

St. George and St. Joseph Coptic Orthodox Church Newsletter July 2020

In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Dear beloved in Christ, Peace and love from our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ; hoping this letter finds you safe in the fullness of Christ's love and grace.

As we and the whole church are going through the hard days, I would like to share with you some short and comforting words, and the title of this word is:

WE WERE BANNED FROM THE CHURCH, BUT!

- * The Lord of the church "Emmanuel", is among us; this is **HIS NAME**, there is no power can separate us from HIM (Rom. 5:38).
- * We were temporary banned from the church, but we thank God that the Throne of Grace is always open for us to the family, and personal prayers. "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace in time of need" (Heb. 4:16).
- * We were temporary banned from communion, that we may long to be in communion with Christ forever and not to miss eating from the tree of life.
- * We were temporary banned from the church but we thank God that we have the Holy Bible; the word of God in our homes, to study and it and say it always. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Col. 3:16).
- * We were temporary banned from the church, but we thank God that we have Christ's friends; the needy, the sick, and sad;. Whatever we do them, we have done it personally to Christ.
- * We were temporary banned from the church, but the Holy Spirit dwells in us and make us sanctuaries for Him; leads, strengthens, and comfort us and be us until the end (Jn 14:17).
- * We were temporary banned from our beloved ones in the church, but we thank God; we have phones, computers, email, Christian channels, , and social media to connect with them and pray for them and with them.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God "(Phil. 4:6).

كنيسة امير الشهداء مارجرجس والقديس يوسف النجار القبطية الارثوذكسية باسم الآب والإبن والروح القدس إله واحد آمين

أحباءنا في المسيح

سلام ومحبة من ربنا ومخلصنا يسوع المسيح ، نتمنى أن يصلكم هذا الخطاب وانتم فى موفور الصحة والسلامة متمتعين ببركات صوم اباءنا الرسل فى هذه الأيام المقدسة ونحن والكنيسة جميعا غر بهذة الأيام الصعبة، أود ان أشارك معكم بعض الكلمات القليلة والمعزية. ونظرا لحاجة جميعنا فى منع انتشار هذا الوباء والذى بسببه حرمنا من الكنيسة ولكن: فكلمتى هى بعنوان :

حرمنا من الكنيسة مؤقتا ؛ ولكن !

رب الكنيسة عمانوئيل معنا ومعنى اسمه "الله معنا" ولا توجد <mark>قوة</mark> تفصلنا عنه (رو 5:38).

حرمنا من الصلاة فى الكنيسة مؤقتا ، و<mark>لكن نشكر الله أن عرش النعمة دائما</mark> مفتوح لنا للصلوات العائلية وا<mark>لصلوات</mark> الشخصية. "فلنتقدم بثقة إلى <mark>لكى ننال</mark> رحمة ونجد نعمة وعونا فى حينه" (عب 4:16).

> حرمنا من التناول فترة لكى نشتاق إل<mark>ى الإتحاد بالمسيح والثبوت فيه إلى الأبد</mark> ولا بضيع فرصة الأكل من شجرة الحياة فى المستقبل.

خرنا من الكنيسة لفترة، ولكن نشكر الله لأن عندنا الكتاب المقدس وكلمة الحياة الأبدية متاعة في بيوتنا "فلتسك<mark>ن فينا</mark> كلمة المسيح <mark>بعنى</mark>" (كو 3:16) لندرسها ونحفظها ونلهج فيها نهارا وليلة.

حرمنا من الكنيسة لفترة ولكن نشكر الله أن عندنا أخوة المسيح من الفقراء والرضى والحزانى، المحتاجين للمعونة، وكل ما نفعله معهم من خير فقد فعلناه بالمسيح شخصيا، وهذه فرصة ذهبية أن نلتقى مع رب الكنيسة في أشخاصهم. (مت 25:40).

حرمنا من الكنيسة مؤقتا، ولكن الروح الروح القدس المحيى يسكن فينا ويجعلنا هياكل له يرشدنا ويقوينا ويعزينا فى كل حين ويدوم معنا (يو 14:17) (1 كو 3:16).

حرمنا من لقاء احبائنا فى الكنيسة مؤقتق ولكن نشكر الله أن عندنا تليفون وكمبيوتر وبريد وقنوات فضائية مسيحية ووسائل تواصل إجتماعى لنتواصل معهم ونصلى لأجلهم ومعهم.

لا تنزعجوا لشيء ولكن في كل شيء بالصلاة والدعاء مع الشكر. لتعلم طلباتكم لدى" الله وسلام الله الذى يفوق كل عقل يحفظ قلوبكم وأفكاركم في المسيح يسوع الرب (قريب (في 6:4).

Church News

Congratulations to Our 2020 Graduates!!

(Watch the Zoom graduation ceremony here) —



Kindergarten

- · Carl Youssef
- · Cleo Hanna
- · Iyakem Habtemichael
- · John Gad
- Mark Barsoum
- · Nathalie El Mallakh
- · Pearla Saeed
- · Rachel Morcos
- · Sandra Malty

Elementary School

- · Annabelle Gaballah
- David Shenouda
- · Ethan William
- Lamek Hagos
- Sarah Marcos
- · Zion Melkie

Middle School

- Abanezer Alemu
- Ainnai Habtom
- Amanuel Melkie
- Fady Doss

High School

- Mariam Roshdy
- Mary Shenoda
- Nathnael Alemu

College

- Andrew Shaker
- · Betty Gayed
- David Gallab
- Emmy Henein

Graduate School

- Justine Ekdawy, Doctorate of Physical Therapy
- Luka Daoud, Ph.D., Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Nadine Laure, Doctorate in Clinical Psychology
- Raed Attia, M.Sc. in Management in Entrepreneurial Leadership

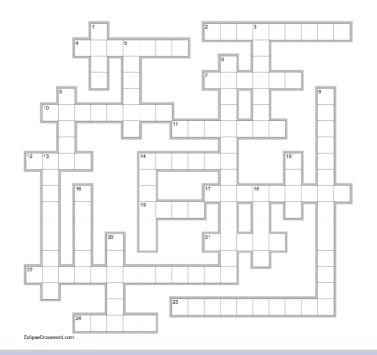
Special Recognition

Dr. Waguih Ishak, Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering

Kids' Corner

Characters in the Gospels

How many of these people from the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John do you know? Clues appear on the next page.



Across:

- 2. Mother of John the Baptist
- 4. Man whom Jesus raised from the dead
- 7. The earthly father of Jesus
- 10. Short tax collector
- 11. Tax collector who wrote became a disciple
- 12. Temple prophetess
- 14. He found no guilt in Jesus, yet sentenced him to death
- 17. Father of John the Baptist
- 19. Doctor and New Testament writer
- 21. The disciple who was also called Peter
- 22. Betrayer of Jesus (2 wds)
- 23. Blind beggar healed by Jesus
- 24. The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Down:

- 1. The mother of Jesus
- 3. Father of disciples James and John
- Peter's brother
- 6. The forerunner of Jesus (3 wds)
- 8. The tempter
- 9. Man who issued decree for census (2 wds)
- 13. He asked, "How can a man be born again?"
- 14. The disciple who called Nathanael to follow Jesus
- 15. Writer of the second gospel
- 16. Mary's very busy sister
- 18. He had John the Baptist beheaded
- 20. Official whose daughter was healed by Jesus