



The 8th Annual Evangelism Convention
ΠΙΣΙΝΘΩΟΥΤ ΝΤΖΙΩΕΝΝΟΥΤΙ ΑΜΑΖΩΜΗΝ ΝΡΟΜΠΙ

“Holy Spirit & Evangelism”

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“...do the work of an evangelist...”

(2 Timothy 5:4)

The 8th annual Evangelism Conference took place on June 30th- July 2nd 2006. This spiritual event took place at the St. Mary and St. Moses Abbey in Corpus Christi, Texas. The main theme in which all the discussions were based around was “The Holy Spirit and Evangelism” and exactly what the Holy Spirit has to do with evangelism. The 8th annual conference answered these topics with utmost thanks to His Grace Bishop Youssef, His Grace Bishop Bolos, as well as the priests present there.

The attendees of this Evangelism Conference were blessed to experience evening Vespers and spicing the relics of St. Moses at the abbey. On Friday June 30th the guests at the abbey received the blessing of observing a brother of the abbey be ordained a monk. This special service was an interesting one for the guests to observe for this event only takes place in a monastery and is not common for visitors to see.

His Grace Bishop Bolos gave an informative lecture on “The Power of the Holy Spirit and Evangelism” and how by the power of the Holy Spirit we can truly evangelize and by only when the Holy Spirit talks through someone can that person be moved. The Holy Book of Acts 1:8 was a verse used within these lectures to explain many points brought up about the Holy Spirit in connection to evangelism.

Midnight Praises and Prayers was a service that took place at 4:00am- 6:00am. When asked of a monk why Midnight Praises are prayed from 4am to 6am, He responded because from 4am-6am is the time a person is in his/hers deepest sleep, therefore they give this time up for God.

Following Divine Liturgy many of the attendees took their



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rest time in order for day ahead. “Gifts of the Holy Spirit” was another interesting lecture given by His Grace Bishop Bolos followed by a lecture about “Overcoming obstacles in evangelism youth” and another lecture about “How to Be filled with the Holy Spirit” by Fr. Silas Spear.

His Grace Bishop Youssef also took part in this Evangelism Conference by giving a Holy Bible Study on “Sins against the Holy Spirit”.

As one can tell, the Evangelism Conference served a purpose in enlightening the attendees mind with the Word of God as well as teaching us how to evangelize in a way that people will understand and be moved when we speak about our faith, Coptic Orthodox.

In summary, by having the Evangelism Conference in the monastery we also were fortunate enough to receive the blessings of observing the spicing of St. Moses ‘s relics, chanting midnight praises and prayers, and attending the Holy Divine Liturgy with the monks and the brothers. All of these aspects were a rewarding experience to the 8th annual Evangelism Conference.

His Grace Bishop Bolos also asked the visitors to use what they learned in this Evangelism Conference and apply it to their life as a volunteer for evangelism projects in Kenya for His Grace needs as many volunteers as possible.

In the 8th Annual Evangelism Conference we learned many aspects of Evangelism and its connection to The Holy Spirit and definitely enjoyed a wonderful and spiritual experience at the blessed St. Mary and St. Moses Abbey.



I would like to encourage everyone to attend the Evangelism