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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).

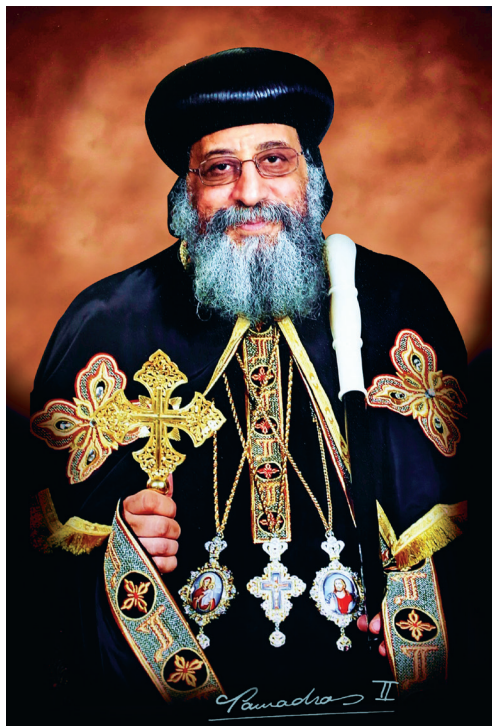
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ON THE RESURRECTION OF OUR CHRIST

Rising towards Heaven' the humanity in our Lord's Resurrection, transcended earthly gravity, Earth was rendered ineffective; so too should we arise. Nothing hindered our Lord Christ in His Resurrection... neither shroud, nor darkness, nor fear, nor the boulder--nothing. So also we should not just discard sin, but we should yearn for the heavenly. St. Paul the Apostle said a very beautiful expression: "I have a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better" (Philippians 1:23). This desire, while on earth, is found in the man who constantly seeks that virtue of longing for eternal life.

Christ rose through the power of His Divinity, exited the tomb, and death had no dominion over Him. Christ offered His Resurrection to all; This Resurrection therefore, is the First Breath. Through this First Resurrection, He granted to every person who believes in the Cross, life, and enjoy his share in the Salvation and Redemption of the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. The expression 'Exiting the Tomb' symbolizes leaving of the tomb of lust... the tomb of sin. For sin is like a tomb. When we read in the message of the apostle Paul to the Ephesians, chapter 5 verse 14, "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." 'Arise from the dead' signifies rising from the tomb of lust, from the tomb of sin. The sins mankind has faced throughout time, always appears pleasant. This appearance is deceptive; an outwardly appealing facade. While, simultaneously, it is brutal and destructive for man. Man can now say with the power of the Resurrection: 'O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?' (1 Corinthians 15:55). 'Exiting the Tomb', the tomb of lust.

So the First Scene: Leave behind the tomb of sin The Second Scene: Long for the heavenly; Taste the beauty of heaven, and the earthly vanities will be worthless before me. One will have a spiritual life and spiritual sense, that overflows daily, making him look to heaven. This is commemorated every Liturgy when we say 'You, who are seated, stand up' and 'Look to the east.'

When Christ rose from the dead, He appeared several times. In one of those times, He appeared to the two disciples of Emmaus the night of the Resurrection. Luke and Cleopas were traveling on the road, and did not recognize the Risen Christ, but after He had left them, after the breaking of the Bread, they realized and exclaimed: "Did our hearts not burn within us?" (Luke 24:32). In other words 'we sensed a special feeling in the presence of Christ but we are not able to express it, nor are able to describe it.'

The person who tastes the Resurrection, discards sin and thirsts for the heavens, goes off to bring this joy of the Resurrection to every person. This is what we call

the work of service, the work of evangelism. Joy resides in his heart and this delight compels him to share this joy with all. We read together in the Gospel of our teacher St. John in the Liturgy of the Resurrection: "and the disciples rejoiced as they saw the Lord" (John 20:20). The sight of the Resurrected Christ alone is a reason for exultation, and so we start conveying this joy and communicating it to others. One can express it by offering time, another by offering effort, yet another by offering ideas, and another by offering money. One might offer a vision for work, service, and evangelism, yet another might offer labor. These are all expressions of jubilation for the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The expression 'the dead' does not just mean those whose souls departed their bodies. 'The dead' has many important meanings in our discourse on the Resurrection. For instance, man can be dead in thought, his thoughts can be dead, this is exemplified in the person of Saul of Tarsus. He believed that what he did was a service to God, but at a point, when Christ appeared to him while he was on the road to Damascus, he discovered that this was not the correct path. He stood in front of Christ and asked Him: "What do You want me to do, Lord?" (Acts 9:6) "What do You want me to do?" Saul arose and was transformed from Saul of Tarsus to Paul the Apostle. Let us learn from Paul the Apostle, how he went to serve and work actively, thus becoming a giant of evangelism.

There is also another kind of death – spiritual death – he is alive and known, he comes and goes, but his spirit is dead. For example Zacchaeus, who thought happiness was found in money alone, this was his entire life. But when he met Christ, he rose from

death and from the tomb of money that bound him. He rose and began to view things differently. His first act was to distribute half his wealth to the poor. Secondly, he said: "If I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I will restore fourfold" (Luke 19:8) Zacchaeus rose and was transformed from a sinful, greedy individual, to a saint and preacher in the name of Christ. A third kind of death, of course there are many kinds, but I will only talk about three, the third kind of death is death of the heart. So, death of the Spirit, death of thought, and now death of the heart. A dead heart is one that lacks emotion, one that is oblivious to sin. The closest example is that of Mary Magdalene. She was a sinful wanderer in the streets of Jerusalem, this woman was possessed by a dangerous enemy, the devil, but when she met Christ, she became a saint and an evangelist. She was the first person to witness and share the news of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. She rose and she was transformed. To summarise, the Feast of the Resurrection is an opportunity, for every person to arise from anything binding him. The Feast of the Resurrection is an opportunity to rejoice, and we all know that we celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection for 50 days. These Fifty Days are considered as fifty Sundays. It is the joy of all our joys; it is our happiness and our pleasure. We live in the spirit of the Resurrection every day, in the morning, when we pray the Morning Hour prayer. The spirit of the Resurrection is also present every week on Sunday: 'This is the day the Lord has made' (Psalm 118:4), and every month we remember the Resurrection on the 29th day of the Coptic month, and every year during the Holy Fifty Days.

HG BISHOP RAPHAEL DECREE

Based on the decree issued by His Holiness Pope Tawadros II regarding forming an education board for schools in Sydney dated 24th January 2014 and consisting of:

1. Create a board to represents His Holiness Pope Tawadros II for education in Sydney which constitutes:

- His Grace Bishop Raphael, Secretary of the Holy Synod
- Representative from each school board
- Four other members to be appointed by HG Bishop Raphael

To support His Grace in overseeing the education

process and to co-ordinate between the 3 colleges and to define the general education direction.

2. Form a board for each college – Board of Directors – consisting of members including a Reverend Father. The role and responsibilities of the reverend father will be limited to the following:

- Spiritual and pastoral care
- Teaching of religion and dogma
- Interfere in the difficult and urgent situations where the school board has delegated him.

3. Review the college constitution

4. Each college to form a complaint / grievance committee to manage complaints from parents and staff.

Based on the recommendations and multiple discussions to select the best candidates to avoid falling into new problems, the decision was made for the board to be made of the following members:

- Mr. Mina Hanna, Lawyer, representing HG Bishop Raphael.
- Dr. Amany Zekry
- Deacon Magdy Kilada
- Dr. Mourad Nousir

In addition to the 3 members, one from each school, to be selected by each school board

with consultation with the members mentioned above (Board of Education).

This board should convene as soon as possible headed by Mr. Mina Hanna to implement the Papal decree and report to us the outcomes of this meeting and decisions taken to improve the educational process in our Coptic Schools in Sydney. Please inform HG Bishop Daniel of this decree for his information. God bless your service for the glory of his name.

Bishop Raphael
General Bishop
Secretary of the Holy Synod.

CHRIST IS RISEN!

To the Reverend Fathers, the Priests, the Deacons, the Church Committees, the Servants, the Youth and all the members of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Sydney and its Affiliated Regions.

My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, Grace, peace and mercy from Christ who is risen in glory!

Pikhrastos Aftonf! Khristos Anesti! Al Masih Kam! Christ is Risen!

I would like to acknowledge before I begin the traditional custodians of the land.

On this great and glorious day of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, the Feast of Feasts of our Holy Coptic Orthodox Church, I greet you with our announcement of great joy and victory: CHRIST IS RISEN!

As we gather today my brethren on this Holy day of the Resurrection, the words of Christ echo in our ears as he enters the locked upper room and proclaims to His disciples the true announcement of victory, "Peace to you!" (Luke 24:36) and we with the faithful Apostle Paul cry out in joy and love, "Thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57), for today my brethren the Risen Lord Jesus Christ the Word and Only-begotten Son is risen from the dead triumphing over sin, evil and death. The enemies of the human race: sin, evil and death, Satan and his deceit defeated and conquered in the tomb.

My beloved children in Christ, Today as we stood at the doors of the Sanctuary and cried out "Christ is Risen!" and lights filled the Church, we turned night into day, the day of the Lord, the coming of His Life, His salvation and His kingdom to all! This is our calling. As Christians living in the light of the Risen Christ, we are called to live in this light and to let this light spread from us as from the empty tomb. Our Lord says, "I am the Light" (John 8:12) then commands us to let our Light shine to all men, for the Glory of God. I

implore you my children to live

this resurrected life.

Take from the Church tonight the Risen Christ into your homes and your workplaces. Christ died and the veil was torn, the barrier of separation is removed. Let us not re-build the barrier. Let us not limit Christ within the four walls of our churches, let us not live the life of the Pharisees who received the woes from the mouth of Christ Himself. Let us live in all purity and righteousness as the Lenten period has taught us so that we may be sources of resurrected life to the world. This, my children, is the secret strength, the real root of the Christian life, the real source of all peace, that the light, life and joy of Christ filters into every corner of my life, even the darkest of corners. I urge you my children for the next fifty days when meeting families, friends, neighbors, greet them with the victorious greeting filled with joy. Khristos Anesti! Christ is risen!

Today, my brethren, we face a broken world separated from Christ. A world that continues to walk in disharmony disunity which came as a result of the fall. It is a world of rebellion against God. A world where the love of Christ proceeds from His outstretched hands on the cross, yet the world still fails to acknowledge it. Love which comes from His lips as He cries out on behalf of all, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

We ask and pray that the Risen Lord will touch the hearts of those who are suffering in our motherland Egypt and all the Middle Eastern Regions. May this love of Christ continue to proceed from the empty tomb, breaking down all barriers of war. Today, we say with our Father among the Saints, the Theologian, Saint Gregory, "It is the Day of the Resurrection... Let us then keep the Festival with joy, and let us embrace one another. Let us forgive all offenses for the Resurrection's sake: let us give one another pardon."

This Feast of Feasts is a time for renewal and forgiveness. We cry with the wise thief proclaiming the majesty of Christ, the reign

of His Peace, the coming of His Kingdom, which lives in our hearts, in the hearts of those united to Christ, united to His body. We ask the King of Glory to remember all those who rule our country, the Prime Minister, the current cabinet, government and the shadow government. We must also pray for those who protect our homeland, the Australian Defence Force and all those who serve in the community to prosper this nation of ours. We also remember and pray for those who protect Australia across the borders worldwide including Australian Ambassadors serving overseas and the United Nations Peacekeepers.

We ask our Lord, the Risen King of Glory to keep for us the life of our honorable father and shepherd, His Holiness Pope Tawadros II. May the Lord grant him many years of faithfully caring for our beloved Coptic Orthodox Church. We also ask the Resurrected King to preserve the lives of our Fathers their Eminences the Metropolitans and our Fathers their Graces the Bishops of the



Coptic Orthodox Holy Synod. May the Lord preserve their lives for many years and peaceful times to come.

To Him who is our light, our life, our peace and our joy, be the Power, the Glory the Dominion, the Majesty now and unto the ages of all ages. Amen.

With love in Christ,

Daniel

By the Grace of God, The Bishop of the God loving Diocese Sydney and its affiliated regions.

Khristos Anesti! Christ is Risen!



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His Grace Bishop Daniel
Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust
PO Box 171
Bexley NSW 2207

7 April 2014

Dear Bishop Daniel

Re: **Bank Facilities**

We would like to thank you for the excellent way in which you continue to conduct your accounts and lending facilities with the Bank.

Over the past year we have been pleased to continue to see the Church growing under your leadership and have been honoured to be a partner in this growth.

As you are aware, we have been working closely with the finance committee to recently restructure the Diocese's loan facilities which will simplify the Banking process in the coming years. We also look forward to assisting with funding the continued expansion of the diocese including a refurbishment to return the very first Australian Coptic Church back into to a place of worship.

We also highlight that the Church has had a relationship with the Bank for over 43 years which has seen the Diocese and congregation grow from a single Australian Church to its present size which maintains lending facilities in excess of \$27,342,000. The Bank highly values this long term relationship and your ongoing support.

We would also like to make special mention of Simon Michail, John Nakhala and the Finance Committee who remain extremely cooperative and courteous with the Bank at all times.

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia maintains many lending and investment facilities which may be of interest and we would welcome an enquiry from you or the greater Coptic Orthodox Church community at any time.

This letter is confidential to addressee and its stakeholders and may not be disclosed to any other person or persons without the prior written consent of the Bank.

Please do not hesitate to contact Andrew on (02) 9722 9611 if we can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely


Andrew Allan
Relationship Executive


Stuart Carey
Executive Manager



30 Baramhat, 1730 AM
Tuesday 8th of April, 2014

Report on the properties owned by Coptic orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust

According to the Consolidated Financial Statements as at 30/06/2012 reviewed by Pitcher Partners and other financial statements of the Coptic Orthodox Colleges in NSW:

- 1) The total property value was **\$109,691,345.00**
- 2) The total loans were **\$24,039,309.00**
- 3) Percentage of loans to property value **21.9%**

Total number of Properties registered in the name of Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust as at 30/06/2012 was **81** properties, out of which **40** properties were mortgaged to Commonwealth Bank leaving **41** properties wholly owned by the Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust and the deeds stored safely in a deposit box at Westpac Bank.

Between 30/06/2012 and now the loans rose to 27,342,000 as mentioned in the Commonwealth bank letter due to 13 new properties purchased and the value of properties now is \$ 117,703,345.00 giving a percentage of loans to property value of 23.2% and so the total properties value increased by 8,012,000 while the loans increased by only \$3,302,691.00

It is worth mentioning the following facts:

- 1) All the above figures include the loans and property values of the 3 Coptic Orthodox Colleges in NSW.
- 2) The property values referred to above are based on the purchase prices or a valuation done in 2004 and the Commonwealth Bank has recently done a revaluation of some of the properties which obviously came higher than the costs used in this report. These revaluations will be reflected in the Consolidated accounts of 30.06.2014
- 3) The borrowers have never defaulted in any loan repayments and hence the letter received from Commonwealth bank.

The Consolidated Accounts for the Financial Year ending 30/06/2013 are being finalized and will be reviewed by Pitcher Partners by the end of May 2014 for submission to the Commonwealth Bank and the mother Church in Cairo.



John Nakhla
Vice-Chairman
Finance Department of the Diocese

Properties with Commonwealth bank as Security for the loans

Current Exposure	Current Limit
MRLs	23,500,000
BBL 219910161344	1,157,585
BBL 219910348416	251,657
BBL 219910567678	1,171,510
BBL 219910567694	1,186,964
Credit Card	30,000
Contingent Liability	40,000
Total Exposure	27,337,716

No	Security Address	Valuation Dates	Title Details	EMV	SLV	SONM
1	Arncliffe NSW 2205 - 80 Wollongong Rd	25/09/2012	1/1434	\$ 680,000	80%	\$ 544,000
2	Arncliffe NSW 2205 - 51 Station St	30/01/2004	7/1434	\$ 525,000	50%	\$ 262,500
3	Arncliffe NSW 2205 - 72 Wollongong Rd	15/01/2004	1/624232	\$ 2,500,000	50%	\$ 1,250,000
4	Arncliffe NSW 2205 - 74 Wollongong Rd	30/01/2004	4/1434	\$ 550,000	50%	\$ 275,000
5	Bexley NSW 2207 - 14 Arthur St	3/09/2012	701/1043093	\$ 640,000	80%	\$ 512,000
6	Bexley NSW 2207 - 14A Arthur St	18/10/2012	700/1043093	\$ 640,000	80%	\$ 512,000
7	Bexley NSW 2207 - 18 Arthur Street	18/09/2012	1/410326	\$ 850,000	80%	\$ 680,000
8	Bexley NSW 2207 - 2/16 Arthur Street	19/09/2012	2/SP39208	\$ 600,000	80%	\$ 480,000
9	Bexley NSW 2207 - 6 Bayview St	18/09/2012	2/302151	\$ 540,000	80%	\$ 432,000
10	Bexley NSW 2207 - 8 Harding Lane	19/09/2012	702/1044238	\$ 680,000	80%	\$ 544,000
11	Bexley NSW 2207 - 10 Harding Lane	20/09/2012	703/1044238	\$ 680,000	80%	\$ 544,000
12	Bexley NSW 2207 - 339 Forest Rd	23/01/2004	11/857373	\$ 4,200,000	50%	\$ 2,100,000
13	Blacktown NSW 2148 - 29 Chicago Ave	20/01/2004	28/826142	\$ 830,000	50%	\$ 415,000
14	Blacktown NSW 2148 - 34 Fifth Ave	2/02/2012	1/832703	\$ 2,800,000	70%	\$ 1,960,000
15	Blacktown NSW 2148 - 49 Fourth Ave	10/11/2000	33/1020275	\$ 370,000	50%	\$ 185,000
16	Bradfordville NSW 2580 - 57 Reign Street	16/01/2007	15/6/3389	\$ 152,500		\$ -
17	Campbelltown NSW 2560 - 16 St Johns Road	22/05/2008	3/1009047	\$ 1,225,000	50%	\$ 612,500
18	Collaroy NSW 2097 - 38A Stella St	3/02/2004	B/385931	\$ 600,000	50%	\$ 300,000
19	Dural NSW 2158 - 444 Galston Rd	11/02/2004	22/239110	\$ 1,400,000	50%	\$ 700,000
20	Guildford NSW 2161 - 21-31 Bolton Street	30/01/2004	601/833036	\$ 2,420,000	50%	\$ 1,210,000
21	Guildford NSW 2161 - 28 Station Street	18/09/2012	2/303039	\$ 750,000	80%	\$ 600,000
22	Guildford NSW 2161 - 30 Station St	24/09/2012	1/303039	\$ 500,000	80%	\$ 400,000
23	Guildford NSW 2161 - 32 Station St	2/11/2012	33/2/1647	\$ 425,000	80%	\$ 340,000
24	Guildford NSW 2161 - 34 Station Street	2/11/2012	33/2/1647	\$ 425,000	80%	\$ 340,000
25	Helensvale QLD 4212 - 5 Shepparton Rd	11/02/2004	15550079	\$ 500,000	50%	\$ 250,000
26	Kensington NSW 2033 - 1-3A Bowral Street	23/01/2004	B/106027	\$ 2,500,000	50%	\$ 1,250,000
27	Liverpool NSW 2170 - 41 Kennedy Street	20/06/2006	1/31862	\$ 398,000	50%	\$ 199,000
28	Liverpool NSW 2170 - 81 Lehmann Ave	20/06/2006	24/230861	\$ 425,000	50%	\$ 212,500
29	Llandilo NSW 2747 - 363 Ninth Avenue	30/01/2009	5/231946	\$ 950,000	50%	\$ 475,000
30	Long Point NSW 2564 - 2 Willis Road	28/01/2008	315-318/260787	\$ 1,200,000	50%	\$ 600,000
31	Marrickville NSW 2204 - 1/360 Livingstone Rd	21/09/2012	1/SP7648	\$ 460,000	80%	\$ 368,000
32	Marrickville NSW 2204 - 10/360 Livingstone Rd	17/09/2012	10/SP7648	\$ 400,000	80%	\$ 320,000
33	Mount Druitt NSW 2770 - 53-59 Methven St	8/03/2006	100/1141706	\$ 3,200,000	50%	\$ 1,600,000
34	Punchbowl NSW 2196 - 62 Acacia Ave	23/10/2012	1/1165809	\$ 620,000	80%	\$ 496,000
35	Punchbowl NSW 2196 - 119 Highclere Ave	23/01/2004	1/1165809	\$ 1,350,000	50%	\$ 675,000
36	Rhodes NSW 2138 - 59 Blaxland Rd	6/09/2012	24/5923	\$ 780,000	80%	\$ 624,000
37	Rockdale NSW 2216 - 4-5 Alexandra Parade	9/08/2004	1/104940	\$ 2,200,000	50%	\$ 1,100,000
38	Wattle Grove NSW 2173 - 52 Australls Ave	28/01/2004	103/873749	\$ 6,000,000	50%	\$ 3,000,000
TOTAL			TOTAL	\$ 45,865,500		\$ 26,287,500

DIOCESE OF SYDNEY & AFFILIATED REGIONS PROPERTIES

- 1- 55 Station St, Arncliffe – Lot 9 DP1434 Residence DIOCESE
- 2- 57 Station St, Arncliffe – Lot 10 DP1434 Residence DIOCESE
- 3- 59 Station St, Arncliffe – Lot 1 DP950672 Residence DIOCESE
- 4- 44-50 Third Ave, Berkshire Park – Lot 112 DP975322 Residence & Acreage Diocese St Bishoy College
- 5- 36 Station St, Guildford – Lot 31S2 DP1647 Residence Diocese
- 6- 24 Clements Pde, Kirrawee – Lot 53 DP15590 Residence Dioceses
- 7- 164-166-168 Bath RD, Kirrawee – Lot 55 DP1176580 St Bakhomious Church & Residence Diocese
- 8- 1 Dodford Rd, Llandillo – Lot 4 DP253760 St Marina Church & Residence & Acreage Diocese
- 9- 800 Forest Rd, Peakhurst – Lot 1 DP196789 Church Dioces & Lot 376 DP 36537
- 10- 117 Highclere Ave, Punchbowl – Lot 22 SF DP5720 Residence Diocese
- 11- 2 Cavell Ave, Rhodes – Lots 45 DP5923 St Mary & St Mercurius Diocese
- 12- 4 Cavell Ave, Rhodes – Lot 46 DP5923 St Mary & St Mercurius Diocese
- 13- 18 Wooden St, Wagga Wagga – Lot 1-1 S6 DP12786 St Mary & St John Diocese
- 14- 28 Beaton St, Cooper Plains – Lot 12 RP38036 St Mary & St Joseph Diocese
- 15- 2 Hamish St, Calamvale – Lot 17 RP 96255 St Mary & St Virgin Mary Diocese
- 16- Implexa court, Wattle Grove – Lot 415 DP 813803 Residence (St Mark College) Diocese
- 17- Implexa court, Wattle Grove – Lot 416 DP 813803 Residence (St Mark College) Diocese
- 18- Thailand, Diocese
- 19- 19 Church St, Minmi, New Castle – Lot 1 DP 577710 St Mary & St George Church Diocese
- 20- Wooden St, Wagga Wagga – Lot 3 section 6 Plan 12786 Residence Diocese
- 21- 11 Kooralbynd RD, QLD – Lot 11 on SP 118639 St Antonious Monastery Diocese
- 22- 4 Perry St, Possley Park – Lot 27 DP261739 Residence Diocese
- 23- 52 Methven St, Mount Druitt – Lot 203 DP 1256 Residence Diocese
- 23- 52 Methven St, Mount Druitt – Lot 203 DP 1256 Residence Diocese

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- 24- 12 Marshall St, Strathpine QLD – Lot 1 R P 157860 St Mark & St George Church QLD Diocese
- 25- 22 Clement Par, Kirrawee – Lot 52 DP 15580 St Bakhomios Church Residence
- 26- 2C Cavell Ave, Rhodes – Lot 47 DP 5923 St Merkorios Church Diocese
- 27- Corner Bent St, Dubbo – Lot 22&23 DP 435475 St John the Baptist Church Diocese
- 28- Thailand, Singklaburi – St Mary Orphanage Project Diocese
- 28- 1/16 Arthur St, Bexley – Lot DP 39208 Diocese R
- 29- 35 Kennedy St, Liverpool – Lot 4 DP 31862 Residence Diocese
- 30- 39 Kennedy St, Liverpool – Lot 2 DP 31862 Residence Diocese
- 31- 19 Warrigal St, Entrance – Lot 68 DP 16066 Retreat Diocese
- 32- 14 Trelanvean St, Dubbo – Lot 1 DP 812952 Residence Diocese
- 33- 12 Bayview St, Bexley – Lot A Plan DP 327839 Residence Diocese
- 34- 34 Illawon St, Berkeley – Lot 501 DP 36770 St Peter & St Paul Church Diocese
- 35- 299 Stiarr Drive, Wulguru QLD – Lot 3on RP 717668 St Mary & St George Church Diocese
 Lot 4 on RP 717668 Educational Centre Townsville QLD
- 36- 1 Mclaughlin Circuit, Bradbury – Lot 1 Plan DP 1012850 St Barbara Church Diocese

HG BISHOP DANIEL' SPIRITUAL VISIT TO THE STATE OF QLD 21ST-23RD MARCH 2014

On the blessed day of Friday 21 March 2014 HG Bishop Daniel, Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Sydney & Affiliated Regions made a Pastoral visit to the State of QLD. HG has visited St. Mary & St. Anthony' Monastery and attended Divine Liturgy, and had Agapy with the congregation.

On the blessed day of Saturday 22nd of March 2014 together with the four priests at the State of QLD: V. Rev Fr. Moussa El Antony, V. Rev Fr. Mettaous Wahba, Rev Fr. David Mahrous and Rev Fr. Flexinous El Makary and many congregation, prayed the Holy Mass at St. Mary & St. Rewis Church in St. Mary & St. Anthony's Monastery at Budeseart. Following the Holy Mass they had Agapy with the Congregation. It was a blessed day full of joy and happiness.

On Sunday 23rd of March, HG also prayed the Holy Mass with Rev Fr. Flexinous El Makary and the congregation at St. Mary & St. Joseph Church in Coopers Plain.

HG Bishop Daniel attended the special prayer together with V Rev Fr Moussa El Antony and Rev Fr David Mahrous, that was held at our church Virgin Mary in Brisbane, for the departure of HH Mor Ignatius Zakka Iwas I, the Patriarch of the Syrian Orthodox Antioch Church and All East. HG offered his condolences to the Indian Syrian Orthodox delegations that attended the prayer, and passed on condolences on behalf of the Coptic congregation of the diocese of Sydney and Affiliated Regions.

HG also attended the Youth Meeting in St Mina & St Anthony Church in the Gold Coast where 55 of the youth attended.

During HG's Pastoral visit, he held a number of meetings with Churches and Monastery Priests, committees, and had Agapy with congregation. He also visited the sick, the widows and some of the congregation, which were in need of spiritual lifting up visitations.



HG BISHOP DANIEL' SPIRITUAL VISIT TO PORT MACQUARIE SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2014



On the blessed day Saturday 29 March 2014, HG Bishop Daniel together with Very Rev Fr. Shenouda Mansour, the Priest of St Antonious & St Paul Church - Guildford made a Pastoral Trip to the Church and the Congregation of Port Macquarie, Upon arrival both HG Bishop Daniel and Very Rev Fr Shenouda held the Holy Liturgy for the congregation in the area and the close-by suburbs including a Syrian Family in attendance.

HG and V Rev Fr Shenouda met with Fr Michael, the Anglican Church Priest to thank him for allowing our Coptic community the use of their Church premises

and facilities. Fr Michael received them with a warm welcome and offered the use of the Anglican Church at any time required. This spiritual visit was much needed to lift up the congregation spirit and to check on their spiritual needs.

During this visit, HG Bishop Daniel held a Holy Liturgy, Bible Study, attended meetings with the committee and with the congregation, made time for some visitation to some members of the congregation. All the congregation were filled with joy & Happiness. It was a successful trip

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The Making of the Holy Chrism No. 38

The preparation and consecration of the Holy Chrism (El Mayroun) No. 38 since St. Mark the Apostles, and it is No 1 for His Holiness Pope Tawadros II.

Holy Chrism is made out of 28 plant materials. 27 items of them are solid plant materials and one item is pure olive oil.

In olden days, we used to take the plant materials from the plants. There is a fragrant material that's taken from the plant's blossom. And another is found in the plant's root, a third one is taken from the plant's leaves .. and so on.

We used to bring all these material plant dry them and grind them or buy them from their places then grind them to be as fine as powder. Then we sift them to collect the fine substance and then grind the rest again.

The newest method of extraction is called steam distillation. It extracts the pure volatile oil without any additions.

These companies that make the pure extraction are numbered in the entire world and monopolize the oil extraction. Pure extracted oil is very expensive but it's totally pure, and it's found in the American market.

Comparison Between Old and New Method of Chrism Process: Old Way of Preparation of Holy Chrism

+ Grinding, sifting, dividing and preparing all plant materials for cooking would need at least a week.

+ Soaking of materials in water, filtering them and cooking them would take up to 6 days.

+ Extracting the fragrant

materials is not done with high quality during cooking because of dregs from the remaining of the grinded materials and the rest of it volatile during cooking.

+ The cooking process needs equipment and adjusting of the heat, while making sure there is no remaining water from the soaking of the plant materials in the hot oil.

+ The prices of the Chrism materials are too high and it's usually hard to get them. Sometimes they are not at a good quality standard.

+Some plant materials when purchased from the African and Asian countries are so high in prices and the amount comes in large quantity. Sometimes it's too hard to export them from these countries either.

+ Oil of Ghalilawn: During the making of Chrism with the previous methods by the mixture of solid materials and filtrating them, there are some dregs that remain. These dregs get washed and cooked in olive oil for about 3 hours with constant stirring at the same speed. If there were some fragrant materials that remained, the olive oil holds them. That's the Ghalilawn

+ The 5th cooking method has another 14 additions with stirring on cold then the fonts are moved to the eastern Altar without filtering where the consecration takes place. The stirring continue for a few weeks after consecration. The dregs stays in the bottom of the fonts, extracting it after emptying the fonts is usually not an easy job. New Way of Preparation of Holy Chrism

+ There is a possibility of buying all the fragrant oils for the Chrism materials from the American Market.

+ Mixing the fragrant oils into the pure olive oil with stirring for an hour would be enough.

+ Fragrant oils could be bought 100% pure to be added in the olive oil with the percentage that's needed without volatilizing any of it.

+ Heating, filtering and stirring that takes up to 10 hours at a time would not be needed.

+ Fragrant oils for Chrism has no dregs, it is 100% pure. It's available with less prices than

buying plant materials.

+ Fragrant oil for Chrism is available in the market worldwide and it comes in small amounts as needed.

+ The Ghalilawn could be done with the same fragrant oils with a percentage up to 5% only from what's been used in the Chrism process in every material then it's added to the olive oil and mixed for a few minutes only.

+ There are no dregs after mixing all the fragrant oil together.

HG BISHOP DANIEL' SPIRITUAL VISIT TO ST MARY & ST GEORGE CHURCH - NEWCASTLE - NSW SUNDAY 30 MARCH 2014

On the blessed Sunday 30th of March 2014 – The 5th Sunday of the Great Lent- The Paralyzed Sunday, HG Bishop Daniel, Bishop of the Diocese of Sydney together with the Very Rev. Fr. Shenouda Mansour carried out a spiritual visit to our Coptic Orthodox Church, St. Mary & St. George Church at Newcastle. HG Bishop Daniel and Rev Fr. Shenouda Mansour held a Holy Liturgy with a large

community of Newcastle and the surrounding areas. During Mass there were ordinations of various Deacons in the midst of spiritual joyful congregations. Both HG Bishop Daniel and V Rev Fr. Shenouda Spent a joyful day with congregation, held a Committee General Meeting and Bible Study. HG Bishop Daniel also attended to some visitation and other requirements for the community of Newcastle.



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ST PAUL'S MISSION GIVES HOPE THIS EASTER

"Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." Matthew 25:40

By Andrew Hanna

When Mother Teresa used to serve the poor she would say: "Each one of them is Jesus in disguise". In fact our Lord has reassured us that every time we serve our less fortunate brothers and sisters we are indeed serving Him: "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." Matthew 25:40. As such, we should all be playing our part, however small it may be to assist the poor and needy. St Paul's Mission has been serving our less fortunate brothers and sisters on a weekly basis since the year 2000, when it was established. In fact every Wednesday night St Paul's Mission serves the homeless across 5 different locations in Sydney's CBD: Wynyard Park,

Woolloomooloo, Martin Place, 'Wood Chips' and Ward Park.

On Wednesday the 9th of April 2014, however, St Paul's Mission did not go and serve in the CBD, but rather it brought our brothers and Sisters in Christ to St George's Church Kensington to serve them there! As Easter is a very special time, St Paul's mission holds an annual Easter function for Sydney's homeless by hosting an elaborate dinner. This event was attended by Fr Yousef alongside the youth servants.

The evening commenced as buses came in filled with dozens of homeless people from different areas of the CBD being warmly welcomed by an entourage of servants who were ready to be their hosts for this special night!

While our guests were enjoying the wonderfully prepared dinner, they were kept entertained by short video presentations and also the youth conversing and keeping them company.

During the dinner also, our guests were uplifted by the singing sensations of some of the youth who engaged the homeless with an amazing and interactive performance, which our guests and servants participated enthusiastically in singing and clapping along to. After dinner, our guests were escorted to the Church, where they listened to some enlightening spiritual words from Fr Yousef who gave them great Hope in our Saviour Jesus Christ as he explained to them the significance of Easter and

they also had the opportunity to ask questions. The night concluded with a group photo within the Church. The homeless were really appreciative of the singing performance of the youth along with the spiritual words given by Father Yousef. Moreover, at the end of the night each person received a handful of Easter gifts, to remind them of this wonderful event.

We would like to thank Fr Yousef, Kamari restaurant Brighton-le-Sands for their great generosity in catering for the event, Richard Hanna, president of St Paul's Mission, for coordinating the event, and all the St Paul's Mission servants who attended - you helped make this Easter Dinner a wonderful and successful night! We strongly encourage the youth of Sydney to attend St Paul's Mission, we meet at 7:00pm every Wednesday night at St Mary's and St Mina's Cathedral Bexley.

Happy Easter!



SAINT MARY AND SAINT SIDHOM BISHAY COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, DURAL

444 Galston Road, Dural 2158.

OPEN DAY, SUNDAY
MAY 25, 2014

To Celebrate the 170th Anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Sidhom Bishay (26/3/1844)

This is an open invitation to members of all churches to enjoy the Holy Mass and the beautiful natural scenery of Dural with

FREE ENTERTAINMENT

2 HOURS Feature Creatures reptile show
2 jumping castles for young and older children
5 mini-jeeps
Face painting

and much more. All professionally supervised.

Plus a great variety of delicious foods.

Program: Mass: 8.30-11.30-

Entertainment: 11.45-3.45

Plenty of Parking space.

Weather forecast: Let's hope for the best!



Dear Members of the Ecumenical Council,

Following the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council yesterday I bring you good news of the appointment of a new General Secretary. The Executive was pleased to accept the unanimous recommendation of its Search Committee and

appointed the Very Reverend Shenouda Mansour of the Coptic Orthodox Church as its General Secretary. As you will know, Father Shenouda has served as President of the Council for the past two years, has been his church's representative on the Council for nearly 30 years, and is also a member of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Churches in Australia. His ecumenical experience has been international through his attendance at the recent 10th Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Busan, Korea, and at the Global Christian Forum in Indonesia two years ago.

Father Shenouda's application for the position of General Secretary had the enthusiastic support of His Grace Bishop Daniel of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Australia, and he will be released from his Monday to Friday parish duties and school responsibilities within his church. Members of the Executive were adamant that he should continue his ministry with the Coptic Church when opportunity arises, as his priestly calling will not cease with this appointment.

It is expected that Father Shenouda will take up his new role early in June, and will be commissioned as the General Secretary of the Council at the celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service at St Paul's Anglican Church, Burwood, at 5.30 pm on Saturday 7 June. You are invited to attend this service.

Please join us in praying for Father Shenouda, his wife Manal, and his four children as they begin this new journey together.

In the power of the Risen Christ

Doug Hewitt
Honorary General Secretary
NSW Ecumenical Council

ORDINATION OF JOHN ZAMER IN CANBERRA – 6/4/2014



His Grace Bishop Suriel Bishop of the Diocese Melbourne & Affiliated Regions invited His Grace Bishop Daniel, Bishop of the Diocese of Sydney & Affiliated Regions, to attend the ordination of Mr. John Zamer in Canberra on 5th & 6th of April 2014. HG Bishop Daniel has gladly accepted the invitation and was accompanied by the Very Rev. Fr. Tadros Simon, the Vicar General of the Diocese of Sydney. Also HG Bishop Daniel Bishop & Abbot of St Shenouda Monastery traveled together from Sydney to Canberra on the same flight on Saturday 5th of April 2014. At 6.00pm that evening HG Bishop Suriel, HG Bishop Daniel of the Diocese of Sydney and HG Bishop Daniel Bishop & Abbot of St. Shenouda Monastery Prayed the Vespers. On Sunday 6th of April 2014, a Divine Liturgy was held for the ordination of Mr. John Zamer to

the Priesthood. He was ordained on the name of Fr. Michael Zamer. HG Bishop Daniel Bishop of the Diocese of Sydney gave sermon during the Holy Liturgy. They took Aghapy together where all were filled of joy and happiness. On the afternoon there was a general congregation meeting and HG Bishop Daniel, Bishop of Diocese of Sydney, also gave a Spiritual Talk. HG Bishop Daniel Bishop of Diocese of Sydney and HG Bishop Daniel Bishop & Abbot of St. Shenouda Monastery accompanied by Very Rev. Fr. Tadros Simon took their flight back to Sydney. It was a Great trip. HG Bishop Daniel Bishop of the Diocese of Sydney and all Clergy & Coptic Congregation of the Diocese of Sydney congratulate Fr. Michael Zamer for his ordination and pray for him to be guided by Our Lord to lead and care for his sheep and be their good shepherd.

HG BISHOP DANIEL' VISIT TO COFFS HARBOUR -NSW ON 28 MARCH 2014



On the blessed day of Friday 28 March 2014 HG Bishop Daniel, Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Sydney and Affiliated Regions together with V Rev Fr Shenouda Mansour, Priest of St Antonious & St Paul church-Guildford visited the Coptic Orthodox Community at Coffs Harbour in NSW, and prayed the Divine Liturgy with the Coptic congregation there, where all joined in Holy Communion.

2 Coptic Families and more than 10 Eritrean Orthodox families together with their children attended the Divine Liturgy . After Liturgy HG and V rev Fr Shenouda met with the community and listened to their needs.

The congregations asked for the establishment of their own Coptic Church, to be named "St Mary & Arch Angel Michael Church in Coffs Harbour-NSW". They also asked for an elected committee for the church, while parents and children asked to have Sunday school service.

A decision was made that the committee members will select a treasurer and a secretary at a General Meeting which will be held on Monday 31 March 2014. HG also appointed 2 Sunday School Servants to look after the children. HG together with Fr. Shenouda had Aghapy with the congregation and they were all very happy and appreciative for the visit of HG. Then they met with Fr Paul, the Minister of St Augustions Catholic Church,

and thanked him for allowing the Coptic Community to use their church. Fr. Paul was very welcoming to our Community and offered the use of the church and its facilities at any time required.

Then we learnt that a popular Catholic Bishop, Bishop Michael Putney passed away the day before on 27 March 2014 in Townsville, so on behalf of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Sydney and the NSW Ecumenical Council of Churches we passed on our condolences to the Catholic Diocese of Townsville.

We also extended our congratulations HG Bishop Geoffrey and to the Roman Catholic Church in NSW and in Australia for the promotion of the Sydney Archdiocese Cardinal George Pell for the position of Prefect, Treasurer of the Roman Catholic Church at the Vatican. At the Airport coming back to Sydney, both HG Bishop Daniel and Fr. Shenouda had another productive meeting with some of the Congregation who requested the need of a regular Priest to hold Liturgy for them. Discussion concluded by appointing Rev Fr. Shenouda Mansour temporarily to serve and be responsible for the church until an appointment and/or an ordination of a married priest who will serve the area of Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie, Newcastle and the Community at Taree.

Diocese will issue a decree about the formation of committee for St Mary & Arch Angel Michael at Coffs Harbour.

MIDDLE EASTERN CHURCHES CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN AUSTRALIA RE: DEATH OF PATRIARCH IGNATIUS ZAKKA IWAS AND THE ELECTION OF PATRIARCH CYRIL APHREM KARIM.



It was with great sadness that we learned of the repose of His Beatitude, Patriarch Mor Ignatius Zakka Iwas of Antioch and All the East for the Syriac Orthodox Church. In these difficult times faced by Christian Communities in the Middle East, His Beatitude proved himself a wise and fearless Shepherd who stood watch over the flock committed to him. May he rejoice in the Heavenly Liturgy and may his thrice-blessed memory be eternal. The Lord, however, does not

leave the Faithful as orphans; and so it is with joyful thanksgiving that we received news of the election, canonically made, of a most worthy successor, His Beatitude, Mor Cyril Aphrem Karim, formerly a well-known pastor and shepherd of souls in the Eastern region of the United States. May the Lord pour out upon him the many diverse graces needed for the fulfilment of the exalted office to which he has been called by the Holy Synod and the People of God.



The 40 day commemoration for our dearly beloved husband, father, grandfather & uncle, Fawzy Abdelmessih Soliman will be held at St Mary & St Merkorios Church in Rhodes on Sunday 27th April.

Fawzy was a highly respected pioneer in the establishment of the Coptic Church in Sydney and paved the way for not only his own family, but for many others to establish a new life in Australia.

He was a dedicated and loving member and mentor in the Church. We humbly invite you to remember him and celebrate his life at this commemoration."

The Coptic Theological College (CTC) and Australia Christian Family Association (ACFA) Present...
 The Marriage Preparation and Education Course
 The Marriage Preparation and Education Course is offered for the first time by the Coptic Orthodox Theological College in conjunction with the Australian Christian and Family Association (ACFA) and is specifically designed for engaged couples who intend to marry in the Coptic Orthodox Church.
 The course will enable couples to make the most of the engagement period and teach them essential skills for marriage. The couples will participate in workshops that will enhance their knowledge of each other, help them understand their relationship, and practice skills they will need for a happy, loving and fulfilling life together.
 Topics include: Getting to know each other, Influences from your own family on your relationship, Communication skills, Managing conflict, and Commitment and intimacy. Priority will be given to couples who have a wedding planned for 2014.
 The course will be held in a group of 10 couples with sessions run by highly qualified psychologists and counsellors from the Coptic community.
 Due to the limited places in this course, it is advisable to get a referral from your local Parish Priest before commencement. An official certificate will be issued upon completion and no exam is required.
 Cost: \$150 per person
 For further information, or to obtain an enrolment form, contact Nivert Awad (Secretary, ACFA) on 0434 018 398 or niverte@gmail.com.



In The Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. One God. Amen
 The Diocese of Sydney and its affiliated Regions



To whom do you belong, and where are you going? (Genesis 32:17)

By the grace of God and the blessings of His Holiness Pope Tawadros II and his partner in the apostolic ministry, our beloved Bishop Anba Daniel. The Sydney Diocese annual retreat will start on Thursday 1 May.

Father Dawoud Lamie will be guest speaker. Abona will arrive Sydney Thursday 1 May on Etihad Airways flight EY6450 at 6:25 AM and will depart Sunday 4 May on Cathay Pacific Airways flight CX138 at 9:50 PM.

If you missed out on accommodation, you are welcome to attend the sessions. A nominal charge to cover our costs will be charged on Friday and Saturday at \$20 per person per day. This will apply to adults who attend the auditorium and primary aged children being looked after by the vacation care workers.

Some points to remember please:

- ❖ **Strictly** No children will be allowed inside the auditorium and all Mobile Phones must be switched off. Heavy fines are imposed for Mobiles who distract the session.
- ❖ Conference address is: Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort. 201 Pioneer Rd, Fairy Meadow 2519
- ❖ The nearest railway station is Towradgi. You can catch trains from Central.
- ❖ The conference sessions will be streamed live on the internet at:
<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/frdawoudlamieconferencesydney>
- ❖ Hala and Amira will organise private meetings with Abona during the retreat as usual.
- ❖ Tasty and nourishing catering will be provided at minimal cost by church servants.
- ❖ A congregation meeting will be held at St Mark's on Sunday to farewell Abona from 4:30 PM
- ❖ See your church representative for details and any other question or call Abe 0439 911 963.
- ❖ Please remember this service in your prayers. God bless all.

Thursday 1 May 2014		Saturday 3 May 2014	
2:00 PM	Checkin	6:30 AM	Holy Liturgy
6:00 PM	Greeting abona Dawood	8:30 AM	Breakfast
		10:00 AM	Session 6
		11:30 AM	Break
		12:00 PM	Session 7
		1:30 PM	Lunch
		3:00 PM	Free time with Abona
		4:00 PM	Session 8
		6:00 PM	Dinner
		7:30 PM	Session 9
Friday 2 May 2014		Sunday 4 May 2014	
6:30 AM	Holy Liturgy	6:30 AM	Holy Liturgy
8:30 AM	Breakfast	8:30 AM	Checkout
10:00 AM	Session 1	9:00 AM	Breakfast
11:30 AM	Break	9:00 AM	Session 10
12:00 PM	Session 2	11:30 AM	Morning Tea
1:30 PM	Lunch	12:00 PM	Final Session
3:00 AM	Session 3	1:30 PM	Depart
4:30 PM	Break		
5:00 PM	Session 4		
7:00 PM	Dinner		
8:30 PM	Session 5		

St Mark's Coptic Orthodox College

2014 Autumn Fair

When: Saturday 31st May 2014

Venue: St Mark's Coptic Orthodox College, 52 Australis Avenue, Wattle Grove

Time: 11:00am – 3:00pm

Cost: \$25 (Presale), \$30 (On the day)

Individual rides are at \$5.00 per ride
(All tickets are non-refundable)

Please contact the College Office to make a purchase.

St Mark's College is now accepting enrolments from Kindergarten to Year 11 for 2015.

Please contact the College Office for an Enrolment Application Package & College Tour on the hour

(Waiting list apply for some grades)

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