



St. Mary's News

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St. Mary's News is a monthly electronic newsletter aimed at increasing the Congregation's awareness of church events, services, achievements, and announcements.

Coptic Synaxarion

During the month of March, the church celebrates:

Commemoration	Coptic	Date
The Martyrdom of St. Timothy and St. Matthias.	Amshir 24	3-Mar
The Martyrdom of St. Archippus, Philemon and Lycia the Virgin.	Amshir 25	4-Mar
The Departure of St. Hosea, the Prophet.	Amshir 26	5-Mar
The Martyrdom of St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna.	Amshir 29	8-Mar
The Appearance of the Head of St. John the Baptist.	Amshir 30	9-Mar
Abba Kyrillos the Sixth, the 116th Pope of Alexandria.	Amshir 30	9-Mar
The Departure of St. Hadid the priest.	Baramhat	12-Mar
The Martyrdom of St. Dioscorus.	Baramhat	15-Mar
The Martyrdom of St. Matthias, the apostle.	Baramhat	17-Mar
The Martyrdom of St. Arianus, the Governor of Ansenia.	Baramhat	17-Mar
The revealing of the virginity of St. Demetrius the 12th Pope of Alexandr	Baramhat	21-Mar
The Martyrdom of the Forty Martyrs of Sebastia.	Baramhat	22-Mar
The Martyrdom of the St. Eugenius, Agathodorus and Elpidius.	Baramhat	23-Mar
The Martyrdom of St. Sedhom Bishay in Domiat.	Baramhat	26-Mar
Raising of Lazarus from the dead.	Baramhat	29-Mar
Commemoration of the visit of Our Lord Christ to Bethany	Baramhat	30-Mar
The Departure of St. Michael, Bishop of Naqadah.	Baramhat	31-Mar

Arabic Youth meeting

Person of Contact: Salwa Sawris

Weekly Meeting

Title	Date
The chastity and warriors of the body (The cross in my life)	March 6 th
The Cross in the lives of the saints (Pope Shenouda- Pope Kyrillos - Father Bishoy Kamel)	March 13 th
How the meditation life become a way of your life	March 20 th
The Cross is the way of the Resurrection	March 27 th

Social Announcement

Person of Contact: Dina Makari

- ❖ Congratulations to Mirna Boutros and George Moussa for their wedding.
- ❖ Congratulations to Marina Youssef and Magdy Khalil for their engagement.
- ❖ Congratulations for the Holy baptism for Sarah, the daughter of Amgad Aziz and Manal.
- ❖ Celebration for mother's day on Saturday 3/21/15 at 12noon to 5pm. All are invited, please reserve the date.

General Announcements

Person of Contact: Fr. Arsanios Hanna

Rev. Father Arsanios Hanna, on behalf of Saint Mary Coptic Orthodox Church Board and the Deacons Committee, congratulates the congregation wishing everyone a blessed fast and announces the service schedule for the Holy Great Lent and the Holy Pascha week at Saint Mary Coptic Orthodox Church. A copy of the schedule is enclosed at the end of this newsletter and available on the church website.

Rev. Father Takla Azmy will lead the holy liturgy at Saint Mary's Church on alternate weeks on (Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays) and weekly on Sundays according to Fr. Takla's request due to his commitment to maintain weekly (Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays) liturgies at Saint Mark Coptic Orthodox Church

In response to action from the last church board meeting (12/27/2014) referencing His Holiness Pope Tawadros's approval to have an election for a new church board council. Fr. Arsanios and the church administration are asking everyone's cooperation to update the church membership records in preparation for electing a new church board council.

ELECTIONS TIMELINE

- ❖ February 22nd 2015 – Start of election announcement; updating church membership
- ❖ March 22nd 2015 – Final List Voters
- ❖ March 29th 2015 – Start of nominations & endorsement for the Church Board Council
- ❖ April 5th 2015 – Publish initial List of candidates
- ❖ April 19th 2015 – Publish final List of candidates
- ❖ Church Leadership is notified of readiness for an Elections Day

St. Pachomius Family

Person of Contact: Danial Zaki

Scouting group:

- ❖ The scouting group administered the process of keeping the Church Order/Organization and calmness during the Nativity.



- ❖ The scouting group had the Scouting Camp day at the Vineyard, Kids learnt many skills like:
 - ❖ Pitching and taking down tents
 - ❖ Determining Wind direction
 - ❖ Setting up and taking down Camp fires
- ❖ Presentations skills methods and skills





Choir Groups:

Sunday Choirs are restarting again to target a performance on The Last Friday of the great lent. If you want to participate in this service, please contact me directly at danyillo@outlook.com

Arket (Wood Crafts) Activity:

A new Activity for Sunday School kids is starting!
Goal of this activity:

- ❖ Teach kids designing and implementing wooden models
- ❖ Implement wooden models for objects needed for illustrations in Sunday school (like Noah’s ark, arc of covenant, crossing the red sea, boats, etc)
- ❖ Teach kids how to research the bible and come up with designs for the bible descriptions

Target Audience: Middle and High school kids
Date: Every Saturday from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at St Mary’s church. Starting: Saturday February 21st

If you have the skills and would like to share in this activity please contact me directly at danyillo@outlook.com



St. Beshoy family

Person of Contact: Ebtihag Siha

The Family of St. Peshoy celebrated the fifth anniversary of the Parents’ Meeting on February 1st 2015. We are so blessed to have a meeting where we learn about the psychology of various age and how to deal with our children and teenagers as they face a lot of temptations in our society. We also learn about some common mistakes and try to avoid them in the future. We meet on the first Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm and the third Sunday at 1:30 pm. We are meeting at St. Ebram Hall. We received some positive comments regarding our new location. Please come join us, bring your wife and your friends so we can all learn together and raise our kids as children of God.

It is important that both parents attend as our theme is: “As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24



Celebrating the 5th Anniversary for the parents’ meeting

Holy Great Lent Fast Service Schedule							
Occasion	Liturgy (s)	Day	Date	From	To	Priest	
Week 1 Pre-Lent أحد الرفاع		Monday	16-Feb	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Takla	
	1st liturgy	Tuesday	17-Feb	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	Fr. Takla	
	2nd liturgy	Tuesday	17-Feb	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
		Wednesday	18-Feb	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
		Thursday	19-Feb	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Takla	
Week 2 Treasures in Heaven أحد الكنوز		Friday	20-Feb	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
		Monday	23-Feb	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
	1st liturgy	Tuesday	24-Feb	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
	2nd liturgy	Tuesday	24-Feb	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Takla	
		Wednesday	25-Feb	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
Week 3 Temptation Sunday أحد التجربة والنصرة		Thursday	26-Feb	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
		Friday	27-Feb	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
		Monday	2-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Takla	
	1st liturgy	Tuesday	3-Mar	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	Fr. Takla	
	2nd liturgy	Tuesday	3-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
Week 4 The Prodigal Son أحد الابن الضال		Wednesday	4-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
		Thursday	5-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Takla	
		Friday	6-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
	1st liturgy	Monday	9-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
	2nd liturgy	Tuesday	10-Mar	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
Week 5 The Samaritan Woman أحد السامرية		Tuesday	10-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Takla	
		Wednesday	11-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
		Thursday	12-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
		Friday	13-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
	1st liturgy	Monday	16-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Takla	
Week 6 The Paralyzed Man أحد المخلع	2nd liturgy	Tuesday	17-Mar	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	Fr. Takla	
		Tuesday	17-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
		Wednesday	18-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
	Holy Cross Feast	Thursday	19-Mar	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Fr. Takla	
		Friday	20-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
Week 7 The Man Born Blind أحد المولود أعمى		Monday	23-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
	1st liturgy	Tuesday	24-Mar	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
	2nd liturgy	Tuesday	24-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Takla	
		Wednesday	25-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
		Thursday	26-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
Last Friday of Lent جمعة ختام الصوم		Friday	27-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
		Monday	30-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Takla	
	1st liturgy	Tuesday	31-Mar	10:00 AM	12:30 PM	Fr. Takla	
	2nd liturgy	Tuesday	31-Mar	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
		Wednesday	1-Apr	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Arsanios	
	Thursday	2-Apr	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	Fr. Takla		
	Unction of the Sick القنديل العام / سر مسحة المرضى		3-Apr	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Fr. Arsanios	
	Holy Liturgy			11:00 AM	2:00 PM		
Choir Performance by St Pachomius Family - Friday April 3 (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)							
Lazarus Saturday سبت لعازر			Holy Liturgy	4-Apr	9:00 AM	11:30 AM	Fr. Arsanios
	Palm Sunday Vespers	Saturday		4-Apr	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	

2015 Pascha Week / أسبوع الآلام

Palm Sunday أحد الشعاتين Sunday April 5	Matins / Procession	7:30 AM	9:30 AM
	Holy Liturgy	9:30 AM	12:15 PM
	The Public Funeral Prayer صلاة الجنائز العام	12:15 PM	1:00 PM
	Monday Eve Pascha Prayers (1st - 11th hours)	6:00 PM	9:00 PM
Monday April 6	Pascha Prayers (1st & 3rd hours)	6:30 AM	7:30 AM
	Pascha Prayers (6, 9 & 11th hours)	10:00 AM	12:00 PM
	Tuesday Eve Pascha Prayers (1st - 11th hours)	6:00 PM	9:00 PM
Tuesday April 7	Pascha Prayers (1st & 3rd hours)	6:30 AM	7:30 AM
	Pascha Prayers (6, 9 & 11th hours)	10:00 AM	12:00 PM
	Wednesday Eve Pascha Prayers (1st - 11th hours)	6:00 PM	9:00 PM
Wednesday April 8	Pascha Prayers (1st & 3rd hours)	6:30 AM	7:30 AM
	Pascha Prayers (6, 9 & 11th hours)	10:00 AM	12:00 PM
	Thursday Eve Pascha Prayers (1st - 11th hours)	6:00 PM	9:00 PM
Covenant Thursday خميس العهد Thursday April 9	Matins + Pascha 1st Hour	7:00 AM	9:00 AM
	Pascha Prayers (3, 6 & 9th hours)	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
	Holy Lakan Liturgy of Covenant Thursday	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
	Covenant Thursday Liturgy	12:30 PM	2:00 PM
	Friday Eve Pascha Prayers (1st - 11th hours)	6:00 PM	9:30 PM
Friday April 10	Good Friday الجمعة العظيمة	9:00 AM	6:30 PM
	Apocalypse ليلة أبو غلمسيس	12:00 AM	4:30 AM
Saturday April 11	Bright Saturday Holy Liturgy قداس سبت النور	4:30 AM	6:00 AM
	Feast of Resurrection Holy Liturgy قداس عيد القيامة	7:30 PM	12:30 AM
Saturday April 11	Feast of Resurrection Holy Liturgy قداس عيد القيامة	7:30 PM	12:30 AM
Sunday April 12	Resurrection Celebration for kids إحتفال عيد القيامة للأطفال	11:00 AM	12:30 PM

For announcements, suggestions and feedback you may contact the newsletter group via email.

