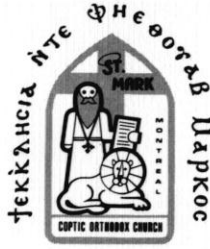


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The Message of His Holiness Pope Shenouda III Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of Saint Mark On the occasion of the Glorious Feast of Resurrection

My beloved children in the lands of immigration, clergy and laity

Peace and grace to you from the Lord. My greetings to you on the Glorious Feast of Resurrection. The Resurrection of the Lord offers to us beneficial lessons that we will not forget. The first lesson is that there is no impossible, and everything is possible with God.

The second lesson is that the Lord Christ, in His Resurrection, was always working for our sake. Firstly, He removed the feelings of fear and doubt that troubled the disciples. He comforted them and planted in them the power of faith. Then He granted them the grace of the priesthood. And He said to these disciples: **“As the Father has sent Me, I also send you”** (Luke 20: 21) He breathed on them, and said to them, **“Receive the Holy Spirit if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained”** (Luke 20: 21-22). Likewise He pledged to the disciples mission work and teaching and said to them: **“Preach the gospel to every creature”** (Mark 16 : 15) He also said: **“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them....teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you....”** (Matthew 28: 19 -20) He also stayed with them for forty days **“speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God”** (Acts 1: 3). During this period, He delivered to them what we received through apostolic tradition; the most important of this is what pertains to the sacraments and order of the Church.

In His Resurrection and appearance to them, He changed them from fear to being bold, so they were able to say to the Jewish leaders at that time: **“We ought to obey God rather than men”** (Acts 5 : 29) He explained to them all that related to Him in the Mosaic law, the Prophets and the Psalms.

After He left them and ascended to heaven, He sent them the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire that rested upon them, so they were able to preach in His name amongst all the nations. After this, He also granted them many gifts from the Holy Spirit which helped them in the work of mission and pastoral care. He did not suffice with this, but said to them: **“lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age...”** (Matthew 28: 20). After a period of time from His ascension, He appeared to Saul of Tarsus who was persecuting the church and He was able to change him to an apostle – one of the greatest apostles who **“labored more abundantly than they all...”** (I Corinthians 15: 10) and the Lord Christ who worked with His disciples after the Resurrection is still working until now in His Church.

This is through His grace and the work of His Holy Spirit. Did He not say: **“My Father has been working until now, and I have been working”** (John 5: 17) we thank Him for all that He has done with us; for He is the One who encourages us by saying: **“for where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them”** (Matthew 18: 20). From all this, we see in the Resurrection and work of the Lord an encouragement to us to work; and He works with us.

How beautiful is the saying about the disciples of Christ, at the end of the Gospel of Saint Mark: **“and they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs”** (Mark 16: 20). In conclusion, every blessing from the Lord to you all and be absolved from His Holy Spirit.

Pope Shenouda III

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Service schedule

جدول مواعيد الخدمة

+ Meeting of Saint John the beloved	Tue	11	AM	+ إجتماع أسرة ماريوحنا الحبيب
+ The Holy Liturgy	Wed	5½ - 7½	AM	+ القداس الإلهي
+ Saint Mark Feast vespers	Thu	7½	PM	+ عشية مارمرقس
+ The Holy Liturgy	Fri	8 - 10	AM	+ القداس الإلهي
+ Confessions	Fri	7½ - 10	PM	+ إعترافات
+ Youth Meeting	Fri	8 - 9½	PM	+ إجتماع الشباب
+ Coptic hymns class (KG - Grade 6)	Sat	1 - 3	PM	+ درس ألحان و قبطي (grade 6 - KG)
+ Sons of Light Club (age 10 - 16)	Sat	2 - 7	PM	+ نادي أبناء النور (سن 10 - 16 سنة)
+ Angels Club	Sat	3 - 7½	PM	+ نادي الملائكة
+ Vespers prayer, sermon and praises	Sat	7½	PM	+ عشية ، العظة، التسبحة
+ The Holy Liturgy	Sun	8½ - 11	AM	+ القداس الإلهي
+ Sunday School	Sun	11½ - 12½	AM	+ مدارس الأحد
+ Meeting of the Eritrean brethren	Sun	12½ - 1½	PM	+ إجتماع الأخوة الإرتريين
+ Service meeting	Sun	1 - 2	PM	+ إجتماع الخدمة
+ Coptic hymns class (grades 7 - 11)	Sun	1 - 3	PM	+ درس ألحان و قبطي (grade 7 - 11)
+ Coptic hymns class (cegep and +)	Sun	2 - 4	PM	+ درس ألحان و قبطي (cegep & +)

أخبار الكنيسة

١. تحتفل الكنيسة بعيد شفيبعها العظيم القديس مارمرقس الرسول في عشية العيد مساء الخميس القادم الساعة والنصف مساءً وفي القداس صباح الجمعة من ٨ - ١٠ صباحاً.
٢. عشية السبت القادم: الأسقف إيريناوس في كتابه عن تربية أولادنا.
٣. يبدأ تسجيل مؤتمر Juniors اليوم للفصول ٤ - ٧ لدى خدام المرحلة وميعاده من ٣ - ٥ يوليو القادم.
٤. تقيم الكنيسة معسكر صيفي لأطفال المرحلة الابتدائية ابتداءً من الأسبوع الأخير من يونيو وحتى نهاية أغسطس للإستعلام والحجز رجاء الإتصال بنيفين أسعد (514)583-6243.
٥. الثلاثاء القادم إجتماع أسرة ماريوحنا الحبيب الساعة ١١ صباحاً.

CHURCH NEWS

1. The Church will celebrate the feast of her intercessor Saint Mark during the vespers prayers next Thursday at 7 :30 p.m. and during the Holy Liturgy on Friday from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
2. Next Saturday vespers sermon will be about the book of bishop Irenaius about raising our children.
3. Registration for Juniors Convention start today (grades 4 to 7) with the grades servants and the Convention will be from 3 till 5 July.
4. The church is organizing a summer camp for the children of the primary stage starting the last week of June till the end of august, for information and reservation please contact Nevine Assaad (514)583-6243.
5. The meeting of Saint John the beloved will be next Tuesday at 11 a.m.