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"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who lives but Christ lives in me." (Galatians 2:20).

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HIS GRACE BISHOP DANIEL BESTOWED THE RANK OF HEGUMEN TO V.REV FR GEORGE NAKHIL





THE CROSS - THE NEWNESS OF LIFE

These coming days we will celebrate the Feast of the Cross, and so here we shall discuss together how we could carry the Cross of the Lord and walk with it to our destination which is the Eternal Life.

How we could be a New Creation filled with the Spirit

i. Our beloved Lord saved us from the penalty of death, by dying for us on the cross. As St Paul said, "In Him we have redemption through His blood..." (Ephesians 1:7);

ii. And our spoiled nature has become cleansed and new by the Holy Spirit through baptism, as St Paul tells us, "For as many of you as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27).

Today, we will focus on "the New Creation."

In our talk today, we will discuss 3 important points:

1. what is the new creation
2. how to become a new creation
3. what are the rewards of a new creation

So let us read together Romans 6:1-7:

"...do you not know that as many of us were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into His death? Therefore, we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life... knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that

the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin".

These beautiful verses reveal some important points concerning the New Creation:

1. The new creation = "newness of life".
2. The role of the sacraments in forming a new creation.
3. That sin = slavery, but turning away from sin = freedom.

1. The new creation = "newness of life":

Every person is composed of 5 important aspects:

- Spirit : which communicates with the Lord
- Mind : which thinks
- Body : which moves
- Emotions : which feel
- social life (dealings with others)

When we enter into "newness of life", it means that we have to be new in every aspect of our life. It is not enough to be new in our spiritual life, for example, but keep the same habits when we deal with others. This behaviour belongs only to a hypocrite. St James also tells us that faith without deeds is useless ("You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only" James 2:24).

To experience true newness means that every part of our life becomes filled with the Holy Spirit – our deeds, our words, our thoughts, our actions, as well as our depth in the spiritual life.

2. The role of the sacraments in forming a new creation.

The only way we can achieve this "newness of life" is by being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. We receive this sanctification through the holy 7 sacraments...

As humans, we have all inherited 2 things from Adam:

i. The penalty of death (because as St Paul tells us, "the wages of sin is death" Romans 6:23);

ii. A spoiled nature. In the beginning we were created in the image of God, but through Adam's sin, this image became spoiled.

Therefore, the only way we can get rid of this 'old nature' and get a 'new nature' is by being renewed...

□ The first sacrament a person has is baptism. This sacrament is the door for us to enter into a new creation. The baby is immersed in the water three times to symbolise 2 things:

1. The Holy Trinity
2. The three days the Lord was in the tomb – because baptism means dying with the Lord and then rising with the Lord. And so this baby has become a "new creation" in the Lord.

□ After the baby is baptised, the priest gives him the sacrament of confirmation, by anointing the baby with 36 crosses in order to sanctify his whole body as a temple for the Lord:

- the 1st cross is on the head (to sanctify the thoughts)
- the 2nd and 3rd on the nostrils
- the 4th on the lips
- the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th on the ears and eyes
- o (the 2nd – 8th crosses are to sanctify the senses of smell, taste, hearing and seeing)
- The 9th and 10th are on the heart (to sanctify the emotions and the inner life)
- The 11th and 12th are on the back (to sanctify the will)
- The next 12 crosses are on the 2 arms – 2 crosses on each joint (to sanctify the deeds)
- The last 12 crosses are on the 2 legs – 2 crosses on each joint (to sanctify the way).

□ After being renewed

through baptised, and sanctified by the Myron, the baby is ready to be united with his beloved Lord through the holy sacrament of the Eucharist:

- "Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day...He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood dwells in me and I in him" (John 6: 53&58).

□ But even though we have become a new creation, it does not mean that we are sinless, but it means that we will try our best to struggle against sin. And if through human weakness, we commit sin – and return to the old nature, our beloved Lord who is great in mercy and compassion, tells us not to lose hope because He has given us a wonderful sacrament called repentance and confession..

- At St Paul teaches us: "... If they fall away, to renew them again to repentance..." (Hebrew 6:6).

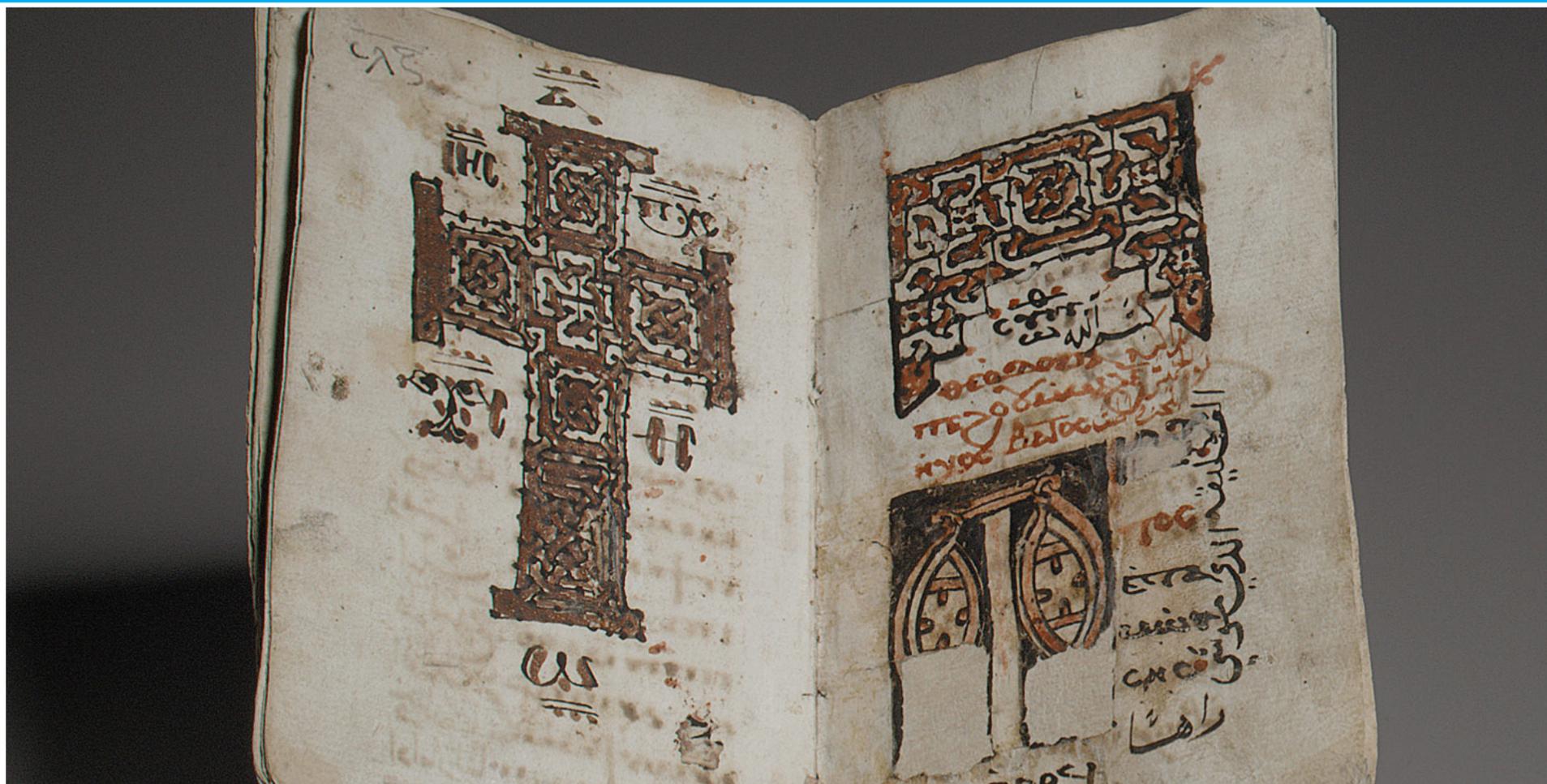
So then you may ask, what is the purpose of baptism if I will return to my old nature?

First of all, we must understand that our beloved Lord has given us complete free-will. If baptism completely kills the old nature, then God, in the process, has also killed our free-will. But God in His love has shown us the path that leads to Him and the path that leads away from Him, and He has given us to freedom to choose what to do.

The Holy Spirit we receive in baptism, gives us a 'holy' conscience to make us question and think before we commit any sin.

And if we do through weakness fall into sin, we can re-gain all of the lost blessings through repentance and confession. (That's why repentance is called 'second baptism').

- "And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another and pray for one another" (James 5: 15-16)



□ All of the sacraments in our church are biblical commandments. For example, James speaks to us concerning the Unction of the Sick:

- "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 5:14).

• In the New Creation process, the sacrament of Marriage is essential for most people.

- Marriage has five important goals:

- to share spiritual love
- to share a life of co-operation and understanding
- to experience salvation, because the holy physical relationship within marriage will stop them from sinning.
- To bring up Christian children, who will be saints on earth as well as in heaven.

□ And finally, the only way for these sacraments to be celebrated is through the holy sacrament of priesthood. Priesthood is a biblical commandment:

- "For every priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins...and no man takes this honour to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was" (Hebrews: 1, 4)

3. Sin = slavery, but turning away from sin = freedom:

- Sin is separation from God

□ Repentance is returning to God

- Sin is fighting against God

□ Repentance is reconciling with God.

- Sin is spiritual death

□ Repentance is the resurrection of the spirit

- Sin is bondage and slavery

□ Repentance is freedom from the slavery of sin and the devil ("If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed... whoever commits sin is a slave of sin," John 8:32&36)

- Sin is the love of unrighteousness

□ Repentance is giving up sin for the love of God and righteousness.

We have witnessed saints like St Moses, St Paul the Apostle, St Mary the Egyptian, St Paesa, who turned from their old nature to the new nature. And although their struggle was very difficult, they did not return to their old nature because their love for God was stronger than the love for sin. Their repentance was not something that just happened temporarily, but it changed their life permanently. In the life of St Moses the Black for example, we see the big role his spiritual

father had in his life whenever he was afflicted with memories from his past life.

The love of God changes a person from the inside, and his repentance can also be an encouragement for others to repent as well.

What are the rewards of a New Creation...

In the same way that the Holy Spirit will make us into a new creation, our beloved Lord will give us the reward of the New Jerusalem...

Let us read together Revelation 21:2: "Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

□ What is the place of the New Jerusalem and where does it come from? Who made it?

□ "And he carried me away in the spirit to a mountain great and high and showed me the holy city Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God" (Rev. 21:10).

1. The place of the New Jerusalem is somewhere under heaven.

2. The place comes from God Himself

3. No one can see it or enter it

unless he has the characteristics of a new creation:

a) he is strong in times of temptation

b) he is in the spirit (i.e. a spiritual person)

c) he is always alert and keeping away from the lusts of the world

d) He has the virtues of humility and love. The "mountain great and high" which John was lead to are these virtues, which are necessary in order to see the glories of God.

4. The Bible called Jerusalem the "Holy City". This is because God Himself made it and dwells within it. He is the Most High and because He dwells in it, the City itself must also be Holy.

5. The City is "new" (the New Jerusalem). It is different from the earthly Jerusalem which is full of war and division. The City is new because the old things have passed away, and now there will be peace and unity.

What a glorious reward does our beloved Lord have for those who struggle to live a life of righteousness as a new creation!

Bishop Daniel
Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Sydney & Affiliated Regions



Leader of the Opposition

COPTIC NEW YEAR 2019

I send my very warm regards to everyone celebrating Neyrouz. The first day of the Coptic New Year is a time of both renewal and reflection.

You remember the suffering of your martyrs during what was the most profound trial for the Coptic Church. However you also remember that the Church endured this darkest of times and, in the most emphatic victory over oppression, the Church survived and thrived.

This is the strength of faith. This is the strength of love. These are the strengths that are such a feature of your community, which is itself such a valued part of the success of Australia's multicultural society.

On behalf of the Australian Labor Party, I wish all Coptic Australians the best as you gather together at this special time.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Albanese
Leader of the Australian Labor Party



PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

COPTIC NEW YEAR 2019

I send my warm greetings to everyone celebrating Nayrouz, the first day of the Coptic new year. For centuries this festival has been a time of renewal and hope, for remembering the courage and sacrifice of the martyrs.

As you gather on this special occasion, I trust you will be refreshed not only by the love and faith at its heart, but by the fellowship of your family and community.

Nayrouz is also a reminder of the great richness the Coptic community brings to our multicultural nation, and of your contribution to the vibrant and open society we are today.

Australia is enriched by many religious, linguistic and cultural traditions. A shared commitment to tolerance, respect and inclusion binds us together, and makes our society one of the most harmonious in the world.

I thank all Coptic Australians for your devotion to our proudly diverse nation and wish you a wonderful new year.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister of Australia

4 September 2019

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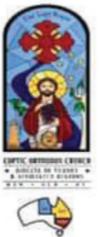


Statement on the Recommendations and Findings of the Priests' Committee appointed by HG Bishop Daniel, Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Church – Diocese of Sydney to study the Recent Allegations' Emails

"The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build...." Nehemiah 2:20

1. The Committee studied the allegations regarding the personal accounts for His Grace Bishop Daniel, and wishes to declare that these allegations are unfounded and false.
2. With Regards to the Rhodes Property, please see find attached letters from Commonwealth Bank as follows:
 - 2.1 A letter from CBA Bank **dated 29 July 2019** confirming that that Property was last valued on 11 October 2018 with a market value of AU\$2.2 Million.
 - 2.2 A letter from CBA Bank **dated 14 August 2019** advising that the Bank is following up with NSW & QLD offices of State Revenue on how the stamped amounts were allocated and calculated by the respective State departments.
 - 2.3 A letter from CBA Bank **dated 2 September 2019** attaching a list of all the Properties in NSW & QLD listed under Mortgage No. 9674259 and the Bank is still following up the documentation held in 2003.
3. With Regards to the Caringbah Project, please find attached a letter from Commonwealth Bank **dated 29th August 2019** listing all the Properties stamped by NSW Office of State Revenue up until this date. These properties have been stamped up to a value of AU\$37,845.00.

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4. The Committee has also recommended an Auditing Firm to be appointed. Therefore the Diocese appointed Pitcher & Partners to Audit all Diocese and Churches' Accounts for the Year ending June 2018/2019 and for all the coming years (confirmation email attached), audit report will be published upon completion.
5. The Diocese has sent to each Church the details of the Loans & Properties associate with the Church up to 30 June 2018 and if any Church needs more information , please contact the Finance Department of the Diocese

Finally, brethren... Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:1

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201 Sussex Street
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14 August 2019

HG Bishop Daniel
Coptic Orthodox Church NSW Property Trust
PO Box W7 Westfield
Parramatta NSW 2560

Dear Bishop Daniel,

Mortgage NSW Real Property Act 1900 NO 9674259 R Lodged BY Commonwealth Bank Australia (1-3) Dated 13 March 2003

We have been able to locate a copy of a 2004 Letter of Offer.

Contained in this letter is a listing of all the security stamped by the NSW and QLD Offices of State Revenue.

These properties listed on pages 2 and 3 of the 2004 Letter of Offer were captured under Mortgage NO9674259.

The Bank are following up with the NSW and QLD Offices of State Revenue for further detail on how the stamped amounts were allocated and calculated by the respective state departments.

Yours sincerely

Luke Austen
Relationship Executive
Business & Corporate Banking**Commonwealth Bank**Commonwealth Bank of Australia
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Liverpool NSW 2170

2 September 2019

HG Bishop Daniel
Coptic Orthodox Church NSW Property Trust
PO Box W7 Westfield
Parramatta NSW 2560

Dear Bishop Daniel,

Mortgage NSW Real Property Act 1900 NO 9674259 R Lodged BY Commonwealth Bank Australia (1-3) Dated 13 March 2003

I am writing to advise that we are currently still investigating the matter relating to the Mortgage Register No. 9674259.

In accordance to Bank Stamping Policy, we can confirm that stamping has been calculated on a collateral basis (including NSW & QLD).

These properties listed on pages 2 and 3 of the 2004 Letter of Offer were captured under Mortgage No. 9674259.

The Bank is following up the documentation that was held in 2003 with our document portal team.

Yours sincerely

Luke Austen
Relationship Executive
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Liverpool NSW 2170

29 August 2019

HG Bishop Daniel
Coptic Orthodox Church NSW Property Trust
PO Box W7 Westfield
Parramatta NSW 2560

Dear Bishop Daniel,

Mortgage NSW Real Property Act 1900 AJ537000D Lodged BY Commonwealth Bank Australia Dated 29 June 2015.

In relation to the recent enquiry made by the Church's Finance Committee I can confirm that the process associated with the lodgement of documents for assessment by the Office of State Revenue (OSR) is as follows:

Step 1: Lodgement
Documents posted to the OSR**Step 2: Assessment**
OSR calculate the transfer duty liability and confirm amount to be paid**Step 3: Payment**
You pay the duty, including unpaid tax interest if applicable (or the adjudication fee for non-dutiable transactions).**Step 4: Return of documents**
Once you pay the duty, OSR return the documents by registered post.

OSR processing timeframes:

Standard assessments: 10 working days
Complex assessments: 30 working daysComplex assessments are where your situation involves:
Mining interests
Partnerships
Charitable institution exemptions
Corporate reconstruction exemptions
Trust acquisitions or trust surrenders
Large businesses.**Commonwealth Bank**Commonwealth Bank of Australia
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29 July 2019

Mr Simon Michail
Coptic Orthodox Church NSW Property Trust
PO Box W7 Westfield
Parramatta NSW 2560

Dear Simon,

CBA Mortgaged property: 59 Blaxland Road, Rhodes NSW 2138

I confirm that the Commonwealth Bank of Australia hold a mortgage over this Coptic Orthodox Property Trust's asset at 59 Blaxland Road, Rhodes NSW 2138.

This property was last valued on 11 October 2018 with a market value of \$2.2 million.

Yours sincerely

Luke Austen
Relationship Executive
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Please Sign &
Return to
Bank.

His Holiness Bishop Daniel
Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust
PO Box 171
BEXLEY NSW 2207

6 July 2004

Dear Bishop Daniel

Borrower: Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust

Facility	Number	Terms Schedule date
Overdraft	2199 1007 9615	1/11/2000
Bank Guarantee	82514	29/12/2003
BetterBusiness Loan #01	2199 1004 6717	23/09/2003
BetterBusiness Loan #02	2199 1019 3549	1/01/2000
BetterBusiness Loan #03	2199 1021 7571	5/07/1999
BetterBusiness Loan #06	2199 1023 9535	18/01/2002
BetterBusiness Loan #07	2199 1024 3024	3/05/2001
BetterBusiness Loan #08	2199 1025 2481	12/10/2001
BetterBusiness Loan #09	2199 1027 8328	24/07/2002
BetterBusiness Loan #10	2199 1028 6972	10/03/2003
BetterBusiness Loan #11	2199 1028 7000	12/03/2003
BetterBusiness Loan #13	2199 1029 8551	23/09/2003
BetterBusiness Loan #14	2199 1029 8578	23/09/2003
BetterBusiness Loan #15	2199 1029 8586	23/09/2003
BetterBusiness Loan #16	2199 1029 8594	23/09/2003
BetterBusiness Loan #17	2199 1029 8607	23/09/2003
BetterBusiness Loan #18	2199 1030 0818	11/02/2004
Commonwealth Bank BusinessCard - Charge Card	5550 0590 0004 8669	15/05/2001
Fixed Rate BetterBusiness Loan #1	2199 1008 7420	15/11/2000
Fixed Rate BetterBusiness Loan #2	2199 1014 9134	15/11/2000
Fixed Rate BetterBusiness Loan #3	2199 1029 0955	19/08/2003
BetterBusiness Loan #19	2199 1015 2296	29/12/2003
BetterBusiness Loan #20	2199 1016 1344	29/12/2003
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BetterBusiness Loan #31		30/06/2004
BetterBusiness Loan #32		30/06/2004
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LJU 0401

We refer to your recent request to restructure your facilities and security arrangements that requires varying the terms and conditions of the above facilities by:

Particulars of the Change

Item 13 of the Terms Schedules now reads:
Security - Security will consist of:

- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 5A Bowral Street KENSINGTON NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 72 Wollongong Road & 49 Station Street ARNCLIFFE NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 2 Willis Road LONG POINT NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 4-7 & 23-31 Bolton Street GUILDFORD NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 53-59 Methven Street MOUNT DRUITT NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 1/360 Livingstone Road MARRICKVILLE NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 1 Bowral Street KENSINGTON NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 3 Bowral Street KENSINGTON NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 51 Station Street ARNCLIFFE NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 29 Chicago Avenue BLACKTOWN NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 74 Wollongong Road ARNCLIFFE NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 10/360 Livingstone Road MARRICKVILLE NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 119 Highclere Avenue PUNCHBOWL NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 52 Australis Avenue WATTLE GROVE NSW.

- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 339-377 Forest Road BEXLEY NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 30 Station Street GUILDFORD NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at Lot 33 Fourth Avenue BLACKTOWN NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 38A Stella Street COLLAROY PLATEAU NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 80 Wollongong Road ARNCLIFFE NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 14A Arthur Street BEXLEY NSW and 14 Arthur Street BEXLEY NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 5 Shepparton Road HELENSVALE QLD.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 59 Blaxland Road RHODES NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 6 Bayview Street BEXLEY NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 34 Station Street GUILDFORD NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 62 Acacia Street PUNCHBOWL NSW.
- A First Registered Mortgage by Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust over property situated at 32 Station Street Guildford NSW.

A Letter of Comfort/Undertaking By Coptic Orthodox Churches in the Diocese of Sydney & Affiliated Regions acknowledging that it is committed to ensuring the Borrower meets its financial commitments to the Bank and will take control of the Borrower's affairs to facilitate clearance of facilities outstanding, if requested by the Bank.

The Bank will vary the facility terms and conditions as you have requested on the following terms and conditions:

Insurance
The Borrower must provide evidence to the Bank that the Security Properties are insured for at least the amount specified in the valuation(s) and is insured for risks, and with an insurer, that is satisfactory to the Bank. Additionally, the insurance policies are to be assigned to the Bank as required by the Bank.

We have been able to locate a copy of the 2015 Letter of Offer.

Contained in this letter is a listing of all the security stamped by the NSW Office of State Revenue up until this date. The properties listed below have been stamped up to a value of \$37,845,000.

- 67A Park Street PEAKHURST NSW 2210
- 162 Bath Road Kirrawee NSW 2232
- 49 Fourth Ave BLACKTOWN NSW 2148
- 119 Highclere Ave PUNCHBOWL NSW 2196
- 28 Station Street Guildford NSW 2161
- 74 Wollongong Rd ARNCLIFFE NSW 2205
- 51 Station St ARNCLIFFE NSW 2205
- Bowral Street KENSINGTON NSW 2033
- 52 Australis Ave WATTLE GROVE NSW 2173
- 80 Wollongong Rd ARNCLIFFE NSW 2205
- 3 Bowral Street Kensington NSW 2033
- 38A Stella St COLLAROY NSW 2097
- 444 Galston Rd DURAL NSW 2158
- 363 Ninth Avenue Llandilo NSW 2747
- 10 360-362 Livingstone Rd MARRICKVILLE NSW 2204
- 1 360-362 Livingstone Rd MARRICKVILLE NSW 2204
- 32 Station St GUILDFORD NSW 2161
- 57 Reign Street Bradfordville NSW 2580
- 59 Blaxland Rd RHODES NSW 2138
- 41 Kennedy Street Liverpool NSW 2170
- 16 St Johns Road Campbelltown NSW 2560
- 21-31 Bolton Street Guildford NSW 2161
- 53-59 Methven St MOUNT DRUITT NSW 2770
- 34 Station St GUILDFORD NSW 2161
- 29 Chicago Ave BLACKTOWN NSW 2148
- 2 Willis Road Long Point NSW 2564
- 339-377 Forest Rd BEXLEY NSW 2207
- 6 Bayview St BEXLEY NSW 2207
- 320 Polding Street Smithfield NSW 2165
- 72 Wollongong Rd ARNCLIFFE NSW 2205
- 34 Fifth Avenue Blacktown NSW 2148
- 4-5 Alexandra Parade Rockdale NSW 2216
- 30 Station St GUILDFORD NSW 2161
- 81 Lehmann Ave LIVERPOOL NSW 2170
- 3A Bowral St KENSINGTON NSW 2033
- 53 Clancy St PADSTOW HEIGHTS NSW 2211
- 965 Henry Lawson Dr PADSTOW HEIGHTS NSW 2211
- 5 Broadford Street Bexley NSW 2207

Yours sincerely



Luke Austen
Relationship Executive
Business & Corporate Banking



AMBASSADOR
OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT
CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

Dear Bishop Daniel,

As I approach the end of my term as the Ambassador for the Arab Republic of Egypt, I will soon be retiring and will be leaving my official post in Canberra. At this critical juncture in my career I have taken time to reflect on my journey, and on the people who have been invaluable during my time in Australia.

It has been an absolute pleasure working with you and the wider Coptic community. It is through your invaluable work and cooperation that we have achieved so much for the Egyptian community in Australia. It is often rare to find colleagues who work so seamlessly together with such dedication that I will never forget the accomplishments for the Egyptian community that you made possible.

It has been an honour to work with someone who I can always rely on and trust in when it comes to all the many challenges that we have overcome in our time working together. Your professionalism, diligence and steadfastness have and always will be immensely appreciated by myself and my colleagues here at the embassy. During our time working together, our friendship has always been a great source of respite and warmth to me and has made working with the Coptic Church such a joy over the past years.

I have thus come to hold a great deal of respect and love for you and the Coptic community here in Australia. I have come to learn a great deal about the Coptic Church and its operations in Australia that have become a source of support for many Egyptians living in Australia. I will always hold fond memories of our friendship and work together as I now prepare to leave office and retire.

While this marks the end of my time as the Ambassador for the Arab Republic of Egypt to Australia, I do hope to see you again one day.

Yours Sincerely,

Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt
His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Khairat

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On Wednesday 11 September HG attended the Eve of the Feast of El Nayrouz at St Antonious & St Paul Church - Guildford



On Thursday 12 September Hg Bishop Daniel attended the Holy Mass for the Feast of El Nayrouz at St George & Prince Tadros Church and consecrated the new baptism basin for the Church



With God's Grace, today, Sunday 1st of September, His Grace Bishop Daniel prayed the English Liturgy on Father's Day at St Abraam Coptic Orthodox Church Sydney together with V.Rev Fr Mina Kamel, Fr Paula Balamon, and Fr Moses Ayad (visiting from Japan).

We ask God to continue to bless this parish, its priests and congregation.



Meeting of the AMEC Australian Middle East Christian Apostolic Churches with the Premier of NSW on 28 August 2019 and presented a letter refuting the Bill of Abortion 2019 and expressing our concern for the Euthanasia and our concerns removing the Seal of Confession



On Wednesday 11 September HG Bishop Daniel prayed the Holy Mass for the Feast of El Nayrouz with all the Priests at the Apostles & St Abanoub Church - Blacktown



On Friday 13 September 2019, HG Bishop Daniel attend the Celebration of the Kids at St Mark's Church for the Feast of El Nayrouz



On 7th of September 2019 HG Bishop Daniel of Sydney & HG Bishop Anba Daniel of St Shenouda Monastery attended the Celebration of the Sunday School for the 50th Anniversary for the Establishment of the First Coptic Church in Australia and honoured the Pioneers who served in the Sunday School during the 50 years .

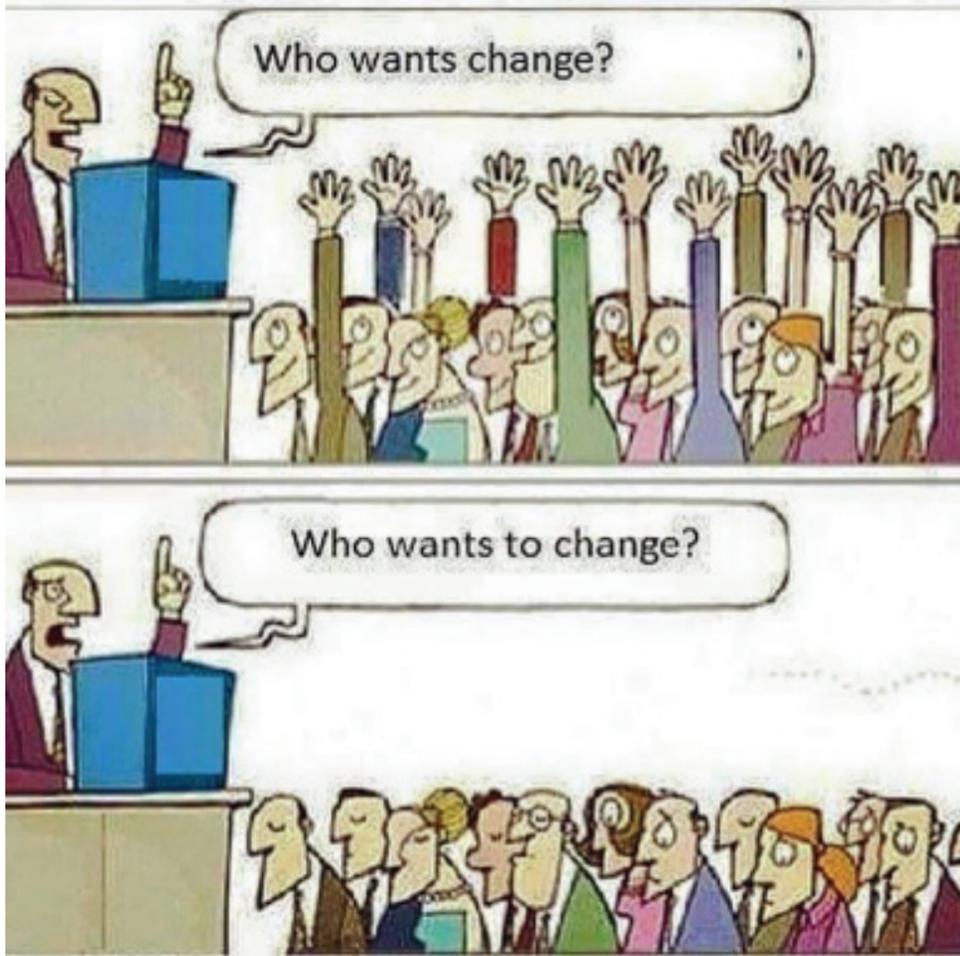


On 1st of September HG Bishop Daniel of Sydney attended the C.O.P.T.S Function



On Sunday 8 September 2019HG Bishop Daniewl attend the Choir of the Apostles & St Abanoub church - Blacktown

BECOME HOLY BEFORE MAKING OTHERS HOLY



A few quotes on the topic of the title are below. Other way of saying this title could be “transform yourself before you transform the church. Change yourself before you change the church”. Follow “The Art of Orthodoxy” on facebook for more greatly nourishing Orthodox spiritual food.

- 1) Mother Theresa: A journalist asked Mother Teresa, “What do you think needs to be changed in the Church?” She answered, “It’s simple, me and you.”
- 2) St Seraphim of Sarov: Acquire a peaceful spirit and thousands around you will be saved.
- 3) Elder Paisios of Mt Athos: If you want to help the Church, it is better to try to correct yourself, rather than be looking to correct others. If you manage to correct yourself, one small part of the Church is immediately corrected. Naturally, if everyone did the same, the body of the Church would be in good health. But, today, people concern themselves with anything but themselves. You see, judging others is easy, whereas working on yourself takes effort.

We will also achieve an inner serenity that will quietly help the souls of the people we encounter because spiritual serenity reflects the virtue of the soul and transforms souls. When someone applies himself to external activity before having polished his spiritual inner state, he may struggle spiritually, but he will be fraught with worry, anxiety, lack of confidence in God and frequent loss of serenity. If he does not improve himself, he cannot say that his interest for the common good is pure. When he is liberated from the old self and all things worldly, then he will receive divine Grace and be not only at peace with himself, but also able to bring peace to everyone else. But if he has not received the Grace of God, then he can neither govern himself nor help others in order to bring about a divine effect. He must first be immersed in divine Grace and then utilise his resulting sanctified powers for the salvation of others

If we work to correct ourselves and look more intently towards our “inner” activity rather than our external, giving precedence to divine help, we can in turn be of greater and more positive help



With God’s Grace, today, the 31st of August 2019, His Grace Bishop Daniel bestowed the rank of hegumen to V.Rev Fr George Nakhil in the Holy Liturgy at St Demiana & St Athanasius Church, Punchbowl.

ordained alongside Fr George on May 29, 2002 - were also present for this blessed occasion.

Congratulations to Fr George, his family, and the congregation of St Demiana’s Church.

V.Rev Fr Hanna Gad, also of St Demiana’s Church, V.Rev Fr Shenouda Mansour, and V.Rev Fr Makarios Ebrahim - who was

May the Lord bless him in all his services and keep his priesthood for many years to come.

ANNUAL YOUTH TRIVIA NIGHT 2019

By Bishoy Bassilious



On Sunday, September 15, over 120 youth from eight churches across the diocese participated in the second annual youth trivia night at St Pope Kyrillos VI & St Habib Girgis Church, Monterey. Following the success of the inaugural event in 2018, this year's proceedings proved an even bigger hit.

After 10 quick-fire categories of trivia and five bonus rounds, separated by a dinner of sliders and chicken wings at the evening's halfway mark, a

surprise winner emerged. With no defending champions, St George Church, Kensington, in this year's competition, one of the teams from St Mary & Sts Cosman and Demian Church, Kellyville took the sought-after 'Annual Youth Trivia Night Champions' plaque back with them to the west.

Teams from St Mary & St Mina's Cathedral, Bexley, and St Anthony & St Paul's Church, Guildford, were the ones to watch early on, expertly

navigating through categories such as the Bible, the Coptic Church's Australian Golden Jubilee, Geography and Sport. St Mary's "Veni; Vidi; Vici" – named after the Latin phrase attributed to Julius Caesar which translates to, "I came; I saw; I conquered" – held a two-point lead over the St Anthony's team named "Quizztina Aguilera" – a play on the name of popular American signer Christina Aguilera – heading into the final bonus round.

However, after an enthralling three-hour battle, and a stroke of luck, "Not Behd, Good Size" – named after the viral internet meme – leapfrogged both churches to claim victory at the death.

Will they be back to defend their title next year, or will it be another church that is crowned champion?

We look forward to seeing even more churches involved in 2020.



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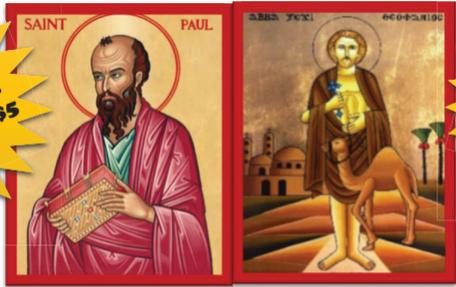
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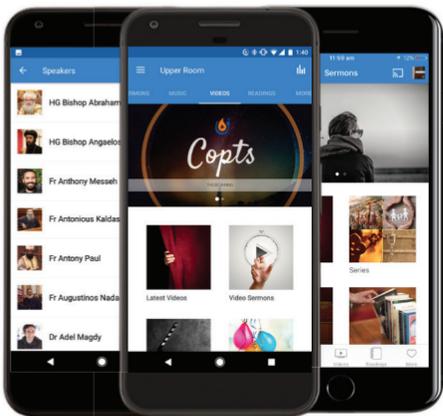
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(For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men) "1 Peter 2:15"

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