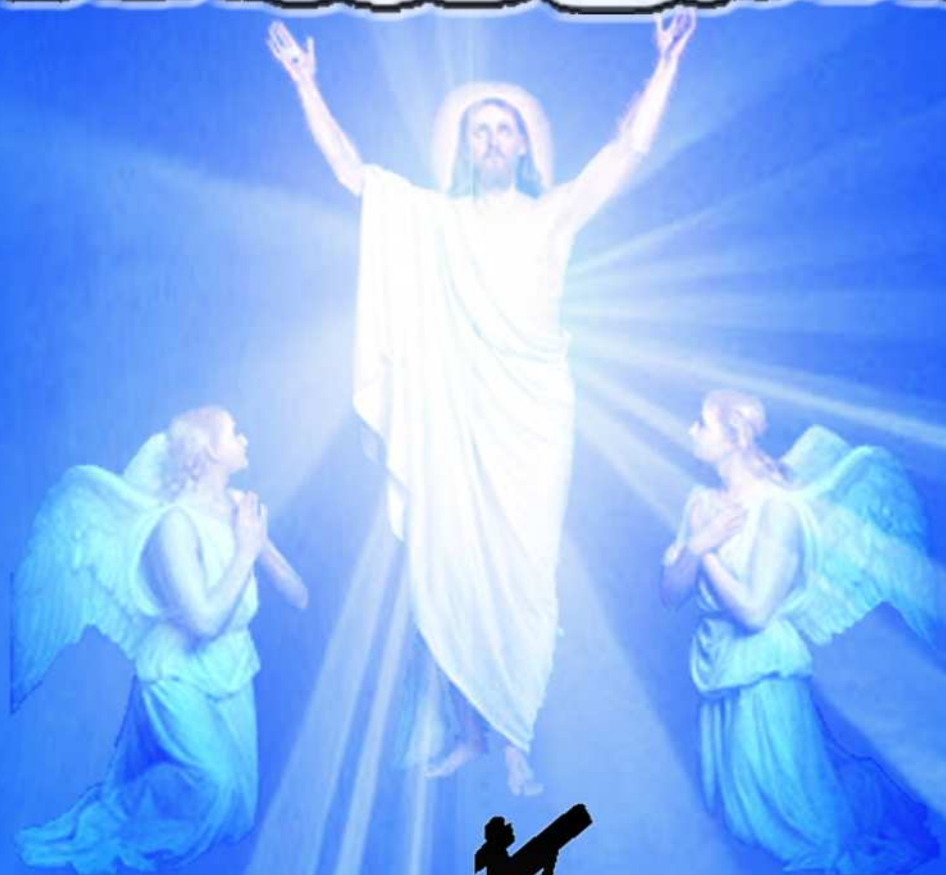


Mighty Angels



*"He Is Not Here For He Is Risen"
(Matthew 28:6)*

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Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!

For Christians, there is no holiday more important than Resurrection. Resurrection is the day we celebrate when the Lord rose from the dead. He had been crucified and was buried for three days. All His disciples had believed that He was gone for good. None had understood that His sacrifice was the primary purpose of His short life and the only way for us to obtain righteousness. No man had taken His life. There was no sin in Him and no way for Satan to take His life. It was freely given for us all.

His resurrection proved beyond any doubt that Jesus was the Messiah. He had told the people that He would give His life and on the third day will rise. The religious authorities had remembered His words and tried to prevent it with a large stone in front of the tomb, a Roman seal and guards. But none of that prevented God's plan.

For the secular world, Resurrection is about new clothes, hidden eggs, and bunnies. But to those that really understand all that was accomplished on that day, this is the greatest day in all of history.

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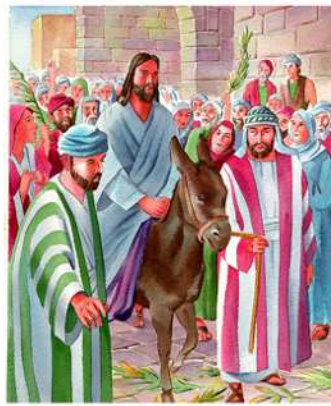
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Follow Jesus Through Holy Week



Jesus entered into Jerusalem on a donkey. The people put palm leaves on the ground and cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."



Latter that day, Jesus was going to Bethany when he saw a fig tree. He was hungry and wanted to eat, but it had only leaves, no fruit.



Jesus went to the temple, the House of God, he saw people buying, selling, and stealing. Jesus told them all to leave because "My house is only for prayer."



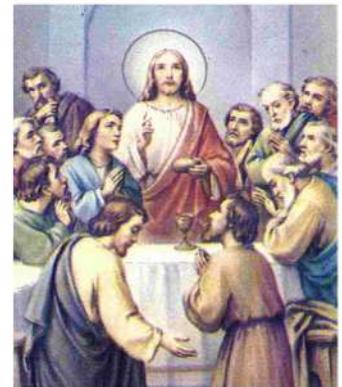
On Tuesday, Jesus talked to his disciples about faith, forgiveness, and prayer. He wanted to teach them how to be better people before He died.



On Wednesday, Judas sold Jesus to Pharisees for only thirty coins. Judas told them he will kiss me so that they know who to arrest.



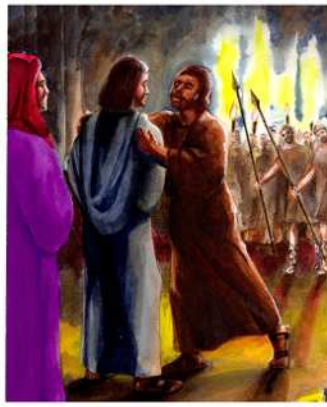
On Thursday, Jesus washed the feet of His Disciples to teach us to be humble, to serve one another, and to be clean in spirit and body before we take communion



Jesus celebrated the Passover with His Disciples at St. Marks' house, and established the sacrament of the Holy Communion.



Then Jesus took the disciples to the garden of Gethsemane as they slept he went to pray to our Heavenly Father



When he finished praying Judas came with many soldiers, he kissed Jesus and then the soldiers arrested him.



St. Peter denied Christ three times, when he heard the rooster crow, he remembered his sin of denying Jesus.



On the first hour of the day, early in the morning he was taken to Pontius Pilate, the governor, to be judged.



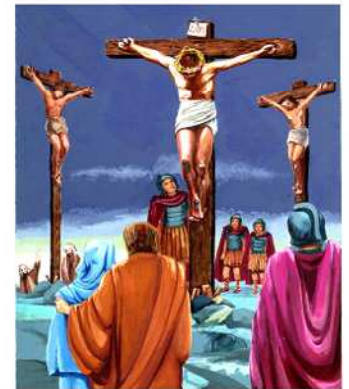
Then, at the third hour Jesus was whipped and handed over to be crucified. He carried the cross to a place called Golgotha. On the way he was spit on and mocked. A man named Simon helped Jesus to carry the cross to Golgotha



A woman named Veronica came from the crowd of people and wiped the face of Jesus to make him feel better



At the sixth hour the whole sky was dark and they hung Jesus on the cross



On the ninth hour Jesus died and the soldiers then believed that He is the Son of God.





On the eleventh hour, the soldier pierced Jesus on His side. At once blood and water poured out



On the twelfth hour, the beloved Joseph of Arimathea went to ask for the body of Christ



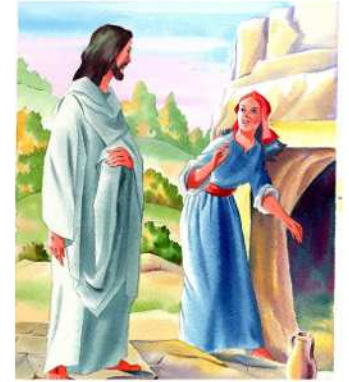
He wrapped the body in pure linen, placed the body in a new tomb. A large stone was rolled in front of Jesus' tomb



Very early Sunday morning, our Lord Jesus Christ arose from the dead.



St. Mary the mother of James, St. Mary Magdalene and Salome went to the tomb of Jesus and were greeted by two Angels of the Lord



St. Mary Magdalene saw a man near the tomb of Jesus and asked him if he knew where the Lord was, but that man was Jesus



On the evening of the day of the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples in the upper room. The doors and windows were closed



One week later Jesus appeared to St. Thomas, who was not present at Jesus' first appearance and proved his Resurrection to him



After 40 days Jesus ascended into the Heavens to sit at the right hand of the Father. Amen

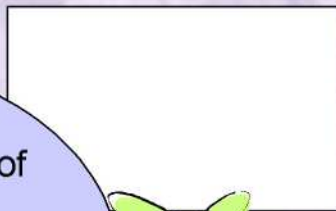
Christian Symbols



These two symbols remind us of the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples in the upper room.



This symbol reminds us of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem for Passover, and the great crowds of people were shouting Hosanna in the Highest.



This symbol reminds us of when Jesus washed His disciples' feet, to show them to be servants rather than masters.

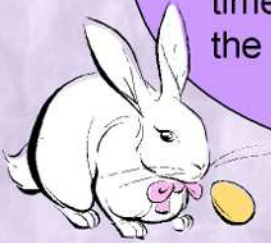


After you finish, check your answers on the Fun Corner page (page 16)



Match each symbol's number with its description

This symbol reminds us of when St. Peter denied knowing Jesus three times on the morning of the crucifixion



1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



6.



This symbol reminds us that Jesus accepted to carry it to show us how much He loves us.



This symbol reminds us that one of Jesus' disciples went to the Jewish high priests and betrayed his master.



St. Thomas was called Didymus, which means “the twin.” When Jesus decided to risk His life to visit His friend Lazarus, Thomas cried, “Let us also go, that we may die with Him.”



It was also St. Thomas who at the Last Supper asked the question that received the beautiful answer of our Lord, “I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life”

After the resurrection, he missed the first appearance of the Lord and the apostles told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said, “Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”



Eight days later, St. Thomas was with the apostles. Jesus came, the door being shut, and stood before St. Thomas and said, “Bring here your hand and put it into my side. And be not unbelieving but believing.” St. Thomas answered, “My Lord and my God” and Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed.”

Also St. Thomas was the one who confirmed that the body of the Holy Virgin Mary ascended into heaven, after her spirit departed from her body, for he was far away and had seen her body rise, accompanied by Christ the Lord and the Angels, and later he told the Disciples about his vision.

After the ascension, St. Thomas preached the Gospel in Parthia. He is also called the Apostle of India, where he was martyred.

May God bless us with his prayers. Amen.



Let's Take a Journey!

Each month, we will travel to a different country! Guess where we're going to go today?



We've all heard about it in the Bible, so let's visit ISRAEL ourselves!



Israel is a small country located in the Middle East between Egypt and the country of Jordan. Jerusalem is the capital and about 6 million people live in Israel.



Flag of Israel

Almost all the Biblical events took place in Israel. From the rule of King David to the birth and death of Jesus Christ. You probably recognize Jerusalem from many stories in the Bible.



One of the most famous churches in the world is the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. It is built where we believe Jesus was crucified, buried and resurrected. Christians from all over the world visit the church every year.



Israel's Dead Sea is the lowest point on Earth, it is 1300 feet below sea level! Do you want to hear something cool? Because the Dead Sea is so salty, anyone can float in it even if you don't know how to swim!

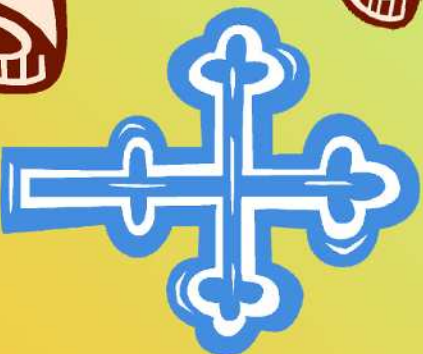
Join us next month for another interesting trip!



Conversation with a Priest



Hi Children! My name is **Abouna Boutros**, and I am the priest at St. Mina's Church in Nashville, Tennessee.



I was born on February 7, 1960 in a small town outside Cairo, Egypt, and my name was Adham Boutros Hanna. I have 2 older brothers and one younger sister, so I was right in the middle! My siblings and I went to St. George's Church in our neighborhood. In college, I studied engineering, which I really enjoyed. After college, I was in the Egyptian Army for two years. In 1984, I moved all the way to Dallas, Texas and attended St. Mary's Church in Colleyville, Texas. I was a deacon and served with 5 different priests. Then, in 1997, was ordained a priest along with **Abouna Boulos Mikhail**, the priest of St. Philopateer Church in Richardson, Texas.

So, along the years, I learned a lot from my priests, especially H.G. **Bishop Youssef**. I want you all to love God with all your heart! Follow all the commandments, pay close attention during the liturgies, and definitely pray and read the Bible everyday! Also, remember to pick spiritual friends and don't waste a lot of time on TV and games.

I want you all to remember this:
Our Lord Jesus blessed the children by living down to us on earth, and He and St. Mary. Our Lord said concerning the children, "Allow the little children to come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." (Matt 19:14) He also said, "Unless you are converted and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven." (Matt 18:3)



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But Jonah did not obey God. He ran away and tried to hide from the Lord, by getting on a ship that was leaving for Tarshish. But the Lord sent a violent storm on the ship. The winds and the waves battered the ship until it was about to break apart. Jonah was sleeping on the deck below, but the rest of the sailors were afraid for their lives.

They cast lots to find out who was responsible for this situation. The lot fell on Jonah. So the sailors went and asked him what he did wrong to cause this storm in the sea. Jonah said that he was a Jew and that he was fleeing from the face of God, who created that sea.

The sea was getting rougher and rougher, so they asked him what they could do to make the sea calm down.



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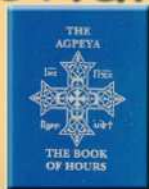


Step-by-Step Sponge Paint Easter Eggs

- Step 1**  Assemble the watercolors, hard boiled eggs, and a sponge
- Step 2**  Cut the sponge into small triangles
- Step 3**  Dip the tip of the sponge in the paint and dab the egg
- Step 4**  Make sure you press lightly onto the egg to give it texture, and leave a small space between each color
- Step 5**  Allow the eggs to dry before adding another color
- Step 6**  Hold the egg in a different place to allow the rest of the egg to be painted
- Step 7**  If you add light colors on top of light colors, it will give it an interesting look
- Step 8**  Allow the egg to dry and then store them in the refrigerator

Know your Church

Agpeya



I am the book of 7 prayers of the Morning and Evening of the church. I was composed by the early church father in the first century AD. By the guidance of the holly spirit. After reading the Agpeya it is clear that it explains the life of JESUS the CHRIST in detail.

We find :



First hour or Prime:
commemorating Jesus' resurrection



Third Hour or Terce:
commemorating Christs' trial by Pilate and the holy spirit descending on the Apostles.



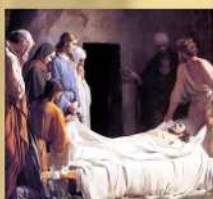
Sixth Hour or Sext:
commemorating the crucifixion and passion of Christ.



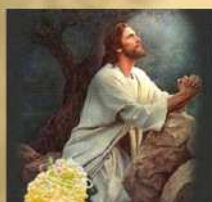
Ninthe Hour or None:
commemorating Jesus' death on the cross.



Vespers:
commemorating when JESUS 'body was taken down from the cross, wrapped in linen and anointed with sweet spices.



Compline:
commemorating when JESUS was laid in the tomb.



Midnight Prayer:
commemorating when JESUS prayed three times in the Garden of Gethsemane on Holy Thursday.

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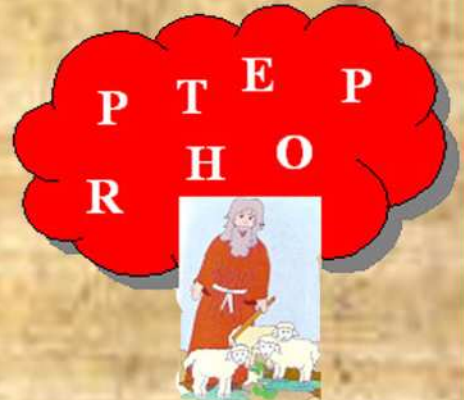
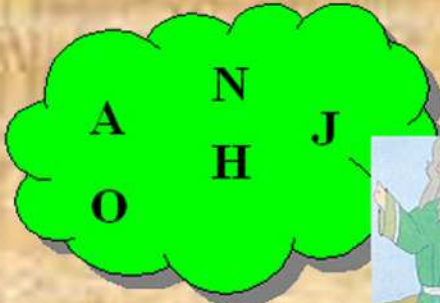
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Please Help Me Unscramble These Words



Christian Symbols Answer:
the symbols in order are:
2, 6, 4, 3, 1, 5

Coptic Language

Beloved friends, welcome again to our Coptic language...last 3 issues we learned 15 letters and we will try to learn 5 more this month. You may try to do a quick revision for the past 15 letters. Here are the new 5 letters:

Name	Letter	Pronunciation	Example
Genga	Ⲭ ⲭ	Ge	Age , Page
Delta	Ⲍ ⲍ	D (or z)	Deacon , David
Lawla	Ⲏ ⲏ	L	Lamb , Line
Ghama	Ϣ ϣ	Gh – G – N(rarely)	Ghabriel , Go , Angel
Chima	Ϥ ϥ	Ch	Teacher , Chalk

Now we have 20 letters my friends. Let us try to do some some practice to learn how to read some words by using those letters...do not forget to see the previous 15 letters.

Word	Meaning	Pronunciation
Ⲍⲁⲛⲓⲉⲗ	Daniel	Danieel
Ⲭⲱⲣⲓ	Strong	Gori
Ⲓⲃⲟⲓϥ	The Lord	Epchois
ⲌⲤⲤⲉⲗⲟϥ	Angel	Angelos
ⲌⲓⲁⲕⲞⲨ	Deacon	Diakon (Ziakon)

Let us have a small quiz and send your answer to receive a prize from Mighty Angels... Here it is :

Read the following words and pronounce them in English:

Ⲍⲁⲙⲡⲁϥ ⲡⲁⲗⲁϥ Ⲣⲱⲙⲓ Ⲭⲟⲙⲓ Ⲩⲁⲣⲉⲛⲃⲱϥ

You may seek help from others to know what these words mean. Send us your answer before 5/29/2009

Practice for the month:

Try to look in the Liturgy book during the Liturgy and try to follow the hymn of intercessions (Hiteni epresvia) from the Coptic part directly.

Biblical Animals



The Good Samaritan was also riding on a donkey when he came across he injured man. (Luke 10:34)

•Donkeys have small feet and thick coats, which help them work in dry rocky places.



Sometimes donkeys are stubborn and make harsh noises when they are upset or angry, like Balaam's donkey in Num 2:12-38

DONKEY



On, Palm Sunday, a donkey had the privilege of carrying Jesus into Jerusalem on his back. (John 12: 4-15)

Donkeys are patient and strong; they are hard workers and can live for 40 years!

Donkeys are very social animals. They prefer to live with other animals rather than alone.



- Donkeys were some of the first animals to be tamed in Bible times.
- Donkey's milk contains more sugar and protein than cow's milk. It also has less fat.



Adventures with Sam

During  Tommy invited  to his birthday party.  went to Tommys' birthday and had a lot of fun. Tommy called everyone over to cut the . All the kids enjoyed eating the delicious  with  Tommy offered  some  and  but  said no thank you since he was fasting. When the  saw  refusing the , , and the  he got very upset and wanted him to break his fast. The  tempted him by telling him "this  is so delicious. You are missing out " "this  is grilled just as you like it, it is so good " "the  is so yummy with that ," but  had a blessed moment and remembered how  fasted on the mountain for us and said "Man shall not live by bread alone "(Luke 4:4). When the  heard  reciting that verse and speaking the word of God he ran away.  was satisfied with going to the party and enjoying it with his friends without breaking his fast.

Verses to Memorize

G

God



And my God shall supply
all your need according
to his riches in glory by
Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 4:19)

H

House



I was glad when they said
to me, "Let us go into the
House of the Lord:
(psalm 122:1)

Rod & Todd

Who do you act like, Rod or Todd?



Rod takes candy and
hopes no one sees him



Todd always asks his
parent's permission

Rod yells
out his
answers in
class



Todd
respects
his class
and raises
his hand

