale, from 2007 to 2011. He was ordained as an Episcopal priest in 2011.

From 2005 to 2007, he was executive director of a faith-based, non-profit organization supporting caregivers throughout the Valley. He also was executive vice president of Phoenix-based Harlem Globetrotters International from 2002 to 2005.

In 1987, Fr. Jackson founded and, until 2002, was lead partner in Jackson & Consumano LLP, which, with 40 attorneys on staff, became for a time the largest minority-led law firm in New York City. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from St. John’s University in New York City.

He and his wife, Barbara, a professional artist, will continue to live in Glendale. They have two adult sons and two grandchildren.

Please join us in welcoming them to the St. Anthony family!

In Christ,

Dan Austin Claudia Johnson

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