



ST. MARK'S FESTIVAL



2014



STARS



*You shall be
witnesses To Me*

His Holiness Pope Tawadros II



**118th Pope of Alexandria and
Patriarch of the See of Saint Mark**

INTRODUCTION

The Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States joyfully presents the **St. Mark's Festival STARS Edition**. This blessed addition to the world-wide "Mahragan El-Keraza" program is specific to the Coptic community of children, youth, and adults with special needs. The STARS Edition is comprised of three levels so that each individual may personally benefit from the most appropriate educational level of knowledge, skills, and abilities.

All individuals in our Coptic community have the opportunity to learn and be included and engaged in the full enjoyment of this annual festival throughout the world. On-going training and support for stewards and instructors are available throughout the year.

May the Lord bless all His children and
keep them in His tender care.

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God's Witness

God has called me to be His witness,
Showing love, peace and forgiveness,
In peril, famine or death,
By God's grace my heart is fearless

My Church leads me in God's way,
With live examples every day,
Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses,
Let's lift up our hearts to pray

O Lord, help me to testify,
Your Holy Name to glorify,
If you find in me a weakness,
My heart is Yours to purify



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What is a Witness?

Word Bank

Jesus

witness

love

disciple

friend

nice

obey

saint (St.)



How Can I Witness for Christ?



I can pray.

I can go to church.

I can take Holy Communion.

I can go to Sunday school.

I can be nice.

I can obey my parents.

I can share my things.

I can say good things.

I can say please and thank you.



“For you will be His **witness**” Acts 22:15





A Witness for Christ

Saint Mary

St. Mary is the best person in the world. She is the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. She took care of Jesus when He was a baby. She was always with Him. When He was happy, she was happy. When He was sad, she was sad.

She loved Him very much. She is in Heaven with Him now. She always prays for us because she loves us.



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St. Mary and Baby Jesus

Be a Witness in Your Family

Saint Joseph

St. Joseph was a righteous (good) old man who took care of St. Mary. He was a carpenter; he used to build things out of wood. He took very good care of our Lord Jesus Christ. He taught Jesus to also be a carpenter. An angel appeared to him and gave him messages. St. Joseph and St. Mary traveled a lot together when Jesus was a baby. They went to Egypt and lived in many places there. Then they came back to their home country.



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St. Joseph and the Child Jesus

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The Holy Family

A Witness of the Church

St. Pope Kyrillos the 6th

Pope Kyrillos the 6th was the 116th Pope of the Church of Alexandria. He was known as "the man of prayer."



He was a good friend of **St. Mina the Wonder Worker.**

He prayed the Divine Liturgy every day. He performed many miracles and everybody loved him very much.



He made a special place for the body of St. Mark the Evangelist in his cathedral. Pope Tawadros the 2nd is the pope now.

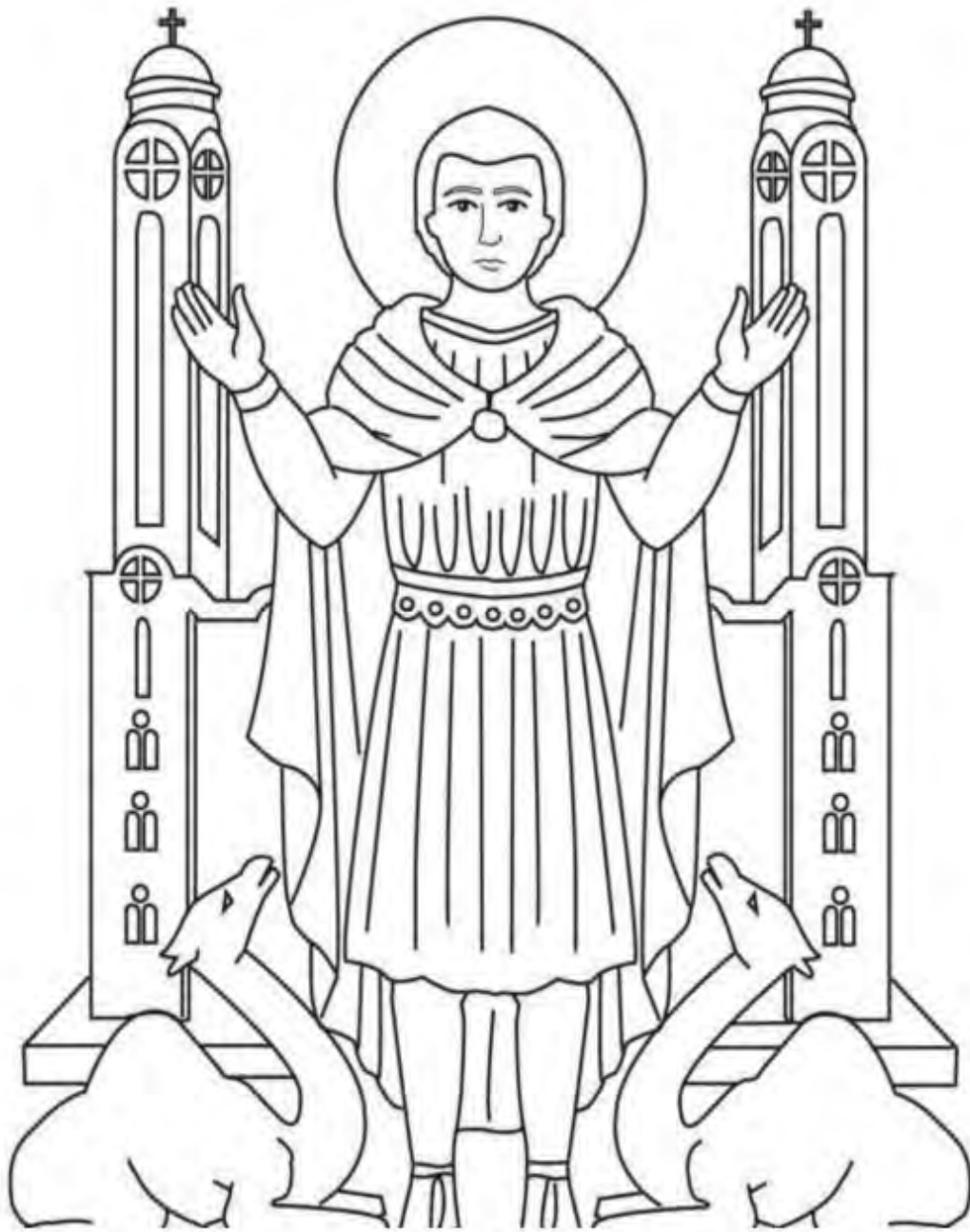


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Saint Pope Kyrillos the 6th

Saint Mina



St. Pope Kyrillos the 6th chose St. Mina to be his friend in Heaven. Who is your friend in Heaven?

"Saint _____ is my friend in Heaven."

I Know the Faith of My Church



Our Coptic Orthodox Church has **7 Holy Sacraments**
Baptism



Confirmation



Repentance
and
Confession



Eucharist (Communion)



Unction of
the Sick



Matrimony



Priesthood

Be a Witness in my Community

St. John the Short

St. John the Short was a monk. He was known as Youannis Pi Kolobos, because he was little in size. He was very **obedient**. He listened carefully to what his teacher, Abba Pemouah told him to do. When Abba Pemouah told him to take a stick and go far in the desert and water it every day, he obeyed. By the third year, that same stick became a great tree. St. Pemouah told the other monks:



"Take, and eat of the fruit of obedience."

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St. John the short

Be a Witness in my Society

Bishop Abraam of Fayoum



Bishop Abraam was a very, very good man. At first, he was a monk, he wore a hooded black robe with crosses on his head. He was very kind. God saw something special about him and he was chosen to be a **bishop**.

A bishop is the leader of the priests (abouna) in the church. We call him "Sayedna" or "Your Grace".

He loved everyone. He used to give all his money to the poor. Everyone called Bishop Abraam,

"the friend of the poor."



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“The friend of the poor”



Bishop Abraam of Fayoum

Memorization

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Level 1



Let us give thanks to the
beneficent and merciful
God, the Father of our
Lord, God, and
Savior Jesus Christ.



Hymns



Amen. Amen. Amen.
Your death, O Lord,
we proclaim;
Your holy Resurrection
and Ascension
into the heavens,
we confess.
We praise You,
we bless You,
we thank You, O Lord,
and we entreat You,
O our God.



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What is a Witness?

Word Bank

St. (saint)

Monk

Cousin

Relatives

Confessor

Myron Oil

Anoint

Obey

Humble



How Can I Witness for Christ?



I can say the truth.

I can obey my parents.

I can do my homework.

I can tell people about my church.

I can share.

I can clean up after myself.

I can pray in the morning, at night, when I play,
study and work, and before I eat.

I can take communion every week.



“For you will be His **witness**” Acts 22:15





A Witness for Christ

St. John the Baptist

St. John the Baptist baptized our Lord Jesus Christ. He was the cousin of Jesus. St. John was very well-known to the people. He used to always say the truth. Some people did not like that and tried to make him stop. He baptized many people and told them to repent and stop doing the bad things that they were doing. He was preparing the way for our Lord Jesus Christ. St. John was very **humble** and gave all the glory to Jesus because he loved Him. He was very caring and wanted all the people to want to go to heaven.



Activity:

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE



1. First cross out all the words that are the DAYS of the WEEK.
2. Second cross out all the words that are COLORS.
3. Third cross out all the words that are names of ANIMALS.
4. Fourth cross out all the words that are NUMBERS.
5. Write the rest of the words on the line below.

SUNDAY	BROWN	SEVEN	LET	PIG	WHITE	SIXTEEN
THREE	YOUR	TURTLE	GOLD	EIGHT	LIGHT	SO
SHINE	HORSE	FOUR	RED	BEFORE	TUESDAY	ORANGE
PURPLE	MEN	WEDNESDAY	ALLIGATOR	FIVE	THAT	FIFTY
RACCOON	THEY	FROG	BLUE	MAY	MONDAY	TWO
THIRTEEN	GREEN	SEE	THURSDAY	NINETEEN	SNAKE	YOUR
SATURDAY	GOOD	SQUIRREL	WORKS	SUNDAY	TIGER	AND
GLORIFY	YOUR	PINK	TUESDAY	YELLOW	FATHER	BLACK
BEAR	IN	FRIDAY	HEAVEN	GIRAFFE	FIVE	WEDNESDAY

“ _____ ”



Matthew 5:16



Be a Witness in Your Family

St. Elizabeth

St. Elizabeth is the cousin of St. Mary. A cousin is someone whose parents are brothers or sisters. St. Elizabeth was married to St. Zachariah. He was a priest. In our church, we call the priest, "Abouna" or "Father". St. Elizabeth is the mother of St. John the Baptist. Before he was born, he bowed to our Lord Jesus Christ while they were still in the mothers' stomachs. **She was a very good person.**



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St. Mary and St. Elizabeth

A Witness of the Church

St. Samuel the Confessor

A *Confessor* is someone who stands up for the church and defends it. Sometimes people that do not like the church might be very mean to this brave person. They might hurt him or put him in prison, this doesn't bother the confessor because he or she **loves Jesus Christ** more than anyone else. **Confessors say the truth about God.** That is what happened with St. Samuel the Confessor.



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St. Samuel the Confessor



I Know the Faith of My Church

Our Coptic Orthodox Church has **7 Holy Sacraments**



Baptism

I was baptized in holy water by a Coptic priest (Abouna).



Confirmation

Abouna anoints me 36 times with a special oil called Myron Oil.



Repentance and Confession

When I do something wrong, **first** I pray and say sorry to God **then** I tell Abouna and he prays for me.



Eucharist (Communion)

I take communion, which is the Body and Blood of Jesus.



Unction of the Sick

When someone is not feeling well, Abouna prays a special prayer and anoints the person with a special oil.



Matrimony

When a man and a woman get married in the church.



Priesthood

Only Abouna can do all these sacraments (mysteries).

Be a Witness in my Community

St. Nicholas of Mora

St. Nicholas was a very kind bishop, many people believe he is the real Santa Claus. He did not ride in a sled, he did not have reindeer, and he did not come down the chimney to bring toys. He was a special bishop; When he heard about a man that wanted his oldest daughter to get married but did not have any money to pay for her wedding, St. Nicholas came at night with a bag of money and threw it in the man's window. The man was very happy and got his first

The same thing happened with the second and the third daughter. St. Nicholas wanted to make sure that these girls have a good marriage and live in a way that makes God happy.



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St. Nicholas

Be a Witness in my Society

St. Verena

St. Verena was a very special lady. She was a nurse and took care of people when they were sick. Her cousin Victor was a soldier in an army called the Theban Legion. The leader of this army was Maurice. They were asked to help fight a war in Europe. Their relatives who were doctors or pharmacists or nurses could go with them to help care for them. The country that they went to was Switzerland. They won the war and helped save the people by God's help and grace. The leaders in Switzerland still did not believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. They tried to make all the soldiers thank these statues for winning the war. St. Maurice and St. Victor and all the Theban Legion refused and were martyred. St. Verena did not return back to Egypt. She still stayed in Switzerland and continued to take care of the people's health needs and to teach them about Jesus Christ. Many people became Christian because of St. Verena.



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St. Verena

Memorization

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Level 2



Let us give thanks to the
beneficent and merciful
God, the Father of our
Lord, God, and
Savior Jesus Christ.

For He has covered us, helped us,
guarded us, accepted us to Himself,
spared us, supported us, and has
brought us to this hour.



Hymns



May their holy blessings
be with us. Amen
Glory to You, O Lord,
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Lord, bless us.
Lord, repose them.
Amen.



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What is a Witness?

Word Bank

Faith

Prostration

Lord Have Mercy

Tanner

Repent

Confess

Monk

Deacon

Monastery



How Can I Witness for Christ?



I can repent and confess to Abouna when
I do something wrong.

I can share my things with others who
do not have things.

I can have faith in Jesus Christ.

I can go to Sunday school every week.

I can help others.

I can help at church.

I can pray for other people.



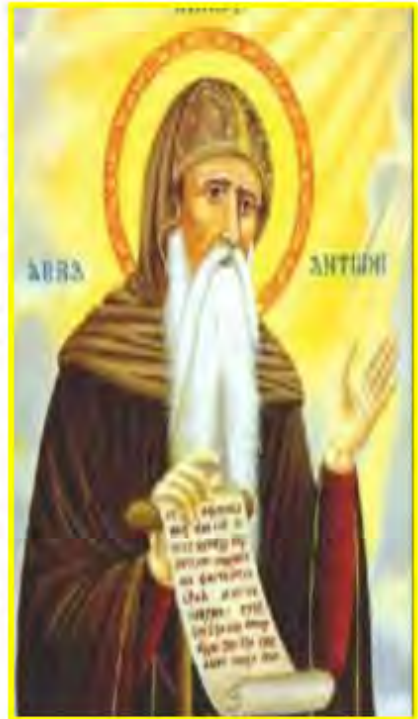
“For you will be His **witness**” Acts 22:15



A Witness for Christ

St. Anthony the Great

St. Anthony was the first monk. A monk is someone who does not get married and lives his life for God only. A monk lives in a room called a cell. Everything he has, he shares with the other monks. He is loving and caring.



St. Anthony lived in the desert by the Red Sea. His cell was high up in the mountains. When many people heard about him, other men wanted to become his disciples and be monks also.



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St. Anthony the Great

Activity

Let His Light Shine



Are you a true witness for our Lord Jesus Christ?
The things you do and say help others know Christ better.
Sometimes things in this world hide His light.

Directions: Read the word on each light bulb. If the word names something that lets the light of our Lord Jesus Christ shine, color the bulb to turn it on. If the word names something that hides God's light, turn it off with an X. Fill the empty light bulbs with other ways people can see the light of our Lord Jesus Christ shine in your life.



“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Be a Witness in Your Family

St. Monica

St. Monica was a very good woman. She was a wife and a mother. One of her children, Augustine, did not believe in Jesus. He used to not care about praying and going to church. He did many bad things in his life. His mother used to **pray** and cry all the time so that he would **repent and confess his sins**.

She went to Bishop Ambrose in Milan, Italy. He told her that because of her many tears, God will not leave him to be lost. After a while, Augustine understood that he made many mistakes.

He **repented and confessed his sins**. He became a bishop and a great saint. He wrote many books about how his life changed because of our **Lord Jesus Christ**.



ST. MONICA AND ST. AUGUSTINE

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St. Monica and St. Augustine

A Witness of the Church

St. Simon the Tanner

St. Simon was a tanner. A tanner is someone who fixes shoes. There was a man who was a ruler in Egypt. He did not like the Christians. One of the people who worked for him also did not like Christians. This man told the ruler that the Christians say in their Bible that if they have faith, they can move a mountain. So, he asked this ruler to make the Christians move the mountain, or else they would be attacked. So, the pope told the people to fast and pray. St. Simon went with the pope and the people and started to **pray and bow down as they prayed**.

This is called **prostrations**. Every time, they did this, the mountain would rise, move, and settle back down, until it reached a different location. The people were saved and we learned an important lesson about having **faith**.



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Saint Simon the Tanner



I Know the Faith of My Church

Our Coptic Orthodox Church has **7 Holy Sacraments**

A Sacrament is a Mystery; the Holy Spirit (we cannot see), makes something we can see holy through the special prayers by Abouna in a mysterious way.



Baptism This is when the priest holds the person carefully and puts him or her gently in the water and says. "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Confirmation After Baptism,

the priest anoints the newly baptized person with holy oil 36 times. This special oil is called the **Myron Oil**.



Repentance and Confession

Repentance is when you pray and say you are sorry to God and try not to do this wrong thing again. Then you **Confess**, this is when you sit with the priest and tell him all the wrong things you did. The priest (Abouna) prays for the person confessing their sins and gives them absolution. **Absolution** means that all those sins are forgiven.



Eucharist (Communion)

This is the Holy Body and the Holy Blood of Jesus Christ. This is also called Communion because we unite with our Lord Jesus.





Unction of the Sick

This is when the priest (Abouna) prays a special prayer for someone who is ill so that God may heal the person.



Matrimony

This is a wedding ceremony where one man marries one woman. They love each other and take care of each other forever. They say nice words to each other. They share everything, and they love God together.



Priesthood

There is a special prayer called "ordination". This is when the bishop or the pope prays this special prayer and the man becomes a priest. A priest can do all the sacraments (Mysteries).

Be a Witness in my Community

St. Shenouda the Archimandrite

St. Shenouda was a very **faithful** man. He was the leader of many monks. The monks live in a place called a **monastery**. All the monks lived in cells and would pray alone and come together to pray also. When some bad people attacked people in the community, St. Shenouda allowed the people who lost their homes to live in the monastery. The monks let them use their cells and they lived away, but would take care of the peoples' needs. When the bad people left the village, the people were able to return home and live in peace.



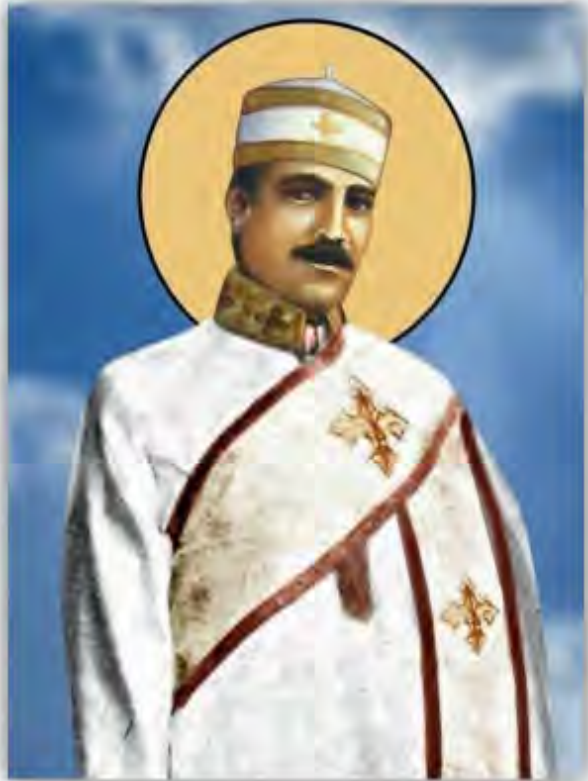
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St. Shenouda the Archimandrite

Be a Witness in my Society

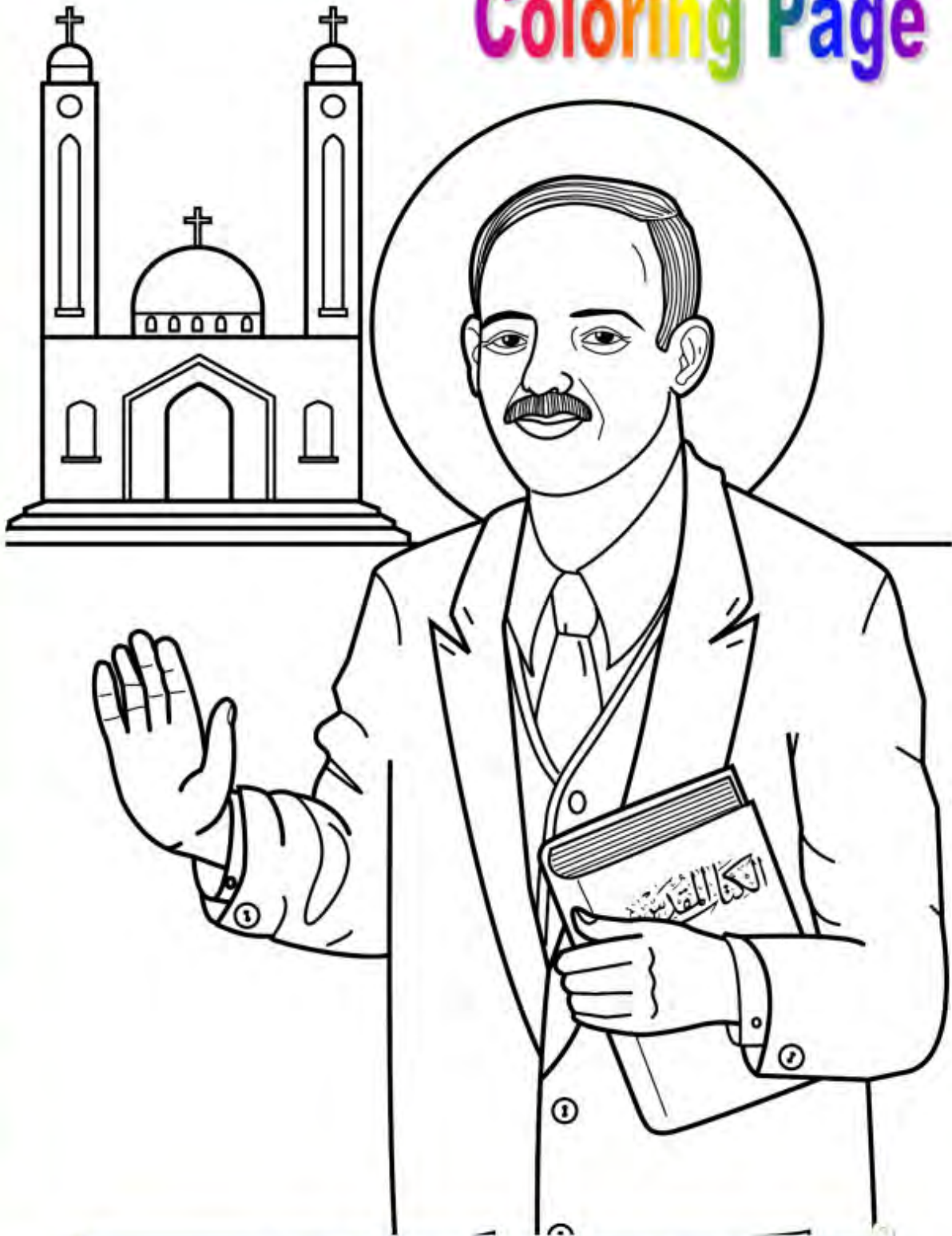
St. Archdeacon Habib Guirguis



Archdeacon Habib Guirguis was the person who started **Sunday school**. He was a deacon in the church and **loved the church** very much. This was many years ago.

Today, many children and adults have learned about the church because of the wonderful man who is now a saint in the church. **Sunday school is very important** and we should be happy whenever we go.

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Archdeacon Habib Guirguis

Memorization

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the
beneficent and merciful
God, the Father of our
Lord, God, and
Savior Jesus Christ.

For He has covered us, helped us,
guarded us, accepted us to Himself,
spared us, supported us, and has
brought us to this hour.

Let us also ask Him to guard us in all
peace this holy day and all the days of
our life, the Pantocrator,
the Lord our God.

Hymns



1. Standard Liturgy Gospel Response

The Gospel Response is the hymn chanted after the reading of the Gospel.

This is the standard response to the Gospel during the Holy Liturgy.

ΩΟΥΝΙΑΤΟΥ ΔΕΝ
ΟΥΜΕΘΗΝΙ:
ΝΗΘΟΥΑΒ ΉΤΕΠΑΙ ΕΞΟΥΤ
:ΠΙΟΥΑΙ ΠΙΟΥΑΙ ΚΑΤΑ
ΠΕΥΡΑΝ: ΝΙΜΕΝΡΑΪ ΉΤΕ
ΠΙΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ

Blessed are they in
truth, the saints of this
day, each one
according to his name,
the beloved of Christ.

Χε εΐμαρωϋτ ΉΧΕ
ΦΙΩΤ ΝΕΜ ΠΩΗΡΙ: ΝΕΜ
ΠΙΠΝΕΥΜΑ ΕΘΟΥΑΒ:
†ΤΡΙΑΣΕΤΧΗΚ ΕΒΟΛ:
ΤΕΝΟΥΩΥΤ ΪΜΟC
ΤΕΝΪΩΟΥΝΑC.

Blessed be the Father
and the Son and the
Holy Spirit, the perfect
Trinity. We worship
Him, and glorify Him.

2. The Hymn of the Censer - Ψωγρη

The hymn Ψωγρη is chanted after the Absolution of the Servants on fasting weekdays except during Jonah's Fast and the Great Lent.

During the Great Lent it is chanted on weekends only.

Ψωγρη ἡνοῦβ τε
†παρθενος:
πεσαρωματα πε
πενσωτηρ: ασισι ἕμοσ
αψω† ἕμων: οτος
αψχα νεννοβι νανεβολ.

The golden censer is the Virgin, her aroma is our Savior. She gave birth to Him; He saved us and forgave us our sins.



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