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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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*Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Mt 25:21*

HG Bishop Daniel and all the Clergy and the congregation of the Diocese of Sydney and its affiliated region offer their deep condolences to HH Pope Tawadrous II may the Lord keep him for many peaceful years. The Fathers The Metropolitans and Bishops of the Holy Synode, the Diocese of Milano and all the copts in Europe for the departure of

## HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN KYRILLOS OF MILAN.

who departed to everlasting life this week. May the Lord repose him with the Saintly Fathers Abraham, Ishak and Jacob in the heavenly paradise.

## THE CONSECRATION OF FR KARAS





Luke 1:26-28...

“Now in the sixth month the Angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, ‘Rejoice, highly favoured one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!’”

In few days we will celebrate the great feast of our beloved mother St Mary, who was the most highly favoured one, and full of grace. And although we would need many days to speak about all the wonderful qualities of St Mary, tonight we shall mention just a few points of why St Mary was ‘Highly Favoured’...

- This greeting which the angel said to St Mary is unique only to St Mary – there is no one else who was greeted with these words.

- Many times in the Old Testament, some prophets told the Daughter of Zion to rejoice greatly, because the Lord will deliver them. For example, in:

- Zephaniah 3:14-17...

“Sing aloud O Daughter of Zion!... Rejoice, exalt with all your heart O Daughter of Jerusalem!...The Lord your God is in your midst”

- Zechariah 9:9...

“Rejoice heart and soul, O Daughter of Zion! ...for I come and will dwell in the midst of you”

All these were prophecies about St Mary, and now, the Angel Gabriel is telling the true Daughter of Zion - St Mary to rejoice, because her Lord and saviour will dwell within her, and she will be the Mother of God.

- This mystery of rejoicing is what all the hymns in our

Church declare about St Mary... “Hail O Mary... Shere Maria...” etc. The word ‘hail’ or ‘shere’ means to ‘rejoice’.

But why was St Mary called ‘Highly Favoured One’??

1. She was called ‘Highly Favoured One’, because she is holy, and she was Full of Grace, and she became the mother of the Lord, who is the Author of Grace...

- By Divine grace, St Mary was perfect in spirit and in body, in order for her to receive the Lord. But she was still in need of salvation, and that's why she says in Luke 1:47... ‘My spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.’

- This same Divine Grace sanctified her, so that she could become the True holy of holies, and the Second Heaven, for Christ to dwell in. And that's why she is called; ‘The Mother of Light’, ‘The Mother of Life’, ‘The Mother of the Holy One’.

- At the moment of incarnation, when St Mary was bearing the Son of God, who is the Author of Grace, she received a unique perfection.

- Only she is Highly Favoured and Full of Grace, because no one else gained her grace – which is to be filled with the Author of Grace!

- It is a great mystery, that our beloved Mother St Mary was:

- Clothed with Divine Grace, as if she was wearing a garment;

- Her soul was filled with Divine wisdom (which is evident in the prophetic song she said to Elizabeth);

- In her heart, she was married and consecrated to God;

And so, in her womb, she contained He who cannot be contained!

- For this, she was surely the ‘Highly Favoured one!’

2. St Mary is called the ‘Highly Favoured One’, because she is our strongest intercessor...

- The Lord chose St Mary to be a superior member in the body of Christ, who responds to the needs of the other members.

- We do not feel the holiness of St Mary only from doctrine, but as a fruit of a personal relationship we have with her in our daily life.

- St Mary is higher than all the heavenly saints and angels. She is the closest one to her Son's heart, and therefore, her intercession is strong and effective.

- We see the extent of her powerful intercession in the Wedding of Cana at Galilee...

- She said to her Son, “They have no wine” (John 2:3). Of course, the Lord knew this, and He knows what our needs are, but He feels happy, when He sees the same feelings of love and request from His mother and His children.

- We notice that St Mary only said these words to Him once, and then she turned to the people and said, “Whatever He says to you, do it” (John 2:5). These words show 2 important points:

- It shows how much St Mary had confidence that her Son would answer her request, and that's why she only said the words once.

- It shows her role in intercession: she is directing our hearts to do the commandments of God, and that's why she says to us: ‘Whatever He says to you, do it.’

- This is the only commandment St Mary ever gives us. But it is a powerful command because it includes every aspect of life –

- Whatever He says to you, do it... and you will have happy, holy lives.

- Whatever He says to you,

do it... and you will have peace with God and others

- Whatever He says to you, do it... and you will gain eternal life

3. St Mary was ‘Highly Favoured’, because through her union with God, she became a beautiful symbol of the holy Church...

At the Annunciation (ann-un-see-ation), the joy and the song of St Mary, were prophetic actions, which she did in the name of the whole Church. She was the one who heard the mysterious explanation of God's plan for the whole world, and so her rejoicing was done on behalf of all the church.

When St Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, it symbolised the missionary work that the church does throughout the world. St Mary is like the Church, which bears the Word of God, and must have the desire to proclaim the Word to all people.

When St Mary was present at the feet of Christ when He was on the cross, the Lord said to St John, ‘Behold your mother’. These words show that she is the mother of all believers, just like the church is also our mother.

St Mary and the Church are both Mother and Virgin at the same time, because they both conceived, by the Holy Spirit, to give birth to the True Son.

St Augustine said: ‘As Mary gave birth to Christ who is your Head, so the Church gives birth to you, who are the members. For the Church is both mother and virgin: mother, through love, and virgin, through incorruptible faith. The Church is the mother of many nations, who are one body, just like the Virgin Mary, who is the mother of many, but also of the One!’

St Augustine also said that: ‘Before St Mary conceived the Word physically, she first conceived the Word in her heart’. St Mary gave birth to the Incarnate Son, who gives life to

the believers, in the same way that the Church is the mother of the believers, who get life through unity with the Incarnate Son.

Also, St Mary said about herself that she is 'the maidservant of the Lord' (Luke 1:38). In the same way, the Church is also 'the maidservant of the Lord', because it should be humble, and full of the grace of God, seeking to serve all people, and leading them to God.

In Deuteronomy 33:13, we read about the blessing that

was given by Moses: "Through God's blessing, his land shall remain his own, and be blessed with the dew of heaven." These words are a prophecy about St Mary's holiness...

- She is the blessed land which received the Word of God coming down like heavenly dew.

- This prophecy also refers to the holiness of the Church because, the Church is also blessed by the Lord as a holy land. And the heavenly dew is the Lord Himself, who blesses the Church.

On this blessed day of the Assumption of St Mary's Body, let us ask the Queen of Heaven for her prayers and intercessions so that we may be able to fulfil the commandments of her beloved Son Jesus Christ.

*Glory be to the Lord forever,  
Amen.*

**Bishop Daniel**

Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Sydney & Affiliated Regions



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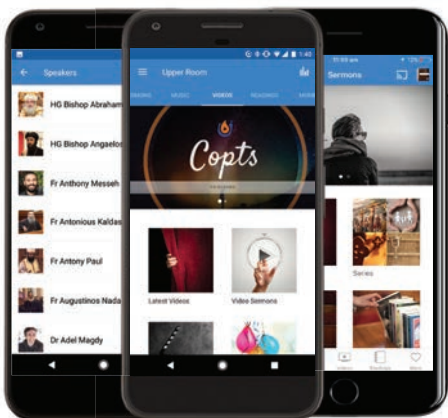
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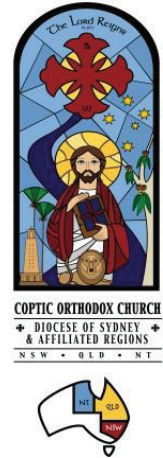
# DIOCESANE NEWS



**Coptic Orthodox Church  
Diocese of Sydney and Affiliated Regions**

## **Papal Visit 2017** **Central Committee for Papal Visit**

### **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CARDS**



#### **1) CARDS DISTRIBUTION**

The membership sub-committee of the Diocese of Sydney would like to announce that the ID cards for attending any function of HH Pope Tawadros II will be distributed by the priests at the Church where you registered your name starting today 20/08/2017 subject to the following conditions:

- You must personally receive your card.
- You must sign for receiving your card.
- If you registered your name and there is no card available for you it means that you registered after the cards were sent to the printers, you need to send an email with your full name, Church and date of birth to [johnn@aapt.net.au](mailto:johnn@aapt.net.au)

#### **2) ENTERING FUNCTIONS**

According to instructions from the Federal and local police entering any function will be subject to the following conditions:

- Be prepared for being searched as you will be passing through electronic gates and so we advise you not to come in with any unnecessary bags or packages.
- You have to show the Church membership card for scanning AND your driver's license, passport or any other photo ID issued by Australian Government Authorities.

For certain Events such as HH Lecture at the Theological College on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> of August and the Official Welcoming Dinner on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September, you need to present a Pre-purchased ticket or an invitation.

- You must arrive at the function at least one hour before the start time announced as the authorities will close the doors after that.

#### **3) ATTENDING FUNCTIONS AT DIFFERENT VENUES**

With the expansion of the Diocese and to give everybody the chance of getting the blessings of HH Pope Tawadrous II during this historical visit the Diocese has been divided into regions and every Church is affiliated to one of these regions as shown in the table below. Your Church membership card shows which region your Church is affiliated to. The Central Committee responsible for the visit has set up the program of the visit in a way that there will be at least one function at a venue in

every one of these regions and so we urge our congregation to limit their attendance to the functions held in their region to give the chance for everybody to get the blessings of this holy visit.

### The Holy Liturgies at Churches

1. There will be four Holy Liturgies, entry into the Church will be according to the Geographical Region which will be specified in the ID CARD where UNDER THE CHURCH NAME there will be THE NAME OF THE REGION;

+ Holy Liturgy at **St Mary Church – Bexley** will be attended by the Congregation of the Church and the EASTERN REGION CHURCHES

+Holy Liturgy at **St Mary & St Mercurius Church – Rhodes** will be attended by the Congregation of the Church and the NORTH WESTERN REGION CHURCHES

+ Holy Liturgy at **St Antonious & St Paul Church –Guildford** will be attended by the Congregation of the Church and the OUTER SYDNEY REGION CHURCHES

+ Holy Liturgy at **Archangel & St Bishoy Church- Mt Druitt** will be attended by the Congregation of the Church and the WESTERN REGION CHURCHES.

CHURCH NAME	REGION
St Pope Kyrillos VI & St Habib Girgis - Monterey NSW	EASTERN REGION
St Demiana & St Athanasius - Punchbowl NSW	EASTERN REGION
St George - Kensington NSW	EASTERN REGION
St Mark - Arncliffe NSW	EASTERN REGION
St Mary & St Anba Abram - Peakhurst NSW	EASTERN REGION
St Mary & St Mina - Bexley NSW	EASTERN REGION
St Mary, St Bakhomios & St Shenouda - Kirawee NSW	EASTERN REGION
St Mary & St Cosman & St Demian - Kellyville NSW	NORTH WESTERN REGION
St Mary & St Merkorious - Rhodes NSW	NORTH WESTERN REGION
St Mary & St Sidhom Bishay - Dural NSW	NORTH WESTERN REGION
St Paul & St Reweis - Collaroy NSW	NORTH WESTERN REGION
St Anba Abram - Long Point NSW	WESTERN REGION
Archangel Michael & St Bishoy - Mount Druit NSW	WESTERN REGION
St Anthony & St Paul - Guildford NSW	WESTERN REGION
St George & Prince Tadros - Liverpool NSW	WESTERN REGION
St Mary & St Marina - Llandilo NSW	WESTERN REGION
The Apostles & St Abanoub - Blacktown NSW	WESTERN REGION
St Barbara & St Abu Nufer the Hermit - Campbelltown NSW	WESTERN REGION
St John The Baptist & Elijah The Prophet - Dubbo NSW	OUTER SYDNEY REGION

St Mary & Archangel Michael - Coffs Harbour NSW	OUTER SYDNEY REGION
St Mary & Archangel Michael - The Entrance NSW	OUTER SYDNEY REGION
St Mary & Pope Kyrillos VI - Cundletown NSW	OUTER SYDNEY REGION
St Mary & St John the Beloved - Wagga Wagga NSW	OUTER SYDNEY REGION
St Mary & St Karas - Port Macquarie NSW	OUTER SYDNEY REGION
St Moses, St Maximos & St Domadios - Goulburn NSW	OUTER SYDNEY REGION
St Paul & St Peter Berkeley, NSW	OUTER SYDNEY REGION
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However everybody can attend the Holy Liturgy and general meeting on Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 and all youth of the Diocese are invited to their function with HH on Friday September 1<sup>st</sup>, please check with your Church about using the buses that are being arranged to take you to these functions and back.

Details for Events of Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2017

Morning Holy Liturgy

Evening General Meeting

Location

ICC Sydney - Address: 14 Darling Dr, Sydney NSW 2009

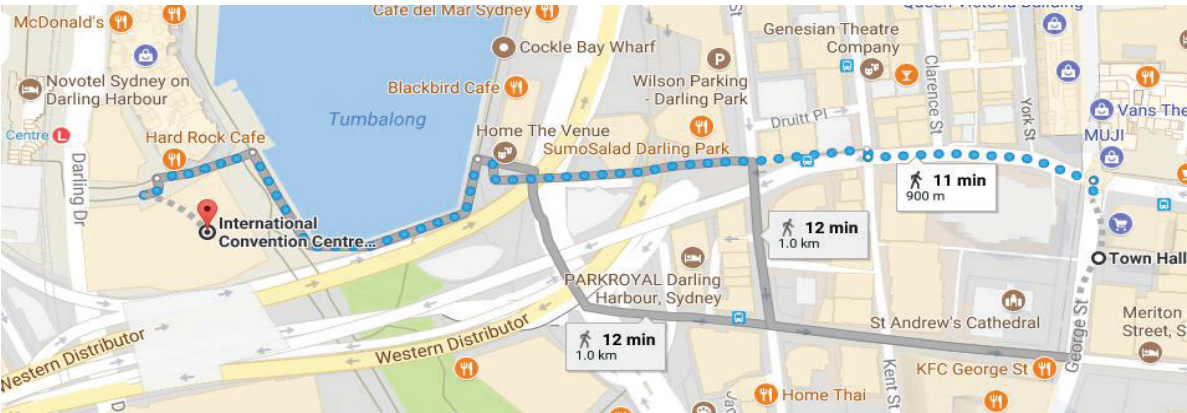
Notes:

- No Food is allowed inside the ICC Sydney Theatre
- Due to heightened security, all bags will be checked upon entry. Please reduce the number of bags to avoid delays
- Please follow instructions from onsite security and scouts
- For security reasons, no live steaming from mobile devices is allowed
- Please consider others while taking videos and photos

Public Transport

**Train:** Town Hall is a 10-minute walk from ICC Sydney.

Trip Planner: <https://transportnsw.info>



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## Parking

### 1- **Darling Square Car Park**

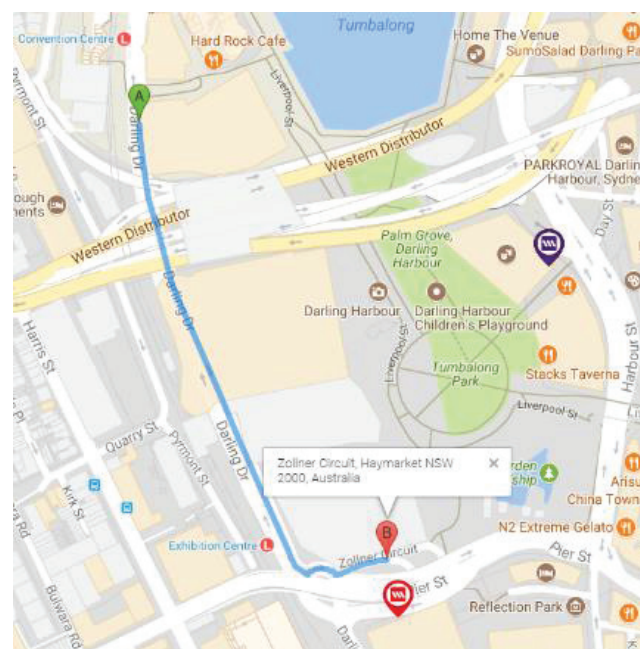
**Address:** Zollner Circuit, Haymarket

10 minute walk to ICC Sydney

**Weekend rate:** \$12 all day flat rat

### 2- **Onsite ICC Sydney Parking**

0 - 1 hour	\$18.00
1 - 2 hour	\$30.00
2 - 3 hour	\$38.00
3 - 4 hour	\$44.00
4+ hours	\$49.00



## Church Organised Buses

**Option 1:** Round trip to morning Holy Liturgy @ ICC & back. \$10pp

**Option 2:** Round trip to evening General meeting @ ICC & back. \$10 pp

**Option 3:** Round trip to Holy Liturgy. Parishioners spend the day in city then attend the evening general meeting @ ICC then back. \$20 pp

*The church representative will be given a spreadsheet required to register names & collect fees upon registration, to secure their seat on the bus.*

### Bus pick up points

Group 1	Anba Abram – pick up point from Macquarie fields St Barbara – Campbelltown
Group 2	Archangel Michael & St Bishoy – pick up point from Mt Druitt St Mary & St Marina – Llandilo
Group 3	St Anthony and St Paul – pick up point from Guildford St George & Prince Tadros – Liverpool
Group 4	Pope Kyrollos & St Habib Girgis – pick up point from Monterey St Mary, st Bakhomios & st Shenouda – Kirawee
Group 5	St Mark – pick up point from Arncliffe St Peter & St Paul's - Wollongong
Group 6	St Mary & St Mina – pick up point from Bexley St Mary & St Joseph – Peakhurst
Group 7	St George – Kensington
Group 8	St Abanoub – pick up point from Blacktown St Mary & St Cosman – Kellyville St Mary and st Sidhom Bishay – Dural
Group 9	St Demiana & St Athanasious – Punchbowl
Group 10	St Mary & St Merkorious – pick up point from Rhodes St Paul & St Reweis – Collaroy

**We pray to the Lord for the success of this Historical Visit under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and our beloved Bishop Daniel and our Reverend fathers.**

***THE PAPAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE***



## EVENTS DURING THE HISTORIC VISIT TO SYDNEY OF HH POPE TAWADROS II, POPE OF ALEXANDRIA & PATRIARCH OF THE SEE OF ST MARK AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER 2017V



	DATE	AM	EVENT	VENUE	PM	EVENT	VENUE
1	Wednesday 30th August 2017	11.30 am	Welcoming HH &Thanksgiving Prayers	St Mary & St Mina Cathedral - Bexley 339 Forest Rd, Bexley NSW 2207	1.30 pm	Laying the Foundation Stone for the New Diocese building at Caringbah	Caringbah 5-7 Meta Street, Caringbah NSW 2229
2	Thursday 31st August 2017	7.30 am  9.30 am	Laying the Foundation Stone and blessing St Mary, St Cozman & St Demian Church- Kellyville  Divine Liturgy	St Mary, St Cozman & St Demian Church- Kellyville 118-120 Arnold Ave Kellyville NSW 2155  St Mary & St Mercuries Abou Sefein Church- Rhodes 2 Cavell Ave, Rhodes NSW 2138	6.00 pm	Event for St Cyril Theological College at Macquarie University	Macquarie University. Sydney NSW 2109
3	Friday 1st September 2017	7.30 am  9.30 am	Blessing the new Project for St Demiana & St Athanasius Church - Punchbowl  Divine Liturgy	St Demiana & St Athanasius Church - Punchbowl 119 Highclere Ave, Punchbowl NSW 2196 St Marys Church- Bexley 339 Forest Road, Bexley NSW 2217	1.00 pm  7.30 pm- 11.00 pm	Prearranged Private Meetings with HH  Youth Meeting at ICC	Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour
4	Saturday 2nd September 2017	10.00 am	General Divine Liturgy at ICC	Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour	5.00 pm	Vespers and General Meeting with the Congregation at ICC	Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour
5	Sunday 3rd September 2017				6.00 pm	HH Welcoming Reception	The Grand Pavilion, Rosehill Racecourse James Ruse Drive, Rosehill NSW 2142
6	Monday 4th September 2017	6.30 am  10.15 am	Divine Liturgy at St Antonious & St Paul Church- Guildford  HH blessing the Students of the Coptic Colleges	St Antonious & St Paul Church- Guildford 29 Bolton St, Guildford NSW 2161  St Marks Coptic Orthodox College- Wattle Grove 52 Australis, Ave, Wattle Grove NSW 2173	2.15 pm  7.00 pm	HH blessing the Project of Pope Shenouda III Youth Centre at Anba Abraam Church- Long Point  Prearranged private meetings with HH	Anba Abraam Church- Long Point 2 Willis Rd, Long Point NSW 2564
7	Tuesday 5th September 2017	7.30 am  9.00 am	Opening of new building of The Apostles & St Abanoub Church- Blacktown  Divine Liturgy	The Apostles & St Abanoub Church- Blacktown 29 Chicago Ave, Blacktown NSW 2148  Archangel Michael & St Bishoy Church- Mount Druitt 53-59 Methven St, Mount Druitt NSW 2770	7.00 pm	Prearranged private meetings with HH	



## St Mary and St Mina's Coptic Orthodox College

Under the guidance of His Grace Bishop Daniel, St Mary and St Mina's Secondary Campus has been recently blessed with the involvement of 5 young priests. I know these Fathers have already injected enthusiasm into the activity of the youth of their parishes, and I am very excited for them to do the same at the college. Already, in the few short weeks since their involvement, there has been a transformation in the attitudes of the students. The fathers all have a clear, unified vision for the Coptic Colleges, and come with a history of incredible success.

I was very impressed by the academic background of these young priests. Fr Elijah, the new chaplain of the college and year 9 co-ordinator, was himself the dux of a Coptic School in his HSC, and then went on to achieve excellent results in Medicine (UNSW) before pursuing GP training. Likewise, Fr Mark excelled rapidly as Strategy Consultant at IBM, and has already started to implement his strategies at the college, with immediate effects. Fr Daniel is currently the dean of the theological college and in the process of completing his PhD, whilst Fr Paul already has his masters and topped his cohort of medicine in his final exams! Fr David was another former student of the Coptic School and since completing his Dentistry Degree has continued as a prominent international advanced dentistry educator.

The Coptic Colleges are unique in that they offer our children the chance to be guided by these wonderful role models who managed to achieve success both academically and socially, whilst still upholding their Christian beliefs and maintaining a strong link to the church.

I am very excited for the future of the college and look forward to witnessing the positive impact that these young fathers will have on the students for many years to come.

The focus of this pamphlet will be on introducing the five new priests allocated to serve at St Mary and St Mina's Coptic Orthodox College (St Mary and St Mina's Secondary Campus). It will also detail the plan for pastoral care for the future.

### Trish Veness

Head of College

St Mary and St Mina's Coptic Orthodox College

## Why Coptic High School Education?

By Father Elijah

The decision of which school a child should be sent to is undoubtedly one of the most important a family will make. Allow me to give my perspective from a somewhat unique position. My thoughts about the Coptic Schools are influenced by my experience there as a student from Year 3 to Year 12, as a child growing up in the church, as a Sunday School servant, and now as a priest.

Every school has its advantages and disadvantages and families naturally weigh these up when deciding what is best for their children. I am glad my parents made the decision to send me to a Coptic School all those years ago. This is for many reasons. First, I was fed foundational Christian principles from a young age. The calling was not to be a "good" student but something much higher; to be a "Christian" student. This was not only taught overtly, but was also in the culture and atmosphere of the school, under the guidance of the priests and God-fearing staff members. Although this is of paramount importance, there are of course other domains to consider.

In terms of academia, I had no lack of competent teachers, resources and driven colleagues to inspire me to improve. When it comes to extracurricular activities, admittedly they were somewhat lacking in my time. I finished high school in 2005, and the schools have come a long way in this regard over the decade since and will continue to improve by the grace of God.

In terms of the social aspect, there is a perception that children who attend the Coptic Schools are "insulated" and not equipped to deal with the broader community. My experience is simply that this is not the case. The school has students and staff from many backgrounds, and of course interacts with the broader community via sports and other extracurricular activities. The success of the school's alumni in fields such as Engineering, Education, Health, Finance, and many others is testament to the ability of its graduates to excel in the wider community.

Moreover, having a core group of friends that I saw both at school and at church on the weekends was a powerful force to keep me in the church during the somewhat turbulent teenage years. This was my personal experience and also my observation as a Sunday school servant. Many of our children may find their desire to attend church services faltering. If there is a strong friendship group that attracts them, this can be a powerful stepping-stone to a deep and intimate relationship with Christ and His church.

The Coptic Schools are a treasure that the Lord has given us. I am grateful for my time there as a student and look forward to serving our children. We ask for your prayers always and look forward to washing the feet of our students and the wider school community.

### Mentor

#### Fr Mark Basily

Email frmark.basily@gmail.com  
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### Position

Year 8 Mentor

### Qualifications

Bachelor of Computing Engineering (UNSW) with Honours  
Masters of Theology (Newcastle)  
Doctorate of Ministry (Pittsburgh Theological Seminary)

### Vision

A School that  
PROVIDES a real Christian Coptic environment  
PROTECTS our students against the currents of a secular society,  
PRODUCES confident students that excel spiritually, academically and socially



### Mentor

#### Fr Daniel Fanous

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Phone 0421 311 750

### Position

Year 7 Mentor

### Qualifications

Bachelor of Software Engineering (UNSW)  
Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (USyd) 1st Class honours  
First in GP examination  
Masters of Theology (with distinction)  
PhD in Theology



### Mentor

#### Fr Elijah Iskander

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### Position

Chaplain of High School Campus  
Year 9 Mentor

### Qualifications

Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (UNSW)  
Completed GP training  
Current student at St Cyril's Theological College



### Mentor

#### Fr Paul Fanous

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Phone 0403 280 583

### Position

Year 10 Mentor

### Qualifications

Bachelor of Science (Majoring in Chemistry, UNSW)  
Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (USyd)  
Completed GP training  
Masters of Theology (UoN)  
Currently completing Doctor of Ministry (Pittsburgh Theological Seminary)



### Mentor

#### Fr David Shehata

Emailfrdavidshahata@gmail.com  
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### Position

Year 11 and 12 Mentor

### Qualifications

Dental Surgeon (Griffith)  
Dux of Periodontology  
Advanced Dentistry Educator  
Currently studying at St Cyril's Theological College



## Pastoral Care at St Mary's

The five priests allocated to serve at St Mary's High School campus will be serving our children in a number of ways:

- During Week A, a whole school mass on Wednesdays from 8:30am
- During Week B, an optional early mass from 6:30am. This mass is open to teachers, students and families.
- A priest will be present every day on campus. Their role will be to assist in the delivery of pastoral care and Coptic Orthodox Studies lessons, conduct lunchtime bible studies and become a familiar approachable face.
- Every class will have a priest allocated as the class mentor/coordinator.
  - \* The role of the class mentor/coordinator is multiple. First, they will develop a personal relationship with each student in their group. The fathers, with their academic backgrounds, will act as academic mentors giving advice on subject selection, study methods, application forms and even specific teaching in areas of their knowledge. The fathers can also give advice about social and spiritual matters.
  - \* The students can also have confession if there is a need. It is important to note however that children continue to confess with the priests at their parishes to ensure that after they finish high school, there is an ongoing relationship with a confession father.
- The fathers would love to hear the feedback of students, teachers, families and all in the wider community about how they can best serve their children.

# THE FEAST OF ST SHENOUDA AND THE CONSECRATION OF FR KARAS



During the joyful Celebration of the 2 Feast days of St Shenouda the Archimandrite and on the feast day of St Karas on Saturday 15/7/2017, we the Bishops; Anba Daniel the Abbot, H G Bishop Anba Danieel Bishop of Sydney and H G

Bishop Anba Biemen of Naqada/ Egypt consecrated a new Monk by the name of Fr Karas. It was a very joyful and blessed day having Congregations from most of our Churches in Sydney and all the blessed family and Relatives of Fr Karas were

gathered around him. May our gracious lord Jesus Christ bless him and all the Fathers and Brothers in the Monastery. I do appreciate the coming and the presence of my very dear Brothers the Bishops, The Priests and the Deacons for sharing with

us these beautiful Occasions. Many thanks for all who worked very diligently in preparing the place, cleaning, organising the cars and cooking the Meals, may our gracious lord bless them all and reward them 100 Folds. Amen.





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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"

**"...Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!..." (Mathew 21:9)**

The board of Directors of St. Mark Nubian Foundation has the pleasure to welcome:-

**HH. Pope**

## **Abba Tawadrous II**

Pope of Alexandria,  
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For his first historic visit to Australia

We plea to God to retain his throne for many years to come, to grant him a peaceful time and a fruitful service for many years to come.

We also kindly ask His Holiness to pray for our service so as God may give us wisdom to serve His needy brethren.

**"Who is this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, This One who is glorious in His apparel..." (Isaiah 63:1)**

**"He has dispersed abroad, he has given to the poor, his righteousness endures forever" (2Corn 9:9)**

**"We can issue with our own Tax deductible Receipt"**

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رقد علي رجاء القيامة يوم ٢٠١٧/٨/١٤

## السيد عصام عريان

زوج السيدة ابتسام عريان و والد كل من شرين ماتيرا وزوجها ريمون اولادهم مارايا و لوك و ميريام ساوان و زوجها مايكل و أخوا كل من الأب الموقر ابونا باخوميوس عريان و الدكتور وفيق نخله بامريكا و عم كل من بيشوي و مارينا عريان و انجيلا و ديميانه نخله.

اخ عزيز لكل من عائلات رزق الله و الغيطاني و نسيب كل من عائلات ماتيرا و ساوان و تلقت العائلة الكريمة العزاء يوم الثلاثاء ٢٠١٧/٨/١٥ في كنيسة مار مرقس بارنكلف و تلاها صلاه الجنازة علي روحه الطاهره يوم الخميس ٢٠١٧/٨/١٧.  
نطلب من الروح القدس ان يعطي نياحا لروحه الطاهره و يعطي العزاء الاسره و الأصدقاء.  
قد جاهدت الجهاد الحسن ، أكملت السعي ، حفظت الأيمان  
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On the hope of the Resurrection, the beloved and great man

## Essam Eryan

departed from this world into the heavenly glory on Monday 14 August 2017.

He is the beloved husband of Ebtisam Eryan and the father of Sherine Metira and Miriam Sawan; father-in-law of Remon Metira and Michael Sawan; grandfather of Mariah and Luke Metira; beloved and dear brother of Father Bakhomious and Dr Wafik Nakhla in America and uncle to Bishoy and Marina Erian, Peter, Angela and Demiana Nakhla.

He is also the dear brother of the Rizkalla and El-Ghitany family.

Condolences were accepted by the family and a celebration of his memory was held on Tuesday 15 August 2017 at Saint Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church in Arncliffe, followed by the Funeral prayers on Thursday 17 August 2017.

We pray for the abundant comfort and joy of the Holy Spirit to be poured out on all the family members and friends, and that his memory be ever eternal!

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7

Essam Eryan  
1952 - 2017  
64 Years

Glory be to God for all things!

In the abounding love of Christ

# HOLY TRADITION: DIVINE, APOSTOLIC, AND PATRIARCHAL

by His Holiness Moran Mor Ignatius Zakka Iwas

As tradition is more ancient than the written Gospel, whoever receives the teachings of the Holy Gospel shall, no doubt, receive the divine and apostolic traditions spontaneously. No one can receive the Gospel, yet reject tradition so long as the Gospel is considered as part of tradition. Both the Gospel and tradition form one entity and neither one can be dispensed with as each one completes the other.

There are many texts in the Holy Gospel indicating that the Holy Apostles did not record in the Gospel every saying of the Lord Jesus nor every deed done by Him. A conspicuous evidence of authenticity of this is what the Apostle John said at the conclusion of his Gospel: "This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true" (John 21:24). He also said: "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:30).

Many other verses uttered by Jesus and many other deeds done by Him, but never mentioned in the recorded Gospel, have become part of the divine tradition, such as what the Lord had revealed to his disciples for forty days after His Resurrection and until His Ascension into Heaven as shown in the Book of Acts: "To whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3). The Book of Acts, however, makes no mention of anything about these matters, and had none of these teachings recorded in it. We are quite certain, however, that these teachings were orally conveyed to the believers who memorized, circulated and passed them on generation after generation.

Apostolic Tradition

Some apostles and disciples penned the Holy Gospel and some others wrote epistles which were joined to the New Testament. Those books, however, did not include all what they had preached to the world and all that had been said or done by the Lord Jesus throughout his divine economy in the flesh. Some other apostles and disciples never recorded anything, but these were never preached verbally. Some of them wrote books, but we never had these books included in the New Testament. Yet, we did have some of their teachings conveyed to us through tradition. We have received from early Church Fathers the laws attributed to the apostles and the rules they established for the structure of the Church. We did also receive the valuable doctrines they had verbally handed over to the Church, but never recorded in the New Testament. Nevertheless, these teachings have been practiced by the Church ever since the dawn of its existence, such as the observance of Sunday instead of the Hebrew Sabbath, the baptism of children and other verbal teachings. The Apostle John said in one of his epistles: "Having many things to write to you, I did not wish to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full" (2 John 12 & 13, 14).

This teaching which has been handed down by word of mouth by the Apostles to the Church is the verbal apostolic tradition which could be an explanation of truths of the faith, an elucidation of the good doctrines, an interpretation of the teachings of the Lord or an arrangement of one of the worship rituals and the like.

Having been inspired by the Holy Spirit to complete whatever might be needed for the organization of the Holy Church in accordance with the requirements of time, such as the establishment of the office of deacons in the Church, the election and appointment of the seven deacons to care for the Church (Acts 6:1-8), the convocation of Synods, such

as the Synod of Jerusalem (AD 51), and taking decisions they considered to be inspired by the Holy Spirit, the apostles and disciples wrote: "For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us" (Acts 15:28). Moreover, the working of the Holy Spirit is apparent, especially at the election of bishops and sending them away to minister, as quoted in the Acts of the Apostle: "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said: 'Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away" (Acts 13:2).

The Holy Spirit's role in the organization of the Church was not surprising to the apostles for the Lord had formerly told them about it saying: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth has come, He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:12-13). So this guidance to all truth encompassed not only what had been written down in the Holy Scripture but the teaching and arrangement as well which the disciples had become capable of understanding and bearing after the descent of the Holy Spirit upon them. All this conforms with the teaching of the Scripture, yet has never been recorded in it. It was passed on verbally by the Fathers; and the Apostle Paul commands his disciple Timothy in this regard, saying: "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit these to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2). And he says to the Thessalonians: "Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word, or our epistle" (2 Thessalonians 2:15). And in relation to the Apostle Paul's explanation of the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist to the Corinthians, he elucidates the fact that the apostolic tradition is based on the divine tradition by saying: "For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on

the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, 'Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you' (1 Corinthians 11:23). And the Apostle Paul concludes by saying: "And the rest I will set in order when I come" (1 Corinthians 11:34).

Patriarchal Tradition

With such words, the Apostle Paul defers explanation of some organizational or liturgical matters until going to meet them. These matters which he conveyed face to face, and which the Church circulated and passed through tradition generation after generation, have been kept intact by the Holy Spirit up to the present date and have been practiced by the Universal Church in different languages and in the contexts of different local civilizations.

Patriarchal tradition is also based on apostolic tradition in relation to liturgical regulations and canon laws. And both traditions are based on Divine tradition in terms of admitting the authenticity of the Holy Scripture and truths of faith.

Ever since the dawn of Christianity, tradition has always occupied a sublime position in Christian apostolic Churches. In the chronicle of Eusebius of Caesarea<sup>3</sup>, the following was written about the Martyr

Saint Ignatius the Illuminator (+ 107), the disciple of the Apostle John and Bishop of Antioch: "History reports that he was sent from Syria to Rome, and became a prey to the beasts because of his testimony to Christ. And throughout his trip in the middle of Asia, he was kept under strict military guard. He used to empower churches in different cities wherever he stayed through homilies and advice, encouraging believers to stick to the traditions of the apostles. Moreover he found it necessary that these traditions be supported by written proofs and by giving these traditions a fixed form for guaranteeing their intactness."