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THE ENTRY OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM

NEW PAGE IN HISTORY SAUDI CROWN PRINCE VISITS HIS HOLINESS POPE TAWADROS II



His Holiness Pope Tawadros II will meet at the Papal Residence at the Cathedral of St. Mark in Abbasiyya shortly after His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin

Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



The visit of the Saudi crown prince to the cathedral is part of his current visit to Egypt, which began on Tuesday and is scheduled to last three days, his

first foreign visits since taking office in June last year.



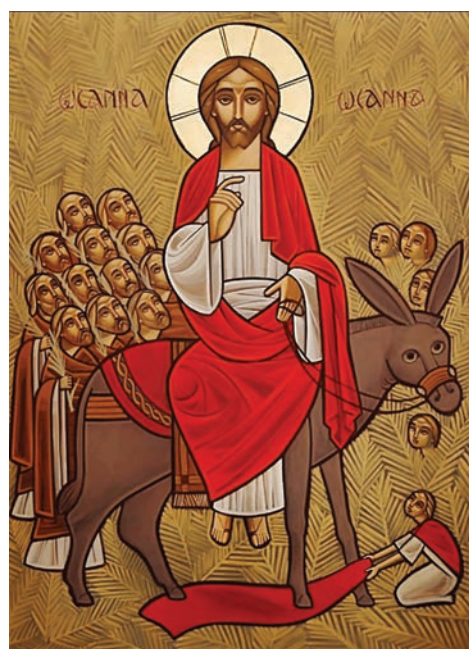
PALM SUNDAY

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 12:12-19.

God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb!” (7:9-10).

In the vision of the Revelation which St John saw, we see that the multitude held palm branches, just like the multitude that came to meet Jesus that day.

But why palms? The palm tree has always been considered a sign of victory and triumph. (For example, in ancient Rome, if there was a person who conquered many times, they would refer to him as ‘a man of many palms’).



In the same way, our Lord Jesus Christ through His coming death, will conquer all the powers of the enemy, and therefore it was appropriate that the people surround Him with the palm branches of victory.

In addition, the carrying of palm branches was a sign of rejoicing, and in the books of Leviticus (23:40) and Nehemiah (8:15), we are told that palms were used during the Feast of Tabernacles, which was one of the most important annual Jewish feasts.

The fact that the crowd used palm branches as an expression of joy in welcoming the Lord, symbolises that all the feasts had their fulfilment and accomplishment in the event which took place in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

The Multitude greet the Lord

In the Revelation, the multitude cried out saying, “Salvation to our God”, and these words are an expression of what the crowd in Jerusalem said: “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The King of Israel!” So the words that the people used on the day when Jesus entered Jerusalem, shows that they were well aware of the scriptures, and how rightly they applied it to the Messiah.

The words of greeting which they said to the Lord are significant for many reasons:

1. They greeted Him as the “King of Israel”, and one “who comes in the name of the Lord”, and this means that:

- They acknowledged our Lord to be the King of Israel. Even though He went about in poverty, and even though the scribes rejected Him, the crowd still recognised Him to be a king. So as a King who has dignity and honour, we must adore Him; and as a King who has dominion and power, we must submit to Him.
- The people recognised Him to be the rightful king who was sent and who comes in the name of the Lord, not as a prophet, but as a King.
- The people recognised Him as being the promised and long expected king. He is the Messiah and King of Israel.

2. In crying ‘Hosanna’ they prayed for 3 things:

- 1st that His kingdom might come
- 2nd that His kingdom might conquer and be victorious over all opposition, as mentioned in Revelation: “... and He went out conquering and to conquer” (6:2)
- 3rd that His kingdom will continue forever.

In the same way that these people gave a great welcome to

the Lord, we should also warmly welcome our beloved Lord into our hearts, through praising Him and pleasing Him.

The Lord’s entrance:

Although our beloved Lord is the King of kings, and was recognised by the people as a King, He came on a simple colt. He came in humility to show that His kingdom is not of this world, and therefore the exterior appearance of greatness was not necessary. We see the Lord here in a humble state, but in His exalted state, St John sees Him in the Revelation riding on a white horse, with a bow and a crown (Rev 6:2).

Regarding the disciples:

At the time, the disciples did not understand why Jesus was doing all this. The disciples did not understand that when they went to get the colt, they were preparing for the ceremony to appoint Zion’s king. But then, when Jesus was glorified, and the Spirit was poured out, they remembered that these things were written of Him in the Old Testament.

We are told that when the Lord was glorified, the disciples, “remembered that these things were written of Him” by the prophets. These few words reveal 2 important points:

- that there is a beautiful harmony between the word and the works of God
- if we remember what is written, then it will help us to understand what is written.

We pray the LORD to make us live through, and reflect on His sufferings during the coming Holy Week and bless us all with sharing in the joys of HIS Resurrection.

Glory be to the Lord forever, Amen.

Bishop Daniel

Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Sydney & Affiliated Regions

My beloved, the flock of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Diocese of Sydney.

Today, being Palm Sunday, is the 7th Sunday in our journey towards our destination which is Easter, “The feast of feasts”. And the gospel reading of today tells us about the glorious entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

We are told that when the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they were all very excited, and they were keen to give Him a good welcome. What this means for us is that, we too, when we hear news of our Lord and His kingdom approaching, should awaken ourselves to prepare for such a glorious meeting. We must prepare as Israel prepared for her God, as mentioned in Amos : “Prepare to meet your God O Israel!” (4:12), and also prepare, like the wise virgins who went out to meet their bridegroom.

But we are told as well: that the people, “took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: ‘Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The King of Israel!’”

Let us consider the way in which they welcomed and met the Lord:

This great crowd or multitude, in some way reminds us of the glorious multitude which St John saw in the Revelation. He writes: “And behold, a great multitude...standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our



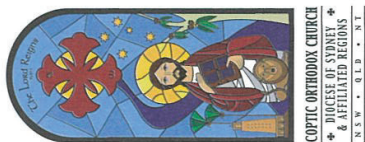
HG BISHOP DANIEL'S PROGRAMME DURING THE PASSION WEEK APRIL 2018



Day	AM	Service	PM	Service
Friday 30/03/2018	8:00AM – 1:00PM	Last Friday St. Mary & St. Marina Church – Llandilo		
Saturday 31/03/2018		QLD		
Sunday 01/04/2018		QLD	6:00PM – 9:00PM	Pascha St. George Church – Kensington NSW
Monday 02/04/2018	9:00AM –12:00PM	Pascha St. Mary & St. Mina Cathedral - Bexley	6:00PM – 9:00PM	Pascha Anba Abraam & Fr Mikhail El Behery Church - Peakhurs
Tuesday 03/04/2018	7:00 AM -9:00AM 9:30AM – 12:00PM	Pascha St. Mary & St. Cozman & St. Demian Church – Kellyville St. Mary & St. Sidhom Bishay Church – Dural	6:00PM – 9:00PM	Pascha St. Mary, St. Bakhomios & St. Shenouda Church – Kirrawee
Wednesday 04/04/2018	9:00AM – 12PM	Pascha St. George & Prince Tadros Church - Liverpool	6:00PM – 7:30PM 8:00PM – 9:30PM	Pascha St. Karas the Hermit Church - Theresa Park St. Barbara & Abu Nofer the Hermit Church – Campbelltown
Thursday 05/04/2018	9:00AM – 1:30PM	Thursday Last Supper St. Antonious & St. Paul Church Guildford	6:00PM -8:00PM	Pascha Archangel Michael & St. Bishoy Church – Mount Druitt
Friday 06/04/2018	8:00AM – 12:30AM 1:00AM – 6:00PM	Good Friday St. Mark – Church – Arncliffe St. Mary & St. Mercurius Church - Rhodes	11:00PM – 4:00AM Saturday early Morning	Abou Khalamsis The Apostles & St. Abanoub Church – Blacktown
Saturday 07/04/2018	5:00AM – 7:00AM	The Saturday of Light St Demiana & St Athansius Church - Punchbowl	6:00PM – 12:00AM	Holy Mass Feast of the Resurrection Anba Abraam Church –Long Point
Sunday 08/04/2018	11:00AM – 1:00PM	Congratulations for Officials & Congregation for the Feast of Resurrection St. Mary & St. Mina Cathedral – Bexley		
Monday 09/04/2018	8:30 AM – 10:30AM	Holy Mass for the Youth Klyiopas of Emmaus Pope Cyril VI & Archdeacon Habib Guirgis Church –Monterey		

To all the Reverend Fathers the Priests of the Diocese of Sydney,

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Dear Rev Fathers,

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all Amen.

Kindly be advised that the Diocese of Sydney & Affiliated Regions will conduct a General Meeting for all the Sub-Deacons of the Diocese in the month of April, followed by a spiritual day/conference in the month of September in order to discuss, enhance and support the subdeacons service and responsibilities, as well as the hymnology service at churches.

- The **General Meeting** will be on **Saturday, 21st April 2018 from 6.30pm to 9.30pm**. It starts with a Vesper prayer, followed by a spiritual talk then a general meeting.
- The **Spiritual Day/Conference** will be on **Saturday, 22nd September 2018 from 8.30am to 1.30pm**. It starts with a Holy Liturgy, followed by an "Aghapi Breakfast", spiritual talk then a general meeting/Workshop.

Both days will be conducted at **St George and Prince Tadros Church, Liverpool** and Deacon Markos (Hani Ibrahim) and Sub-Deacons Mina Ibrahim & Mina Hanna have been given the responsibility to prepare the two events.

Please give every support and assistance to the above named deacons to ensure the success of both events. Also, ensure all sub-deacons in your churches are informed about both events. Your encouragements to your deacons to participate is much appreciated.

May the Lord protect and guard you with His Almighty care.



Bishop Daniel

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ROLLS UPDATE PROCEDURE

Today (04/03/2018) starts the first stage of the elections which is to update the list of people eligible to vote in the 2018 Board of Deacons elections, this stage continues for 3 weeks from today after which we will have 3 weeks for Easter break and continue the other stages from Sunday 15/04/2018.

PROCEDURE FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- 1) Church representatives will be sitting outside the entrances of the Church with the rolls and update forms with clear signs indicating that this is for the Church Board of deacons Elections 2018.
- 2) Every person who is 18 years of age or over will be asked if his name is on the rolls and the representative will tick the name in the roll, if not on the roll the member will be asked to fill in a Church membership form to add that member to the elections rolls.

We urge all members of the congregation to take part in this important function to elect the suitable people who will serve the Church for the coming 3 years.

John Nakhla
President of Elections Sub Committee 2018



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We would like to advise that the elections will be carried out at all Churches in accordance with the schedule below.
Further information about every stage will be published in due course.

ELECTIONS 2018 SCHEDULE

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|------------------------|---|
| 11/02, 18/02 & 25/2/18 | Appointing reps at Churches |
| 04/03, 11/03 & 18/3/18 | Updating Databases at Churches |
| 25/03/18 To 08/04/18 | Easter Break |
| 15/04/18 & 22/04/18 | Nominations |
| 29/04/18 | Publishing names & receiving objections |
| 6/05/18 | Receiving Objections |
| 13/05/18 | Announcement of names for elections |
| 20/05/18 | Elections |
| 27/05/18 | Announcement of Board of Deacons for every Church |

Any changes to the above schedule will be published in the Diocese newspapers.

All the congregation are invited to participate in this important function to select the Deacons who will be serving as members of your Church Board for the coming 3 years.

John Nakhla
President

Board of Deacons Elections Central Committee (2018)

ST PAUL'S MISSION HOSTS A REMARKABLE EASTER DINNER FOR SYDNEY'S HOMELESS

By Andrew Hanna

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



Thanks to the grace of God, for nearly two decades, St Paul's Mission has been serving the homeless of Sydney, spreading the Love of Christ. Every Wednesday night, St Paul's Mission services the homeless across different areas of Sydney's CBD; providing hot meals, drinks, clothes and more importantly providing our brothers and sisters with someone to simply have a chat with!

On Wednesday the 28th of March 2018, however, St Paul's Mission did not go and serve in the CBD,

but rather it brought busloads of our brothers and Sisters in Christ to St Pope Kyrillos VI and St Habib Girgis Church Monterey to host for them a remarkable Easter dinner!

The Easter Dinner had plenty to offer our beloved guests, which included:

An amazing banquet of food, cold and hot drinks, dessert, and Easter eggs!

Uplifting singing performance by some of the talented youth; who performed a lovely assortment

of Christian Hymns

A very generous free clothes display which was set up on the Church grounds, which the guests had access to throughout the whole night

A Easter video presentation

A wonderful talk given by Fr Yousef Fanous about the significance of Easter

A nicely prepared Easter gift bag; filled with a handful of useful gifts to remind them of this wonderful event.

We would like to thank Fr Yousef Fanous and all the St

Paul's Mission servants who attended - you helped make this Easter Dinner a wonderful and successful night! We strongly encourage the youth of Sydney to attend St Paul's Mission, we meet at 7:00pm every Wednesday night at St Pope Kyrillos VI and St Habib Girgis Church Monterey, 119 Barton St Monterey. Thank you to each and every one who helped.

Happy Easter!!

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THE POSITION OF THE RESURRECTION IN OUR LIVES

by Fr. Matthew the Poor

Christ rose from the dead in the body in which He was born, crucified, and died. Thus when He went to heaven following the resurrection, His disciples were troubled because they thought He was a spirit, as did the Emmaus disciples: "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened" (Lk 24:19-21).

"On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were frightened, and supposed that He was a ghost. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." And while they still did not believe because of joy and amazement, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" (Jn 20:19; Lk 24:36-41)

It would have been possible here for Christ to open their eyes and reveal Himself, for them to recognize Him and believe in Him at the same time. But Christ's desire was for them to become eyewitnesses. They were able to deliver the message with the assurance of what they had seen with their eyes, so that we could accept the account given in the Word and consequently believe that which they had seen and verified.

The Apostles' belief in Christ was not just based on sight and touch, they were also given two other factors that raised their faith to the level of revelation and fellowship in the Divine truth:



The first factor is a higher level than believing through sight and touch. Christ: "opened their minds to understand the scriptures" (Lk 24:45), which means to know their truth. Of course this was built on the foundation of believing through seeing.

The Second factor elevated them to an even higher degree than the opening of their minds. They received the Holy Spirit through the breath of Jesus mouth, and again through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Their faith reached the level of Divine truth in this way, and they became partners in it. This great gift was of course founded on their first belief, which came as a result of seeing with their physical eyes.

When the disciples handed Faith in Christ down to us, they did it at three levels: the level of sight and touch, then at the level of mind opening and the revelation of Divine truth in the living Word, and then at the level of the Holy Spirit who gives us fellowship in the Divine Truth. This is the

spiritual fellowship described by St John in his First Epistle: "Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ" (1 Jn 1:4).

Christ gave to them at all three levels, not only to be living in them, but that they might also pass it on to us as they had received it themselves, with the same power, and freely without cost: "While we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8).

St John the Apostle writes:

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life, the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us, that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete" (1 Jn 1:1-4).

Today is the day of the resurrection. I tell you that this fellowship to which St John calls us, with the apostles, the Father, and His Son Jesus Christ, that completes our joy, is the very same fellowship experienced by the apostles on the day that the resurrected Lord was revealed to them, and they "did not believe it because of joy and amazement" (Lk 24:36-41). This is the same resurrection, and is the same as that which St Peter calls our new

birth:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you" (1 Pet 1:3-4).

St Peter also offers us a transfer from the re-birth through the resurrection on the personal level to a re-birth. This takes place through the Word, "God's living word," because he considered it autonomous, alive with the power of eternal life, able to give life to whoever lives by it: "You have been born anew, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God" (1 Pet 1:23).

It is amazing that St Peter and St John both considered the living word to be "the seed of God". It was the seed of eternal life if it inhabited the heart, due to its ability to offer eternal life. It offers the resurrection, in its divine nature that does not sin and cannot sin: "No one born of God commits sin; for God's nature abides in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God" (1 Jn 3:9).

For that reason he who is born of God lives in the resurrection in that he has overcome sin and death. Paul the Apostle therefore says to those who sin after having received the life of the resurrection: "We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin" (Rom 6:6). "Let no sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions" (Rom 6:12).

It is as if the man who obeys sin is trying to make sin once more take a hold of his body that was crucified with Christ.

Contented next week



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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"

(Luke 36:6)

"A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his affairs with discretion" (Psalm 112:5)

As we are getting closer to the Holy Passion Week, Crucifixion and commemoration of His Resurrection; we kindly urge you to remember our orphaned children who live in outskirts of Khartoum and are looked after by our church over there. It is the perfect time now, whereby in Lent our church always reminds us about the deed of mercy and to remember and help our needy brethren in both the Sudan as well as South Sudan and have mercy on them.

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HOW TO BENEFIT SPIRITUALLY IN THE HOLY PASCHA WEEK

1. Our Behavior Inside and Outside of Church

It is very noticeable that many people during Pascha Week are one thing inside church and completely different outside. In side church, black curtains, somber hymns, solemn readings, and concentrating on the suffering of Christ. Outside of church, we often laugh, joke around, socialize, think and talk about many worldly issues. We lose all the spiritual depth that we gained inside church. Let us concentrate our thoughts, conversations, and meditations around the events of this holy week and the Passion of our Savior.

2. Retreat

During our regular fasting days, we put the words of the bible before us, "Consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly." (Joel 1:14). How much more then should we apply this commandment during Holy Week? This week should be characterized by solitude and retreat with God, by staying away from idle discussions and various means of entertainment of pleasure. Reserve your time to God and to spiritual activities worthy of this week.

In the first hour of the Monday of the Holy Pascha, we read St. Shenouda's homily, which warns us: "Brethren if we want to escape God's punishment and find mercy in His eyes, let us sit every evening alone by ourselves and search our souls..."

3. Follow the Steps of Christ

Meditate on the events of the week one by one: from Palm Sunday, when Christ refused His worldly kingdom and the Jews gave up their hope in Him, until they crucified and buried Him. On Palm Sunday, ask yourself, "Is Christ King and Lord over everything in my life? Do I, like Christ, turn down worldly glory for spiritual and eternal glory? During the General Funeral Service, do I consider myself attending my own funeral?" And when the church denounces

Judas' traitorous kiss on the eve of the Wednesday of Pascha Week, ask yourself in prayer, "How often, O Lord have I betrayed You? How many times have I told You words of love in prayers, while my actions show the opposite and my heart is far away from You?"

4. Share in the Fellowship of His Suffering



Saint Paul said, "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His suffering, being conformed to His death." (Philippians 3:10) Can we give ourselves an exercise this week to share in the fellowship of His suffering and be conformed to His death? Can we follow Him in His suffering and ascend with Him to the Cross? Can we say with St. Paul, "With Christ I have been crucified; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." ? (Galatians 2:20).

Therefore, in order for Christ to live in us, we have to carry our cross and follow Him. If you have a cross in your life, do not complaint about it. Instead, rejoice in it and bear it for Christ's sake. "for to you has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him but to suffer for His sake." (Philippians 1:29).

5. Asceticism

Whoever puts the suffering of Christ before him will not take any pleasure in eating and drinking or pampering the

body. But in order to succeed in pursuing asceticism, we must satisfy our souls with spiritual food so that it may thrive and overcome physical hunger. It was customary for the Church to fast until at least the 9th hour on normal fasting days and until sunset during the Holy Week of Pascha.

St. Athanasius even declared that this period of Holy Week should be received with "longer

meditating, resting.

8. Prayer

Since the prayers of the Agpeya are not used during Holy Week, we are to substitute personal prayers in their place, in addition to the intensive prayers of the church, asking the Lord who bore the sins of the world and died for us, to forgive and have mercy upon us according to His great mercy.

9. Confession and Communion

During this week, each person must sit with himself and remember his sins and put them on Christ's shoulders and tell Him in shame, "Carry O Lord my sins too, with the sins of the rest of humanity. Take my sins and nail them to the Cross with You, so that Your Blood may wipe them away!"

Look carefully at your sins and know that they are the cause of His crucifixion. Many people cry out of their sorrow for Christ's suffering while they crucify Him every day with their sins. We should not feel sorry for Christ during this week, but should be sorry for our sins that caused Him these pains. As Jesus told the women that were crying over Him, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not cry for Me, but cry for yourselves and your children." (Luke 23:28).

Before the Cross, we all stand as sinners, all under the condemnation. "no one is righteous, not even one." (Psalm 14:3). We confess our sins and prepare ourselves for communion. There are three liturgies during Holy Week: on Passover Thursday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday (Preceded, of course, by the Liturgy of Palm Sunday).

10. Spiritual Storage

Pascha Week is not an opportunity to benefit for a week only, but a time to store up spiritual nourishment enough to last the whole year, particularly needed during the 50 days after the Resurrection when there is no fasting.

prayers, fasts, and vigils so that we may be able to anoint our lintels with precious blood and escape the destroyer." And again, the blessed saint says, "Let us thus engage in the holy fasts, as having been prescribed by Him, and by means of which we find the way to God."

6. Spiritual Readings

Spiritual readings are also food for the soul. The church has organized for us a treasure of appropriate readings for every day of the Holy Week, comprised of Gospel readings, Old Testament prophecies that correspond to the events of each day, spiritual explanations and sermons of the Church Fathers. On Bright Saturday (Apocalypse night) the church reads the entire Book of Revelation.

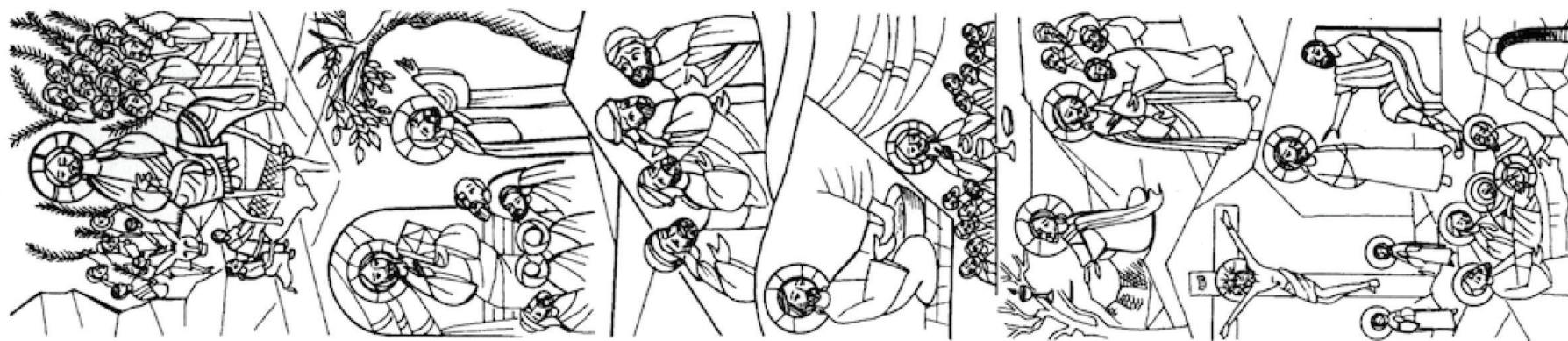
7. Hymns

The hymns of the Pascha Week are moving and full of spiritual depth. Hymns, like reading, preserve the thought from wandering and guide it in spiritual direction. We should continue to recite the hymns while walking,

ST POPE KYRILLOS VI & ST HABIB GIRGIS THE ARCHDEACON
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HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE 2018

	Friday	30 th March 2018	7:00am to 7:40am 7:45am to 9:00am 9:00am to 11:30am	Matins General Unction of the Sick Holy Liturgy
Lazarus Saturday	Saturday	31 st March 2018	6:30am to 7:00am 7:00am to 9:00am 6:30pm to 9:30pm	Matins Holy Liturgy Vesper & Midnight Praises
Palm Sunday	Sunday	1 st April 2018	7:00am to 8:30am 8:30am to 11:30am 11:30pm to 12:30pm 5:30pm to 9:30pm	Matins + Procession of the Cross Holy Liturgy General Funeral Evening Pascha Prayers
	Monday	2 nd April 2018	9:00am to 12:00noon 6:00pm to 9:00pm	Morning Pascha Prayers Evening Pascha Prayers
	Tuesday	3 rd April 2018	5:30am to 7:30am 10:00am to 12:00noon 6:00pm to 9:00pm	1 st & 3 rd Hours of Morning Pascha 6 th , 9 th & 11 th Hour of Morning Pascha Evening Pascha
	Wednesday	4 th April 2018	5:30am to 7:30am 10:00am to 12:00noon 6:00pm to 9:00pm	1 st & 3 rd Hours of Morning Pascha 6 th , 9 th & 11 th Hour of Morning Pascha Evening Pascha Prayers
Covenant Thursday	Thursday	5 th April 2018	7:30am to 8:45am 8:45am to 10:00am 10:00am to 11:00am 11:00am to 12:00noon 5:30pm to 9:00pm	Matins Morning Pascha Prayers Washing of the Feet (Lakaan) Holy Liturgy Evening Pascha Prayers
Good Friday	Friday	6 th April 2018	7:30am to 4:30pm 10:00pm to 5:00am	Pascha Prayers Apocalypse & Holy Liturgy
	Saturday	7 th April 2018	5:30pm to 7:30pm 7:30pm to 10:30pm	Matins Resurrection Liturgy
The Glorious Feast of the Resurrection	Sunday	8 th April 2018	Ekhristos Anestee Christ is Risen	
	Monday	9 th April 2018	5:00am to 7:00am	Holy Liturgy
			Aleethos Anestee Indeed He is Risen	





PROGRAMME FOR THE VISIT OF HIS GRACE BISHOP BESADABISHOP OF AKHMIM SATURDAY 14TH. APRIL – MONDAY 7TH. MAY 2018



Day	AM	Service	PM	Service
Saturday 14/4/2018			5:20PM	Arrival of HG Bishop Besada to Sydney Flight No. QF8416
Sunday 15/4/2018	8:30AM	Holy Mass Archangel Michael & St. Bishoy Church – Mount Druitt		
Wednesday 18/4/2018	8:30AM	Holy Mass The Apostles & St. Abanoub Church - Blacktown		
Thursday 19/4/2018	8:30AM	Holy Mass St. Mary & St. Mina Cathedral - Bexley		
Saturday 21/4/2018	8:30AM	Holy Mass Anba Abraam Church – Long Point	7:00PM	Vespers St. Mary & St. Marina Church - Llandilo
Sunday 22/4/2018	8:30AM	Holy Mass St. Mark Church - Arncliffe		
Tuesday 24/4/2018	8:30AM	Holy Mass Priests' Conference		St. Shenouda the Archimandrite Monastery - Putty
Wednesday 25/4/2018		Holy Mass St. Shenouda the Archimandrite Monastery - Putty		
Thursday 26/4/2018	8:30AM	Holy Mass Pope Cyril VI & Archdeacon Habib Guirgis Church - Monterey		Travel to QLD
Monday 30/4/2018			7:00PM	Vespers St. George & Prince Tadros Church - Liverpool
Tuesday 1/5/2018	9:00AM	Holy Mass St. George Church - Kensington		
Wednesday 2/5/2018	8:30AM	Holy Mass St. Antonious & St. Paul Church – Guildford		
Friday 4/5/2018	8:30AM	Holy Mass St. Demiana & St. Athanasius Church - Punchbowl		
Saturday 5/5/2018	8:30AM	Holy Mass St. Mary, St. Bakhomios & St. Shenouda Church - Kirrawee		
Sunday 6/5/2018	8:30AM	Holy Mass St. Mary & St. Mercurius Church - Rhodes		
Monday 7/5/2018			7:20PM	Travel to Cairo Flight QF8419



St. George & Prince Theodore - Passion Week & the Feast of the Holy Resurrection 2018 Program

(Arabic/English Services)

Date	Morning Service	Time	Evening Service	Time
Fri. (30/03/2018)	Unction of the Sick + Holy Liturgy	1 st Liturgy: 07:00 -12:00pm (Combined Service Arab.& Eng.)*	Youth Meeting	8:00 - 11:00pm
Sat. (31/03/2018)	Lazarus Sat. Holy Liturgy	6:00 - 08:30am (Combined Service Arab.& Eng.)*	Vespers (Palm Sunday)	6:00 - 08:30pm (Combined Service Arab.& Eng.)*
Sun. (01/04/2018)	Palm Sunday (Holy Liturgy + General Funeral)	A) 8:00am - 01:00pm E) 8:00am - 12:30pm	Pascha Service (Mon. Eve)	A)5:30 - 09:00pm E)5:30 - 09:00pm
Mon. (02/04/2018)	Pascha Service	1 st Service: 06:00- 07:00am 2 nd Service: 9:00 - 11:00am (Combined Service Arab.& Eng.)*	Pascha Service (Tues. Eve)	A)6:00 - 09:00pm E)6:00 - 09:00pm
Tues. (03/04/2018)	Pascha Service	1 st Service: 06:00- 07:00am 2 nd Service: 9:00 - 11:00am (Combined Service Arab.& Eng.)*	Pascha Service (Wed. Eve)	A)6:00 - 09:00pm E)6:00 - 09:00pm
Wed . (04/04/2018)	Pascha Service	1 st Service: 06:00- 07:00am 2 nd Service: 9:00 - 11:00am (Combined Service Arab.& Eng.)*	Pascha Service (Thurs. Eve)	A)6:00 - 09:00pm E)6:00 - 09:00pm
Thurs (05/04/2018)	Covenant Thurs. (Lakhan Prayers + Holy Liturgy)	(Raising Incense- Combined Service Arab.& Eng.)* 07:00 - 10:30am (Lakhan Prayers – Combined Service Arab.& Eng.)* 10:30 – 12:00pm (Liturgy) 12:00pm - 01:30pm (Combined Service Arab.& Eng.)*	Pascha Service (Fri. Eve)	A)5:30 - 09:30pm E)5:30 - 09:00pm
Fri. (06/04/2018)	Good Friday	A)8:00am - 05:30pm E)8:00am - 05:30pm	Apocalypse (The Book of Revelations)	12:00am – 5:00am (Saturday Morning)
Sat. (07/04/2018)	Holy Liturgy (Bright Sat.)	5:00 - 07:00am (Combined Service Arab.& Eng.)*	Holy Liturgy (Glorious Feast of the Resurrection)	6:00 – 11:30pm
Christ is Risen Truly Indeed He is Risen				

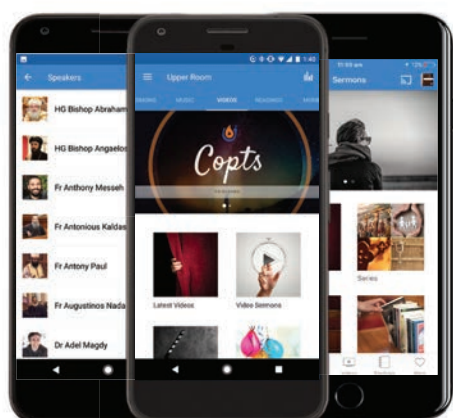
(Combined Service Arab. & Eng.)* - Arab. & Eng. services to be combined in Main Church | A) Arabic Service | E) English Service



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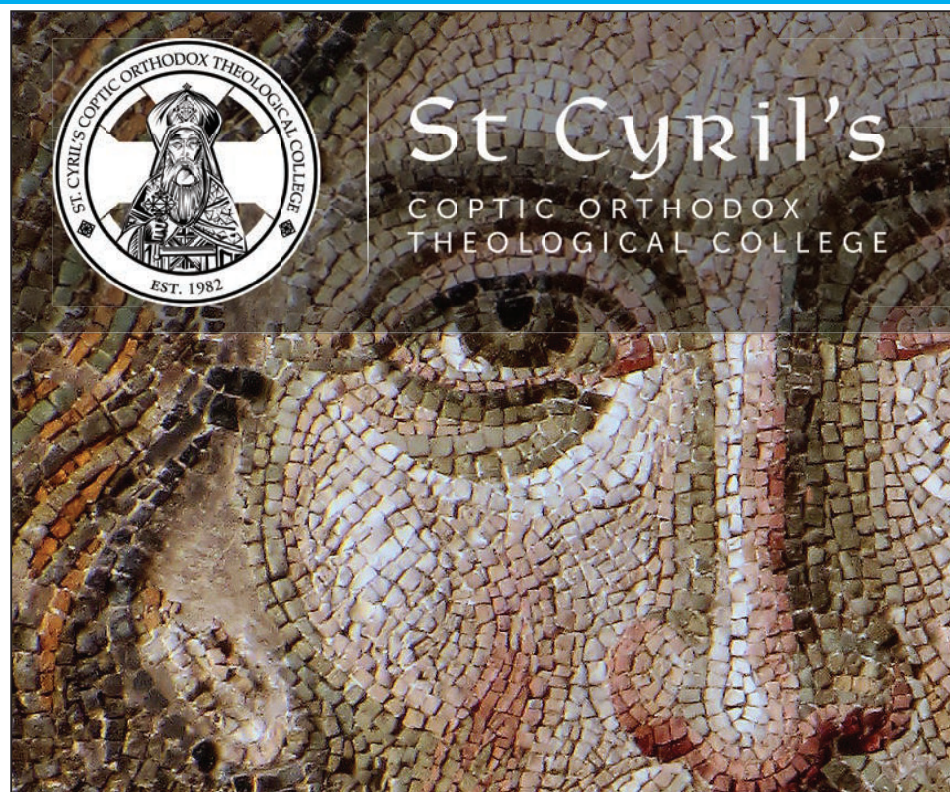
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