

Mighty Angels



*And they were all filled
with the Holy Spirit.
(Act 2:4)*

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My beloved children

When the Lord Jesus Christ ascended into the Heavens, out of His love, He promised us that He will not leave us without comfort, so He sent us the comforter, the Holy Spirit, on the tenth day of His Ascension. While the Apostles were praying together in the Upper Room, they heard a voice of thunder and the Holy Spirit descended upon all of them as tongues of fire.

The Holy Spirit descended in this form to indicate that He will bless their tongues, words, and sermons and they will preach the gospel of salvation with zeal as if with fiery tongues. The Holy Spirit also enabled them to speak different languages to be able to share the Gospel of Christ with every nation on earth.

We receive the Holy Spirit after Baptism in the sacrament of Christmation. The Holy Spirit guides us, teaches us, rebukes us, comforts us, and sanctifies us. When we submit ourselves to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we will bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5: 22).

I pray that we kindle the gift of the Holy Spirit within us and not to grieve Him with our sins.

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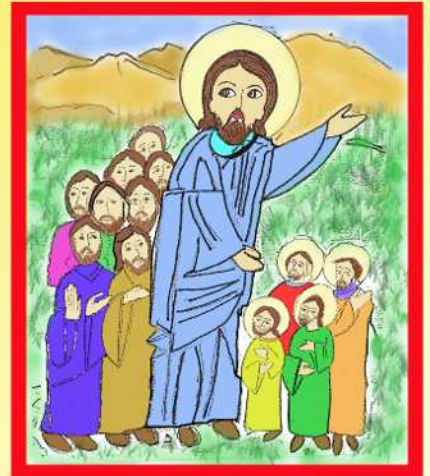


PENTECOST



For forty days after the resurrection of Jesus, he appeared to his disciples many times. They saw him and he told them do not leave Jerusalem for you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

On the fortieth day Jesus met with his disciples for the last time on the Mount of Olives.



And while Jesus was blessing them he ascended to heaven the disciples stood looking up until a cloud hid him from their sight.



The word Pentecost in Greek means 50.



Early on the day of the Pentecost the disciples with St. Mary the Mother of God gathered in an upper room praying.



Suddenly there came a sound from Heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind.

Those gathered saw something that looked like tongues of fire resting just above each persons' head. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they all began to speak in other languages which they had never learned.

On that day St. Peter spoke out for all the disciples.

"We are filled with the Holy Spirit just as stated in the Prophecies of Joel, "I will pour out my spirit on all people"

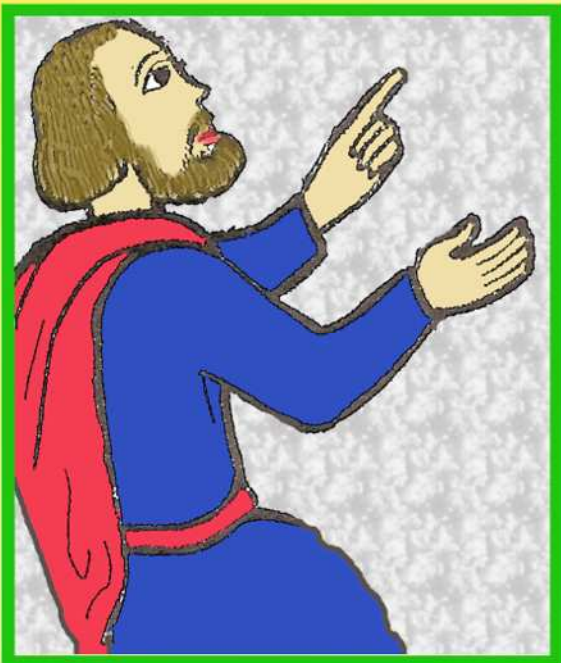
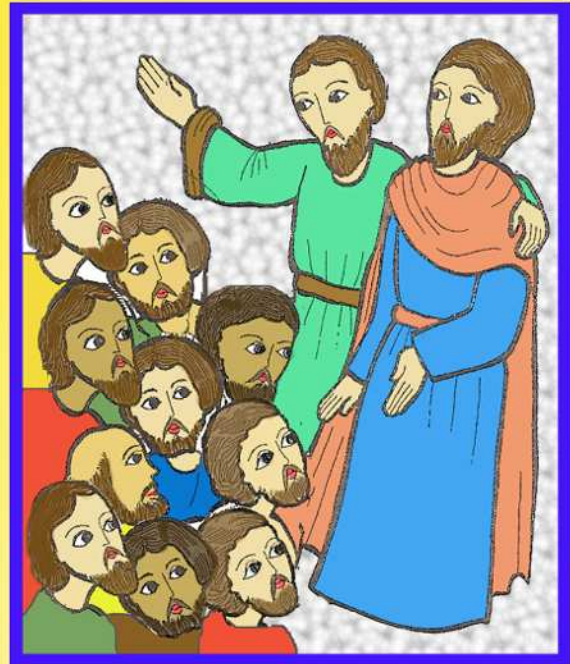


The **Pentecost** celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church.





"You men of Jerusalem, you crucified Jesus, but He rose from the dead and we are witnesses to that resurrection"



"And now you must repent your sins and be baptized."
That day 3,000 people believed and became Christians and our apostles baptized them. They were all joyous and glorified GOD.



The symbols of the Holy Spirit are water, fire, oil, wind, and the dove.





DID YOU KNOW



The average person eats about 60,000 pounds of food in their lifetime. That is the weight of about 6 elephants!

Vitamin A is in carrots, cantaloupes, and spinach. It keeps your eyes sharp so you can work on a puzzle or catch a ball!



Baby robins eat 14 feet of worm per day!



The Penguin is the only bird that can swim, but not fly!



There are more sheep than people in New Zealand!



Dolphins sleep with one eye open!

If you chew gum while peeling an onion you will not cry!



A mole can dig a tunnel 300 feet long in just one night!



IN THE BIBLE:

The meekest man is Moses
The strongest man is Samson
The wisest man is Solomon
The greatest warrior is Gideon, who with 300 men, 300 trumpets, and God defeated 135,000 Midianites!



The number 40 in the Bible:

Rain during the flood lasted 40 days
Spies explored Canaan for 40 days
Jonah warned Nineveh for 40 days
Jesus fasted in the wilderness for 40 days!



Do not be afraid:

The words **“Do not be afraid”** appear 365 times in the Bible. The same amount of days in a year!



Names and Meaning:

Matthew means God's gift
Jonah means Dove
David means Beloved
Solomon means Peace
Peter means Rock

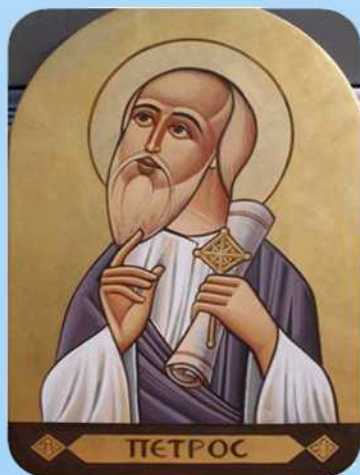
BIBLE FACT:

Two chapters in the Bible, II Kings 19 and Isaiah 37, are nearly identical. Confirm for yourself!



Church Saints

Simon Peter was a fisherman from Galilee, who was led to Jesus by his brother Andrew. Jesus renamed him Peter, which means rock. Peter was one of the three disciples whom were always seen with Jesus (Peter, John and James).



St. Peter

The Apostle

Once, he fished all night and caught nothing. Jesus told him to lower the net and try again which he did.

This time Peter, and his brother Andrew, caught a large amount of fish; their nets were about to tear. Jesus told Peter and Andrew "From now on you will be fishers of men."



Peter and Andrew left everything and followed Him. After many of Jesus' followers left Him, Jesus asked if His apostles were also going to leave Him.

Peter answered: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we believe that you are the Son of God."

During the trial of our Lord, Peter denied Him three times out of fear, but afterward he repented and spent the rest of his life telling others about Jesus.

May his blessing be with us all. Amen



Let's Take a Journey!

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



Are you ready to eat some pizza, because we're going to **ITALY**!

Italy is located in Europe and its capital is Rome. Take a look at the map, what does Italy look like? If you answered a "boot" then you're absolutely right! Now you can always find Italy on a



Italy has 58,133,509 people and all of them speak Italian. Do you want to learn some Italian? We sure do! "Buon giorno" means "good morning, and "buon compleanno" means "happy birthday"



Look at the picture above, it looks like a city built on water, doesn't it? That's Venice, Italy and the only way to get around the city is by boat or walking!

Italy has a lot of interesting places to visit like the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Before the bell tower was ever finished, it started to sink into the ground and lean to one side. Did you know that it leans one twentieth of an inch each year?



Flag of Italy

Italy has two Coptic Orthodox diocese, one in the north and one in the south. Italy even has a monastery called the Monastery of St. Shenouda the Archimandrite.

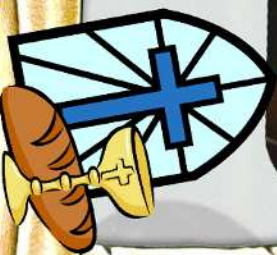
Well, it's time to go back home, but we'll see you again next month!



Conversation with Abounna Ghobrial



Hi Children! My name is Abounna Ghobrial and I am the priest of St. Abanoub's Church in Dallas, Texas.



I was born in Cairo Egypt during Jonah fast and my birth name was Michel. I'm now in my mid forties.

I was raised in St. George Church in Giza, Egypt.

I studied civil Engineering in Cairo University and graduated in 1987. I married Nagda in 1995 and we have two kids named Yustina (12) and Thomas (10).

I left Egypt in 1990, and went to Canada where I lived in Calgary Alberta for 3 years. I then left for Florida where I stayed almost 4 years, during which I got married and I got to know Fr Isaac Bassily, my spiritual father.

I was ordained on August 23, 1998 at St Marys' Collegeville, TX. HG Bishop Serapion and HG Bishop Sorial were there for my ordination with HG Bishop Youssef.

My parents had great influence on me growing up. Some of the saintly priests, monks and Sunday School servants had their imprints in my spiritual life and ministry in Egypt. Bishop Youssef and Fr Isaac Bassily had also a major impact on me before and during my priesthood.

We the children of God need to have a strong impact on our society we're living in.

Everyone needs to see the image of Christ in each one of us. The way we talk, the way we behave, the way we deal with each other. The world is hungry and thirsty to Christ and that's why it's our calling to do something about it. St Paul wrote to his disciple Timothy: Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 1Tim4:12

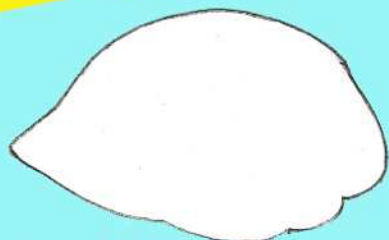
God bless all of you



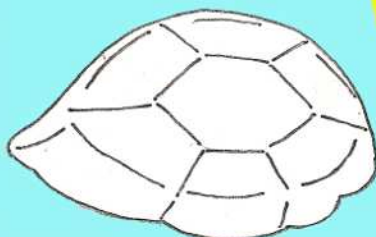
My sincere advice to all of you is to love the Lord from all your heart.

Imagine the most loving and caring person you've ever met in all your life. The Lord is a million times more loving. So we love Him in return to His unlimited and unconditional love.

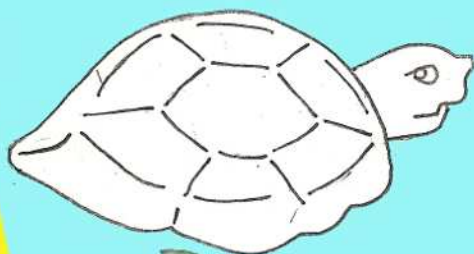
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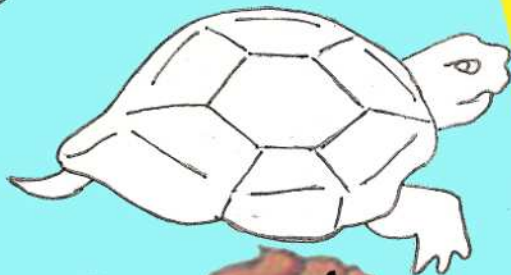
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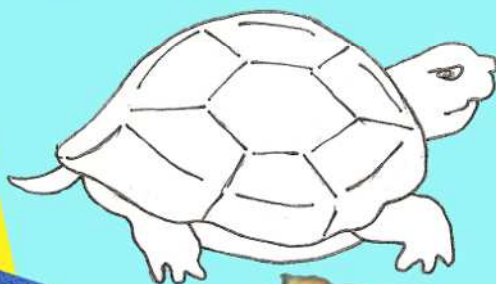
Step 2



Step 3



Step 4



Step 5



Know your Church

The Laquan

Hi! I am the Laquan.

I am a pot of copper, glass or clay.

The Church fills me with water for 3 different occasions in the church.

They pray special prayers to sanctify the water in me.

The Epiphany feast

Tobe 11th/ January 19th

Abouna anoints the congregation 3 times with the sign of the cross with the water in me in memory of the time when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River.

Great Thursday

The date varies

Abouna washes the feet of the people using the water in me in memory of the time Jesus washed his disciples' feet at the Last Supper.



The Feast of the Apostles

Epep 5th /July 12th



Abouna washes the feet of the people using the water in me in memory of the time Jesus commanded his disciples to wash everyone's feet. Jesus meant that washing other people's feet is a symbol of love.

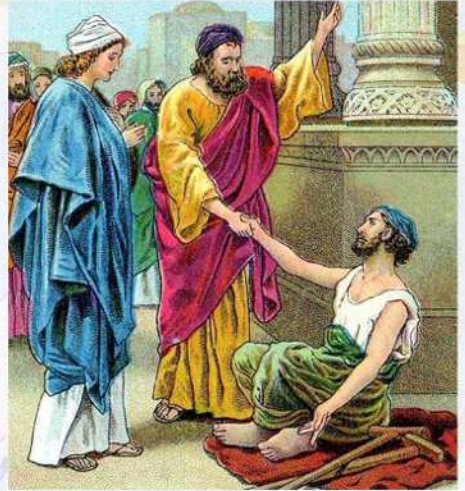
The water is left in the church. It is used for the sick people or anyone needs it as a blessing.

Virtues & Morals

Honoring God

The book of Acts tells about two disciples named Paul and Barnabas. They traveled to many places preaching about Jesus, who died on the cross to save people from their sins. God gave Paul and Barnabas power to perform miracles.

One day they went to a city called Lystra. They saw a crippled man there who could not walk. Paul looked at him and said, "Stand on your feet!" Immediately, the man was healed and was able to walk!



When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they thought that Paul and Barnabas were gods and they wanted to worship them. When Paul and Barnabas found out that the people intended to worship them, they said, "We are humans like you. God healed the crippled man, not us."

Paul and Barnabas honored God by giving Him all the credit. They told the crowd about God and said, "We are asking you to turn from these idols to the living God, the God who created heaven and earth and everything good in the world."



Virtues & Morals

Paul and Barnabas could have taken the credit for healing the crippled man or could have let the people worship and honor them, but that would have been wrong. Instead, they praised God and told people about Him.

They honored God!



How we can honor God

By loving Him
and believing
in Him

By worshipping
him by going to
church, praying,
and reading the
Bible

By using His
name re-
spectfully and
not swearing
with it

By praising
him through
the Liturgy,
and hymns

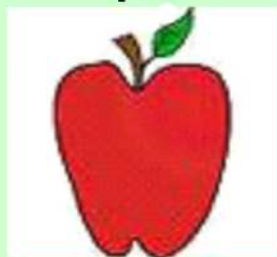
By following His
commandments



SPIRITUAL FRUIT

The nine fruits of the Spirit are kindness, patience, love, joy, peace, goodness, gentleness, self-control, and faithfulness. Try to unscramble the spiritual fruit!

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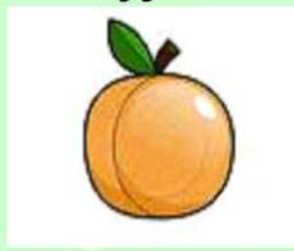
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Coptic Language

Beloved friends, welcome again to our Coptic language. Last 4 issues we learned 20 letters and we will try to learn 5 more this month.

You may try to do a quick revision for the past 20 letters. Here are the new 5 letters:

Name	Letter	Pronunciation	Example
Theta	Θ θ	Th - T	<u>Th</u> ink , <u>Th</u> orn
Kappa	Κ κ	k	Ask , Smoke
Shay	Ϡ ϡ	Sh	<u>Sh</u> are , <u>Sh</u> ake
Fay	Ϣ ϣ	F	<u>F</u> ont , <u>F</u> eel
Khay	Ϥ ϥ	Kh	Kh

Now we have 25 letters my friends. Let us try to do some practice to learn

how to read some words by using those letters, do not forget to see the previous 20 letters.

Word	Meaning	Pronunciation
Θυατ	The mother	Ethmav.
Κοσμος	World	Kosmos
ϡουτ	Three	Shomt
Αϣτωνϣ	He is risen	Aftonf
ἥεν	In - with	Khen

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:

ἡαρε Εροκ ὦτεα Αϣγεναϣ ἡατανθοι

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

Practice for the month:

It will be nice if you tried to look in the Liturgy book during the Liturgy and try to follow the hymn of the censer (Tai shori) from the Coptic part directly.

Love is...

LOVE is patient

Is Love taking someone else's turn?

No, Love is patient.

Love can wait.

Love is happy to give other people a turn



LOVE is kind

Is love pushing and shoving at recess?

No, love is kind. Love does not hurt anyone else or make anyone else feel bad

LOVE is not jealous

Is love being angry because Sandy's crayon box has more colors in it than mine does?

No, love is not jealous.

Love is glad for others to have nice things.

Love is thankful for my own things.





LOVE is not bragging

Is love being glad that I am taller or can run faster than someone else?
No, love is not thinking of ways that I am better than others.

LOVE is not selfish

Is love showing off my new bike and not letting anyone else ride on it, or eating my chocolate bar in front of others who do not have a snack?
No, love is not selfish;
Love is sharing.



LOVE does not have to have its own way

Is love pouting and stamping my feet in the grocery store because my Mom won't buy the cereal that I want?
No, love is listening to others.
Love is knowing that my parents know what's best.

LOVE never ends

When we show love to others, we are showing them GOD'S love.
GOD'S LOVE never ends.



Biblical Animals



Dove



Doves are symbols of the Holy Spirit. A dove appeared at the baptism of Christ (Matt 3:16)

- The dove is a very peaceful bird and pairs of doves can be together for their entire life.



After the rain had stopped, Noah sent out a dove and it returned with an olive branch.



St. Joseph and St. Mary took two doves as a temple offering according to the Levitical law. (Leviticus 12:8) (Luke 2:24)

In our church hymns we praise **St. Mary** saying she is like a beautiful dove.

The dove is the only bird that can drink without tilting its head back.

A dove rested on the head of St. Joseph's rod to show the priests that God chose him to take care of St. Mary.



- Doves usually live only eight to ten years.

- Doves live in nests, which are usually constructed in trees. They eat seeds, soft fruits, and some insects.