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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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THE PAPAL ENCYCLICAL FOR THE GLORIOUS FEAST OF NATIVITY 2016

by HH. Pope Tawadros the II

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, One God, Amen.

Happy New Year and Merry Christmas. I congratulate you for the glorious birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Celebrating Christmas as celebrated by the whole world on December 25th is extended through the beginning of the calendar year and then celebrated by us according to the Eastern Coptic calendar on January 7th. Christmas is a renewal of our joy and happiness. In the story of Christmas, we see many events and figures but I would like to point out two events.

The wise men came from a distant land, followed the star until they came to Bethlehem, worshipped the baby, and then offered their gifts. This was the end of their trip. On the opposite end, the shepherds saw the angel who gave them the good news. They came to the manger and saw the baby Jesus with His mother, and this was the beginning of their trip. One group was the end, and the other group was the beginning. The beginning of joy was accomplished by the name of "Emmanuel, God is with us." That is why we became glad. In a few words I would like to meditate with you about one of the main objectives of the Birth of Christ, that is, giving joy to mankind. All details and figures of the story are provided to give happiness and joy. We praise with the angels saying: "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, and goodwill toward men!" (Luke 2:14). The phrase "goodwill toward men" means happiness and joy to mankind. Our Lord Jesus Christ came to give joy to every heart. The

question now is: What are the elements of giving joy? Let me talk with you about the elements of joy.

1- The 1st element of joy in the Nativity is the Virgin St. Mary. She gladdened us with her righteousness and purity. No person can gladden others unless he or she is righteous and pure. There is no way good fruit will come out of a bad tree. People's joy comes through those who are pure, righteous, and pious.

2- The 2nd element is the Magi (wise men). They gladdened us by their visit and gifts. When they

can gladden others through their faithfulness and loyalty. A faithful life will always give happiness to others and gladden God, as the scripture says: "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelations 2:10).

4- The 4th element that gladdened humanity in the story of the Nativity is the village Bethlehem. It was a very small village, not aforementioned, but one that gave us joy as it became a shelter for St. Mary and the little Child, our Lord Jesus Christ. People can gladden others when they provide them shelters, as the Bible says: "I

voice for the angels. People can gladden others through their prayers, worship, and praise. Joyful worship gladdens others. The story of the Nativity and Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ is for our salvation. It is so unique that our Christ would provide the answer to the question, "How do we gladden others?" You may meditate on the details of this event to find more figures and spiritual exercises on how to gladden others.

In the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, I congratulate all our Coptic Orthodox Churches, all



came to offer their gifts they made us happy. People can gladden others through visitations and courtesy. According to the Biblical command: "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15). Offering our materialistic or emotional gifts, such as words and smiles, is the most precious and most easily available gift.

3- The 3rd element is the shepherds. They gladdened us because they were watchful and honest. They were simple people working in the desert and taking care of their sheep. They saw the angel who brought them the great news. They came with haste and faithfulness. People

was a stranger and you took Me in" (Matthew 25:35). Everyone should provide shelters for the needy, the poor, and the less fortunate. The orphans, the elder, the handicapped, and all needy should be provided shelters, as was the case in Bethlehem. Now Bethlehem is mentioned on every tongue as it provided shelter for our Lord Jesus Christ. It should take pride in this.

5- The 5th element that provided happiness to people is the angels who appeared and sang this praise: "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, and goodwill toward men!" (Luke 2:14). This verse became a joyful and beloved sign, and a

bishops and priests, the fathers the monks, and the mothers the nuns. I congratulate all Christian people, all boards of churches, all servants, all youth, all children, and all families. I congratulate all of you on behalf of the Coptic Orthodox Church, the Holy Synod, and all organizations in Egypt. I congratulate you, my beloved children, and wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year. May Christ bless your lives with all goodness, joy, love, and peace. Glory be to God, Amen.

Tawadros II



FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST JANUARY 2016

as He is good, He did not leave them destitute of the knowledge of Himself ... He gives them a share in His own Image ... so that by such grace perceiving the Image, that is, the Word of the Father, they may be able through Him to get an idea of the Father, and knowing their Maker, live the happy and truly blessed life}.

1.2: In the past also when the great prophet Moses asked God to show him His Glory, the answer was not expected, as we read in Exodus 33:18,20 New King James Version (NKJV), 18 And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." 20 He (God) said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.

1.3: So, God the Father is unseen as we knew from the above point, however our Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God was incarnated to declare the Father to us as we read in John 1:18 New King James Version (NKJV), 18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, [a] who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him. John shows us the closest possible union of Father and Son, as the Father's bosom indicates the essence of the Godhead in which the Son resides. One might also consider it as the hidden and secret place of God known only to the Son. The Son has come from the bosom of the Father to declare Him; this is not the first time such a declaration occurred, but it is the clearest and most complete revelation and given not only to the Jews but to the entire world.

1.4: Our Lord Jesus Christ emphasis the fact that He declare the Father to us, when He had this conversation with St. Philip as we read in John 14:7-11 New King James Version (NKJV), 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip?

He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. 11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

Christ reveals knowledge of the Father, who is invisible, through his own manifestations in the flesh. But it is not Christ's human nature that makes the Father known; rather, the Father is known through the evidence of the divine powers and authority Christ has. And while it is true that the disciples did know something of God, they did not yet know him as Father. Philip then asks to be shown the Father, not quite yet understanding how the Father is to be seen in the Son because he did not yet have the eyes of faith.

1.5: Again the scripture explain to us that God the Father spoken to us by His Son, as we read in Hebrews 1:2 New King James Version (NKJV), 2 (God the Father) has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds.

1.6: Jesus Christ our Lord taught us that if we know Him, then we will know the Father also as we read in John 8:19,... If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also."

1.7: The knowing of the Father through the Son, is the Eternal Life as we read in John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

ST CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA tells us that "One who does not have the knowledge of good is wicked: for there is one good, the Father. And to be ignorant of the Father is death, just as to know him is eternal life, through participation in the power of the incorrupt One. And to be incorruptible is to participate in divinity."

To be ignorant of the Father therefore is death, but to truly know him and the Son is eternal life because it brings us into participation with the divine in the Eucharist (ST CYRIL).

In this way, we are moved to worship of the Trinity, which, in turn leads ultimately to an eternal life spent contemplating the great "I am." (ST AUGUSTINE). Knowledge of God is eternal life, and the more we grow in his knowledge the greater the advances we make toward a life that most fully glorifies God. His name had already been glorified in heaven and by the worship of the angels, but this glorification was accomplished on earth when he came to serve humankind by doing the work that had been given him to do by the Father.

Dear congregation, let us know the teachings and the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us try to live by them, so that we can inherit the Eternal life.

My beloved children: May the blessings of the Holy Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and dwell within you through the intercessions of the Ever Virgin the All-Holy Theotokos Saint Mary together with all the choirs of the saints, and through the prayers of the Father of Fathers, His Holiness Pope Tawadros the Second, the Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of St Mark, we ask the Lord to keep his life for us for many years and peaceful times.

We also pray that He the Lord and benefactor of all, may bless Australia, its people and its Government, and that the entire world including our motherland Egypt may prosper in His Name. May the Lord of all be with you all.

I wish you all happiness in this blessed feast of Nativity of our Lord God and Saviour.

God bless you all

Bishop Daniel

*With the Grace of God
Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Church -
Diocese of Sydney & Affiliated Regions*

To the beloved and blessed Fathers the Priests and my beloved Congregation of the Diocese of Sydney and its Affiliated Regions, Today we celebrate one of the most joyous occasions in the Coptic Orthodox Church "The feast of Nativity of Jesus Christ". I wish you, all goodness and peace and I pray to the Lord Jesus Christ that He grants you all a blessed feast and that He may fill your lives with true hope and all spiritual blessings.

Let us contemplate together the depth and meaning of this magnificent occasion:

1. Our Lord Jesus Christ- the Logos of God-, Incarnated to enable us to know God the Father.

1.1: In the past the Almighty God used to communicate with His people through His prophets by various ways, as we read in Hebrews 1:1 New King James Version (NKJV), 1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets.

Despite the above fact, humanity did not know the Lord their creator, as St Athanasius said :{ what profit to the creatures if they knew not their Maker? Or how could they be rational without knowing the Word (The Reason) of the Father, in whom they received their very being? For there would be nothing to distinguish them even from brute creatures if they had knowledge of nothing but earthly things}.

St. Athanasius also said: {God, who had the power over all things, when He was making the race through His Word, seeing the weakness of their nature, that it was not sufficient of itself to know it is Maker ... taking pity on the race of men, in as much

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**ST SHENOUDA THE ARCHIMANDRITE
COPTIC ORTHODOX MONASTERY**

Press Release.

Statement by Bishop Anba Daniel

Bishop & Abbot of St Shenouda Monastery-Sydney Australia.

**Re: Original St Mary & St Mina Coptic Orthodox Church
Sydenham NSW Australia.**

- 1- We as Coptic Orthodox Community in Australia completely cherish this Church, since it is our first Church in the land of Australia, where we first started our pastoring care and nurturing our Parishioners since 1969.
- 2- In this Church, myself, my Sister and my Parents had been served, educated, brought up and nurtured since 1970-2001 AD, by our most respected and loved Priest/Father, Late Very Rev.Fr Mina Nemattalla and the honorable servants, whom I am well indebted to them, of my commitment to the Church until now.
- 3- It is true that all the pioneers of the Coptic Families immigrated to Australia have passed through this simple and beautiful Church in a way or another and had great memories to share with others.
- 4- It is a fact that this Church became very small for us and became unbearable because of the noise from the 100s of Aeroplanes that fly constantly very close over the Church and from the 100s of Trucks that pass by the Church every minute and for these reasons, we left it and accepted the Compensation from the Government and moved to Bexley. Having said so, I am not in favor of demolishing the Church but to save it in any way as a Heritage.
- 5- For those who don't want the demolition of this Church, should keep in mind that this Church need to be restored, renovated and be furnished, which means, it will cost from one Million to 3 Millions of Dollars and not only that, but to be maintained professionally with regular maintenance which will cost more money too.
- 6- So for those who are very keen and don't want to see this Building being demolished, to stop talking and pay at least \$1000 Dollars each and offer a hand. Please find a donation of \$1000 from my private money not of the Monastery. Australian Copts who support this Project, must seize this opportunity and continue their Mission and dig deep now and not next August 2016.
- 7- I love to see the Church saved from demolition, restored and maintained by dedicated and committed members and through relevant Authorities/Governments in Australia, without putting any pressure into the Diocese.

Good luck & keep the hard work.

Bishop Anba Daniel.

Wednesday 23 December 2015.

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OUTSTANDING RESULTS BY ST BISHOY COPTIC ORTHODOX COLLEGE STUDENTS IN HSC 2015

St Bishoy Coptic Orthodox College is an independent Christian school in the greater west of Sydney supporting local students from K-12.

The College celebrates success with its 2015 Year 12 cohort with 100% of its students successfully gaining ATAR admission. Special congratulations also go to Jason Saad, David Beshay, Mariana Ghabrial and Marina Hanna who were named in the Distinguished Achievers List with exemplary results in Mathematics, Extension 1 Maths, Biology and Chemistry.

The College, although thought by some to be too small and disadvantaged to support a HSC cohort, has ranked 91 in the State and is proving to be educational institution of academic excellence in the greater west of Sydney.

The College Principal, Mr Michael Atteya, credited the hard work and determination of teachers and students for its success. "These results go to show what can happen when the school community comes together with a common goal". He went on to say; "Students here have the individual attention of their teachers- with class sizes as small as 2 students in some subjects, it's more like tutoring really!" Mr Atteya commented; "we embrace challenge and with blended learning and digital mediums, St Bishoy is placed to produce outstanding HSC results into the future- we are looking forward to 2016!"



"God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9:7
St George & Prince Tadros Coptic Orthodox Church
Diocese of Sydney & Affiliated Regions

Information update regarding the Purchase of part McLean Street & part Land / Lot 17 DP 31863

Introduction:

St George & Prince Tadros Coptic Orthodox Church is located at 41 Kennedy Street Liverpool, in the heart of the Liverpool district. Through the Grace of God, we have aquired surrounding properties, bringing our church's current total land area to approximately 3,798sqm. Currently we are finalizing the purchase of: part of McLean Street & part (land) of Lot 17 DP 31863 (an additional area of 1,195sqm), from Liverpool City Council. This will bring the total land area of our church to approximately 4,993sqm, securing our church's future, and allow us to commence on a masterplan for future development. The total cost of the purchase will be \$300,000, and as such we are firstly in need of your prayers and financial support to build the house of the Lord.

If you would like to take the blessing to share in the purchase of

part of McLean Street & part (land) of Lot 17 DP 31863, please find below our parish's account details:

Account Details:
St George & Prince Tadros Church Liverpool
BSB: 062 199 - Account: 10259691
Ref: McLean Street

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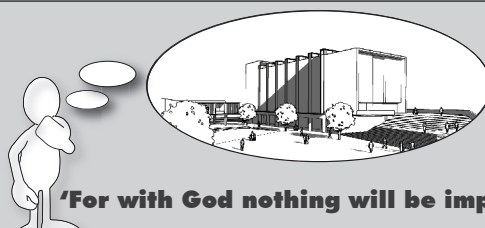
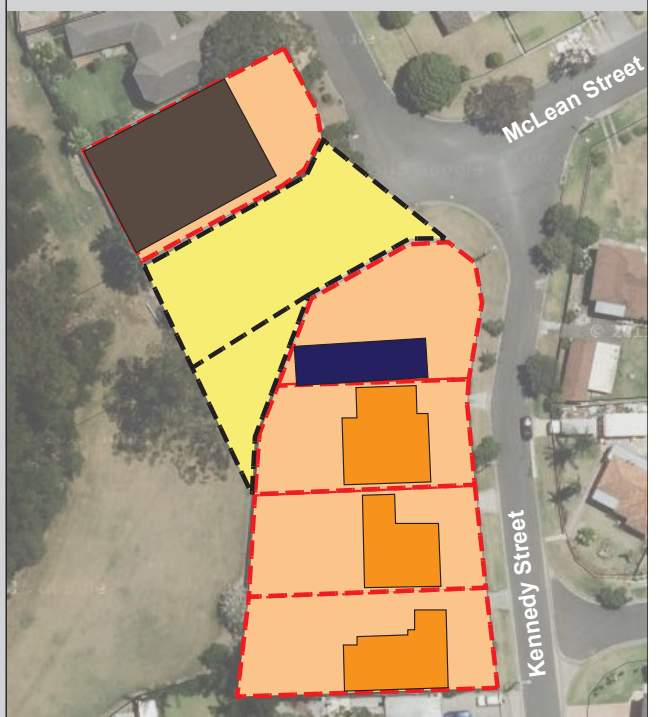
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May the Lord reward you with the heavenly rewards.

Legend:

-  **81 Lehman Ave Liverpool**
Current Church Hall / Land (Purchased)
-  **Part McLean St. Liverpool (Yet to be Purchased)**
Part Land/Lot 17 DP 31863 (Yet to be Purchased)
(Approx. 1,195 sqm total site area)
-  **41 Kennedy St. Liverpool**
Current Church Building / Land (Purchased)
-  **35 Kennedy St. Liverpool**
37 Kennedy St. Liverpool
39 Kennedy St. Liverpool
Church Residential Properties (Purchased)

Current Properties:



'For with God nothing will be impossible'
(Luke 1:37)

THE DANGERS OF REWARDING BIBLE READING

Paul Hanna

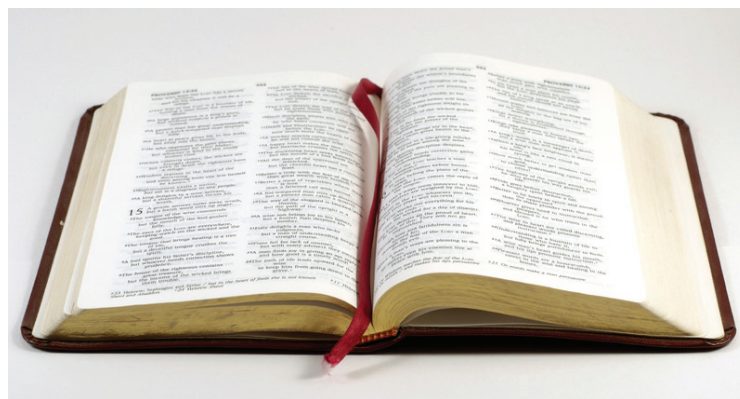
I once served at a parish that encouraged Sunday school kids to accrue points by reading scripture and filling out worksheets. Every so often, they would hold a bible themed competition between grades and the winner would win an outing. My role was to design the worksheets for the children. I felt uncomfortable doing this, as it went against my conscience to reward bible reading with material gain. The argument was always that the kids could just switch to reading the bible for spiritual development later on in life. I knew better but no one would listen so I eventually left. I hope this post is informative.

I turn to some simple research on what motivates people. We do things for various reasons. We might seek a gain in life or enjoy an activity for its own sake. Research defines two kinds of motivation (Ryan and Deci, 2000). Intrinsic motivation is when a person wishes to do something for its own sake. For example, a person might study because they feel it will give them self-satisfaction. Extrinsic motivation on the other hand is when a person does something for external gain. For example, a person who studies not because they enjoy it but because they want a good career. Neither type is necessarily bad but each type of motivation is appropriate to certain activities. For example, we might think it strange if someone filled out tax return forms solely because they gained deep satisfaction out of it, and we would consider it wrong if someone gave money to the poor because they wanted attention.

A classic study found that intrinsic motivation could be switched to extrinsic motivation by giving people external rewards. People were given a task to perform that they usually enjoyed for its own sake, in this case a puzzle game (Deci, 1972). The researchers then gave some participants an external reward such as verbal praise or a small amount of money. The study found that the people who had been given the money lost interest in continuing the puzzle if the money reward was taken away. This meant their

motivations had switched from personal satisfaction (intrinsic) to an external monetary reward (extrinsic). The participants who were praised for their efforts continued regardless if praise continued or not. This means giving a material prize for a task makes people only want to do it for the prize.

Reading Scripture should be done for the benefits it gives us intrinsically and never for external gain but rewards make this difficult. We simply should not pray or read the bible for external blessings. We should do it because it will make us better Christians and deepen our relationship with God. If you are unsure about this point, check out my previous post on the prosperity gospel. By rewarding children we are telling them subconsciously, that the point of reading the bible is to get a reward. We are falsely



teaching them that our God is a vending machine that grants gifts in exchange for services rendered. There is also no room for doubt here. The research clearly shows that children who are rewarded for an activity like bible reading will lose interest when the reward is removed.

We might think that kids can simply switch back to intrinsic motivation when they get older but research shows that the more reinforced a habit is, the harder to break. Conditioning is the idea that when you reward a particular response, that response becomes more likely to happen (Skinner, 1954). For example, if you try a new food and find you really enjoy it, chances are you will try it again. On the contrary, if you visit a holiday destination and hate your time there, you are less likely to re visit. Learning theory says that the more reinforcement something gets,

the more difficult it is to change. We all know that old habits die hard. This means that making kids see the bible as something to read for its own benefit becomes more difficult the more we reward them materially for reading it.

Eventually, the material reward for bible reading will disappear causing frustration and kids may stop reading the bible altogether. No one can afford to reward others forever and we eventually outgrow the Sunday school system. Moreover, no one lives a life of constant reward from God for reading the bible or going to Church. What happens now is called extinction (Skinner, 1938). Extinction is when the reward for an activity is no longer provided, breaking the link between the activity and the reward. Learning theory says that because a person expects a reward, when they do not get it, they become

love can be tough sometimes. By constantly giving rewards to children for bible study, we are training a generation of children to reject bible study and, by extension, God, at the first sight of trouble.

We have seen that people may be motivated to do things for their own sake or to gain an external reward. Activities that are externally rewarded remove intrinsic motivation. Rewarding children who read the bible with external gifts is teaching them not to read it for its blessings or to become better people. This reward system sets children back as they will later spend years breaking the link between bible reading and external rewards. When the link is finally extinguished, they may become so frustrated as to leave the Church entirely. It is our responsibility to teach children to read the bible and pray to know God deeply and not for any external reward.

“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.” Matthew 18:6

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WORK HARD FOR GODLINESS

by: David W. T. Brattston

The sin of sloth consists of sluggishness of soul to make the effort necessary to perform a good work, e.g. attend liturgy on Sunday. The sin of laziness or sloth also occurs when a person is disinclined through inertia to make the exertion necessary to maintain a good relationship with God.

Australians today tend to overlook the sinfulness of sloth or laziness. So many labour-saving devices and service industries are available to perform so many kinds of tasks that Christians are tempted to assume that godliness or being a good Christian is an easy matter that can be attended to at our own convenience or left to service people, e.g. clergy and machines.

This was not so for the earliest Christians. In the New Testament, the first generation of Christians clearly spoke against unwillingness to exert effort to maintain friendship with God through good works. The Apostle Paul exhorted Christians "not grow weary while doing good" (Galatians 6.9; 2 Thessalonians 3.13). The Letter to the Hebrews was written partly so that its readers would "not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises." (6.12) Hebrews also teaches that maturity in the Christian life is obtained by "those who have their faculties trained by practice" (5.14 RSV). Thus, Christian living requires practice and exercise, i.e. effort, and repeated effort.

The second generation of Christian writers, the first successors of the apostles and Bible writers, produced two long letters that touch on spiritual laziness. One of them, The First

Epistle of Clement, was written towards the middle or end of the first century A.D., when some apostles were still active. It condemns "slothful in well-doing and cease in the practice of love". On the contrary, "let us hasten with all energy and readiness of mind to every good work." The next chapter exhorts readers to "be prompt in the practice of well-doing" and "be not lazy or slothful in any good work." Note again that "practice" is necessary: Christians must exercise themselves repeatedly to gain virtue and godliness.

The other ancient writing, The Epistle of Barnabas, contains a passage on what is necessary for progressing in or maintaining a Christian life:

Thou shalt love, as the apple of thine eye, every one that speaketh to thee the word of the Lord. Thou shalt remember the day of judgment, night and day. Thou shalt seek out every day the faces of the saints, either by word examining them, and going to exhort them, and meditating on how to save a soul by the word

We are thus to pursue godliness or the Christian life in community with our clergy and local church, always remembering that God will one day judge us. Sometimes requiring help from other Christians, godliness or a healthy spiritual life was not regarded as easy or to be attended to at leisure but was seen as entailing strenuous and constant practice. Because this letter is sometimes dated as early as A.D. 70, it might have been written by the Apostle Barnabas frequently mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles.

In the early third century came the church father Origen, a native Egyptian. His knowledge

of our faith was so great that he was consulted by pastorbishops throughout the eastern Mediterranean. Origen taught that hard, positive effort is necessary to maintain progress in the Christian life. He told his audience to exert themselves to be free from sinfulness, exerting hard work and sweat. The sincere Christian must engage in



These early authors were at one in affirming that exertion is necessary for the performance of good works and maintaining friendship with God, and that constant practice is necessary in the Christian life, like constant exercise is necessary for an athlete. Another term for them is godliness, of which 1 Timothy 4.7f says: "exercise yourself

toward godliness. 8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come."

Quotations from First Clement and Barnabas are from Volume 1 of The Ante-Nicene

constant practice and vigilance because progress in the spiritual life does not come to the slothful or inactive or negligent. He warned that favour from God can be lost through negligence of mind and laziness of life.

In the same vein, Origen touched on the natural inclination to spiritual inertia. Progress in Christian commitment and overcoming sin do not come if we are lazy or drowsy. Weak Christians are slack and sluggish; they should stir up their idle and neglectful spirits in order to practise godliness and the other precepts of the gospel. He preached against laziness of mind and sluggishness of soul accompanied by bodily lusts and pleasures.

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In the name of the father, Son and Holy Spirit one God Amen



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وقريب ونسب عائلة الرحوم فريد سوريال بمصر الجديدة

وعائلة المرحوم انطون مغاريوس باسيوط وعائلة المرحوم رشدي حبشي باستراليا

وشيعت الجنازة يوم الجمعة ١٥ / ١ / ٢٠١٦ الساعة العاشرة والنصف صباحا بكنيسة القديس العظيم الانبا انطونيوس والانبا بولا بجيلفورد

الرب ينيح نفسه في فردوس النعيم في احضان ابائنا القديسين ابراهيم واسحق ويعقوب .

“Blessed is the man you choose and help; he shall dwell in your courts. We shall be filled with the good things of your house; holy is your temple, wondrous in righteousness.” (Ps 65:4)

The late Mr Emil Farid Sourial departed into the arms of his heavenly father on Sunday the 10th of January 2016. He was and will always remain a loving husband to Mrs Hoda Sourial and a loving and caring father to

Nabil and Ramy Sourial, father in law to Elizabeth Sourial and grandfather to baby Samuel Sourial.

He was also the brother of Dr. Nabil Sarian, Dr. Maher Sourial and Uncle to Dr Gamal Giurgius. He is related to the families of the late Farid Sourial in Egypt, the late Antoun Magharious in Assiut and the late Roushdy Habashy in Sydney.

The funeral service was held on Friday the 15th of January at 10.30 am at St. Anthony and St. Pauls Coptic Orthodox Church in Guildford.

May the lord rest his soul in the heavenly Jerusalem in the bosoms of our Holy fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.



**PROGRAMME FOR THE VISIT OF HIS GRACE BISHOP PAULA
BISHOP OF TANTA Sunday 17th of January – Wednesday 17th of February 2016**



Day	Date	AM	Service	PM	Service
Sunday	17/01/2016			5:00 6:30	Arrival of HG Bishop Paula by SQ241 Thanksgiving Prayer St Mary & St Mina Cathedral- Bexley
Tuesday	19/01/2016			7:00	Holy Liturgy – Feast of Epiphany Archangel Michael & St Bishoy Church – Mt. Druitt
Friday	22/01/2016	9:00	Holy Liturgy St. Demiana & St. Athanasius Church - Punchbowl	7:00	YCF - Young Coptic Families Conference Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort
Saturday	23/01/2016		YCF - Young Coptic Families Conference Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort		YCF - Young Coptic Families Conference Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort
Sunday	24/01/2016		YCF - Young Coptic Families Conference Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort		
Wednesday	27/01/2016	9:00	Holy Liturgy Anba Abraam Church – Long Point		
Friday	29/1/2016	9:00	Holy Liturgy Anba Abraam & Fr. Mikhail El Behiery Church - Peakhurst		
Saturday	30/1/2016	9:00	Holy Liturgy St. George Church - Kensington		
Sunday	31/1/2016	8:30	Holy Liturgy St. Antonios & St. Paul Church Guildford		
Wednesday	3/2/2016	8:30	Holy Liturgy The Apostles & St. Abanoub Church - Blacktown		
Friday	5/2/2016	9:00	Holy Liturgy St Mary & St Abu Sefein Church – Rhodes		
Saturday	6/2/2016			1:00	Travel to Melbourne by Virgin 0482
Thursday	11/2/2016			1:00	Arrival to Sydney by Virgin 0843
Saturday	13/2/2016	8:30	Holy Liturgy St. Mary & St. Mina Cathedral Bexley		
Sunday	14/2/2016	8:30	Holy Liturgy St. Mark Church - Arncliffe		
Monday	15/2/2016		Coptic Schools Celebration		
Wednesday	17/2/2016			12:10	Travel to Cairo by SQ232



**PROPOSED PROGRAMME FOR THE VISIT OF HIS GRACE BISHOP MOUSSA
BISHOPRIC OF YOUTH AFFAIRS Saturday 9TH JANUARY – Monday 18TH JANUARY 2016**



Day	Date	AM	Service	PM	Service
Saturday	9/01/2016			7:15 8:15	Arrival Etihad airline EY454 Thanksgiving Prayer At Mary & St Mina Cathedral - BEXLEY
Sunday	10/01/2016	9:00	Holy Liturgy The Apostles & St Abanoub Church - BLACKTOWN	6:30	St Mark Festival Celebration At St Mark Coptic College
Tuesday	12/01/2016			8:00	Youth Meeting Archangel Michael & St Bishoy Church – Mt Druitt
Wednesday	13/01/2016	9:30	Holy Liturgy St George Church - KENSINGTON		
Thursday	14/01/2016	11:00- 3:00	Priests' Seminar Pope Kyrillos & Archdeacon Habib Guirgis Church – 119 Barton Street - Monterey		
Friday	15/01/2016	8:45	Holy Liturgy St Demiana & St Athansious Church PUNCHBOWL	8:30	Youth Meeting St May & St Mina Cathedral – BEXLEY
Saturday	16/01/2016	8:30	Holy Liturgy Anba Abraam Church – LONG POINT		
Sunday	17/01/2016	8:00	Holy Liturgy St Mark's Church - ARNCLIFFE	7:00	Light & Salt Youth Meeting St Antonious & St Paul Church - GUILDFORD



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ST MARK'S COPTIC ORTHODOX COLLEGE
 Congratulations Year 12 Class of 2015

**RANKED 71 OVERALL & 13 IN 2U MATHS/MATHS EXT 1/MATHS EXT 2
 IN NSW AS LISTED BY THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD**



We are pleased that the following students of the HSC Class of 2015, achieved results in Bands 5 (OVER 80%) in one or more courses.

Arabic

Joseph SAAD

Biology

Martina BASTAWROUS
 Jai FLORA
 Vearinama KILA
 David MAHFOUZ
 Rupali PALI
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 Peter SAMAAAN
 Swapnil YADAV

Business Studies

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 Peter SAMAAAN
 Dejan SEVO

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 Chantelle PERIN
 Peter SAMAAAN

Economics

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 Goeliano GEORGE
 Akshita GHATGE
 Mary TANIOS

English Standard

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 Grace KHOURY
 David MAHFOUZ
 Christopher MAJEED
 Dionysia TANIOS
 Fiona THAPA

English Advanced

David AZER
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General Mathematics

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 Karen AZZI
 Mek FITSUM
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Serbian

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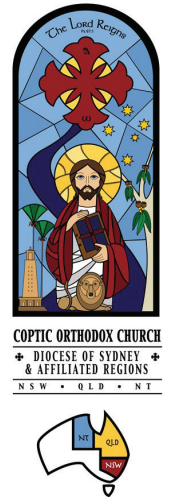
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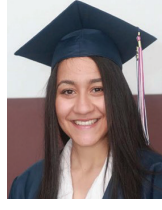
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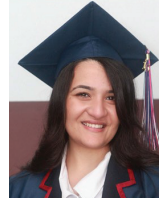
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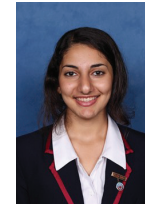
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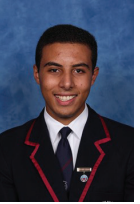
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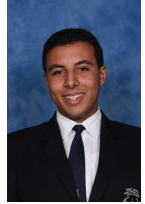
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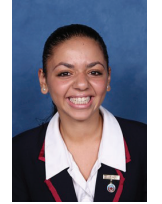
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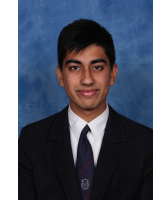
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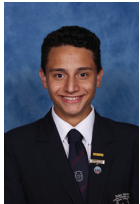
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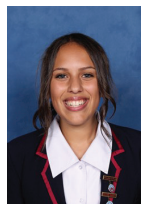
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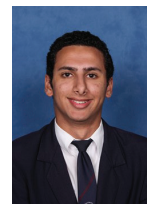
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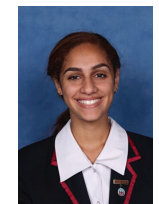
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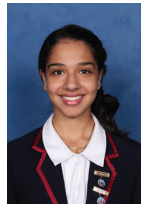
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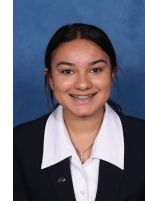
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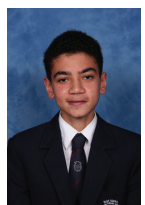
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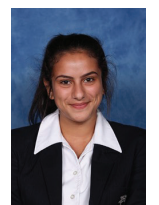
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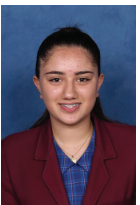
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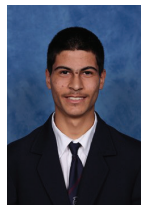
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Sydney's 1st Coptic Aged Care Facility!

Saint Maurice Aged Care Ltd and Ark Health Care Bankstown are excited to announce a partnership to provide professional care services to the frail aged of the Coptic Christian Community in a residential care facility situated in Bankstown.

Ark Health Care creates a homely environment whilst catering for the individual needs of all our residents. We provide a comprehensive culturally specific lifestyle program, working with each resident to find activities and interests that suit them, and a priest will be providing regular services and pastoral care to our residents.

Beds are filling fast

Prior to admission for respite or permanent care you will need to arrange an assessment by the Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT). Once this assessment has been completed you will receive a copy of the Aged Care Client Record (ACCR) which advises you what level of care is required. You will need the ACCR to complete the Ark Health Care Application for Admission form for respite care or for a permanent place at one of our facilities.

For a permanent place at Ark Health Care Bankstown you will also be required to complete a Request for a Combined Assets and Income Assessment Form (SA457) from the Department of Human Services. Alternatively, you can download this form using the following link: <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/spw/customer/forms/resources/sa457-1502en.pdf>

Once you have prepared the two documents mentioned above, you may ring Ark Health Care on (02) 9791 9609 between the hours of 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday, or email bankstown@arkhc.com to make an appointment to view the facility, discuss the options available for admission.

FIRST COPTIC AGED CARE FACILITY IN SYDNEY

If you haven't already caught wind of the fabulous news, you will be glad to know that Saint Maurice Aged Care Ltd and Ark Health Care have announced a partnership to provide professional care services to the frail aged of the Coptic Christian Community in a residential care facility situated in Bankstown.

The Coptic floor is now open and residents have been accommodated. In fact, we had our first Liturgy on Monday August 10 conducted by Father Abdelmessih, Father Youssef and Father Samuel.

If you are interested in serving the elderly this this for you!!

Serving the elderly is a complex proposition. There is almost no end to the variety of ways in which you can help older people live full lives. You don't need any special skills or degrees to improve the life of an elderly person, just compassion and understanding.

There are two ways to serve the residents at Ark Health Care


Bankstown:

1. Become a regular Ark Volunteer. This will require you to attend a two hour orientation program and source a police check. If you would like to become a regular Ark Volunteer, please contact Ark on (02) 9791 9609 between the hours of 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday, or email bankstown@arkhc.com.

2. Supervised Visitation Sessions are available for servants who prefer to serve on a casual basis. As this does not require a police check or orientation, these visitations are conducted in the common area only, at the following times:


- a) Tuesdays 10am-12pm
- b) Thursdays 2pm-4pm

Although St Maurice and Ark are grateful for your time & effort, general visitors who are not a friend or family member, are advised to comply with one of the two volunteer options mentioned.



Saint Maurice Aged Care Ltd

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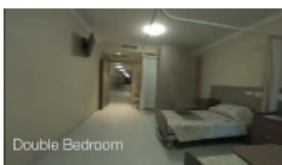


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 Tel: 02 9791 9609 Email: bankstown@arkhc.com
 ABN: 99 125 505 697



Saint Maurice Aged Care Ltd

Positions Vacant



If you are a professional, caring person with compassion for people and enthusiasm to deliver exceptional care, we want to hear from you!

Saint Maurice Aged Care Ltd and Ark Health Care Bankstown are excited to announce a partnership to provide care and services to the frail aged of the Coptic Christian Community in a residential care facility situated in Bankstown.

We are seeking committed people from the Coptic Christian Community to fill the following positions:

1. Registered Nurses
2. Personal carers – Certificate III or IV in Aged Care
3. Hospitality staff - experience in Kitchen hand duties and Cleaning

To enquire about these positions please call (02) 9791 9609 between the hours of 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday, or email bankstown@arkhc.com.

All applications must include:

- Application For Employment Form.
- Cover letter
- Resume
- Certificates
- Police Check (AFP)

Don't forget to mention that you have been referred by the Coptic Community.

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بسم الاب والابن والروح القدس الله واحد امين.

In the name of the father, Son and Holy Spirit one God Amen.



حينئذ يضيء الابرار كالشمس في ملكوت ابيهم.
مت ١٣-٤٣

ذكرى الاربعين لعروس السماء

المرحومة منى جاد

بقلوب مملوءة بالايمان خاضعة لمشئنة الرب وعلي رجاء

القيامة وبتسليم كامل لإرادته الله تدعوكم الأسره لحضور

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بكنيسة السيدة العذراء و الشهيد مرقوريوس ابو سيفين

برودس

2 Cavell Avenue, Rhodes 2138

"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the father."

Matthew 13:43

The 40th day commemoration of the bride of heaven, Mona Gad.

Our hearts are filled with faith, accepting the will of God and anticipating the hope of the resurrection. The family invites you to attend the 40th day commemoration liturgy at 8:30am on Saturday 30th January 2016 at St Mary and St Merkorious Coptic Orthodox Church, 2 Cavell Avenue, Rhodes 2138.

COCOS LOOKING FOR A NEW BASE



**COPTIC ORTHODOX COMMUNITY
OUTREACH SERVICE**

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels. Heb 13:2

Scan QR code for our latest video.

We are reaching out to our network and community for assistance in finding a temporary place to base our service. We are looking for somewhere with a semi-commercial kitchen to prepare our weekly meal every Tuesday that has storage space for our stock and equipment.

For Direct Deposits:

Bank: St George Bank
BSB: 112-879
Account No: 152760826 For cheques:

Make cheque out to 'Coptic Orthodox Community Outreach Service'
Mail to: COCOS
PO Box 362, CAMPSIE NSW 2194

We serve at Parramatta and City, and current kitchen is based at Guildford. If you need more information, or you know someone that may be able to assist please contact us on info@cocos.org.au or 0408110442.

Donations \$2 and above are tax deductible. ABN: 35 131 816 531
Please contact us on for more information.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/COCOOS/>



Through God's grace and your generous donations, some of the projects undertaken by NCF:

Basic Needs

- LE 140,000 per month transferred to poor families for basic needs including food, clothing, shelter and orphanages.
- Over LE 120,000 to serve the Lord's brethren in the slums of Egypt.
- Purchase over 800 blankets for poor families to shield against winter weather.

Marrriages

- Sponsor over 100 young ladies from orphanages or poor families to get married including pay for wedding, purchase furniture including fridge, lounge and bedroom furniture.

Medical

- Medical assistance for areas in Egypt which assist poor people.
- Establishing a pathology laboratory, blood analysis equipment, dialysis machines, premature baby incubators, dental chair, kidney x-ray machine.

Orphans & Disabled

- Establishing an orphanage in Dar El Salam to cater for orphans in the local are.
- Assistance in building facilities for orphans and disabled children in Alexandria.

Education

- Purchase a school bus for poor children in Ismalia travelling lengthy distances to school and Church.
- Educate 20 young ladies as nurses by undertaking an 18-month course to serve in the Hagana Hospital which services the poor.
- Purchase computer equipment for poor children in the slums of Egypt.

Projects

- Fund projects such as purchase of chicken and goats for poor families to farm and become self-sufficient.
- Fund other projects such as providing sewing machines, selling gas bottles, and carpentry to assist poor people sustain incomes and to provide for their families.

May our Lord reward your gifts of love for His brethren.
Keep us in your prayers

Donations can be made at any Commonwealth Bank branch or via Net Banking to the following account:
Needy Christian Fund | BSB - 062 199 | Account - 1012 8130

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Saints Kosman & Demian Group of Love

Did you know, there is a service called **Group of Love**

Did you know, whom the family consist of

Did you know, they are a member of our congregation

Did you know, that our joy within the church is incomplete without them

Did you know, we meet & see the Christ within them

Did you know, their guardian angels stand before our father & the lord of hosts

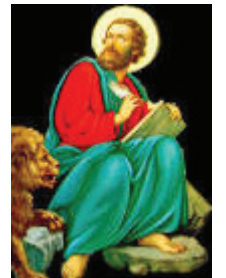
Did you know, they are not in need of our service but rather we are in need to serve them

If you want to join the Group of Love and to know about this new service

Please contact Mr. Saed Awad
Mobile no: 0405 988 428



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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"

Christmas Appeal

As the feast of joy, Christmas, is around the corner; your charitable organisation, on your behalf and with your kind co-operation, would like to put a nice smile on the faces of our needy in the war torn zone of the Sudan. Please assist us so that they may share with us the joyful spirit of Christmas.

For your continuous support, kindly forward your donation to:-

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The Art Of Iconography



A course run by St Luke's Iconography College

Course modules include:

- The art style of the Coptic Icon
- The painting style of the icon
- A historical account of the icon from the time of the Iron Age
- The meanings behind the icon
- The meanings and placement of the cross in the icon
- The meanings of colours in the icon
- The meanings of shapes in the icon
- The meanings of items pictured with the saints

Every Saturday starts Saturday 23/01/2016 at St Demiana & St Athanasius Coptic Church.

119 Highclere Ave, Punchbowl.

From 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Course is free of charge, however students are to supply their own materials.

For registration call Mr Alfred Kaldass on 0422 104 740 or Mrs Nelly Grace on 0404 739 140

ST MARY & POPE KYRILLOS 6th COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH DIOCESE OF SYDNEY & ITS AFFILIATED REGIONS – AUSTRALIA

With the Grace of God and Through the Intercessions of Our Patron Saints the Mother of God St Mary & Pope Kyrillos 6th and the prayers and Blessing of HH Pope Tawadros II and HG Bishop Daniel, we have now obtained council approval DA for the building of our new church.

Accordingly, we are in need of your spiritual support and your continuous prayers for our church, as well as financial support to build the house of the Lord.

If you would like to take the blessing of sharing in the building of our church, the church's tax-deductible account details are:

St Mary & Pope Kyrillos 6th Building Fund

BSB: 062199

Account: 10664515

May The Lord reward you with heavenly rewards



In Loving Memory of Mr Anis Wahba Mina A Dear Father and Grand Father

"Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; He will lead them to springs of living water and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes" (Revelation 7:16-17)

+ On Sunday the 6th of December 2015, rested in the Lord and passed to the heavenly glories Mr. Anis Mina husband of Mary Rizk, father of Dr Ashraf Mina and father-in-law of his wife Samantha Mina. Father of Ayman Mina and father in law of his wife Jacqueline Salib. Grand father of Roxanne Mina, Anthony Mina, Anna-Simone Mina and Georgia Philippa Mina. Also his extended family Mr Kamel Graice, Soheir Graice, David Graice, Mr Khairy Grace, Aida Grace, Mr Youseff Graice, Cecil Grace, Mr Aziz Ibrahim, Alice Ibrahim and, Mr Ezzat Grace, Nelly Grace, Mr Sam Girgis, Sanaa Girgis, Mr Talaat Basily, Evon Basily, Mr Nagi Nour, Samia Nour, Mr Nader Said, Mary Said and Bulleen Louis.

+The family received condolences at St George Coptic Orthodox Church at Kensington on Wednesday the 9th of December from 7-9 pmduring the prayer meeting and the funeral was held on Thursday the 10th of December at 11am at St George Coptic Orthodox Church.

+ The family would like to thank all those who offered their condolences either by attendance, by phone, by emails and to all the reverend fathers who shared in the prayers, the beloved reverend Fathers of St George at Kensington, Father Marcos, Father Rafael, Father Matthew and Father Kyrillos; and also, reverend fathers, Father Tadros Samaan, Father Sorial Hanna, Father Samuel Girgis and Father Mikhail Mikhail and Mr Marcos Farag and the deacons at St George. Also, we would like to thank Bishop Anba Daniel, Abbot of St Shenouda Monastery, Sydney, and all the beloved monks in the St Shenouda Monastery.

+ The Fortieth Day Commemoration will be held on Sunday the 17th January 2016 after the Divine Liturgy at St. George Coptic Orthodox Church 1-3a Bowral St. Kensington NSW 2033

