



**Global Coptic Day Contest 2024**  
**“Sayings of the Coptic Desert Fathers”**

**If You Are Coptic Orthodox and Would Like to Participate, We Ask That You Shoot a 1-2 Minute Video Discussing Your Favorite Saying from the “Sayings of the Coptic Desert Fathers” (Choose Only ONE)**

**In The Video, the Participants Are Asked to Address:**

1. What is your name and age? Where do you live? What Church do you attend?
2. What is your favorite saying from the **Sayings of the Coptic Desert Father or Mother?**
3. Please recite **Only ONE Saying** in the video and discuss the spiritual interpretation of it. Also, how you can benefit from it.
4. Please provide some details of the **Author** of the **Saying**, and **VERY BRIEFLY**, add any important details regarding that Coptic desert father or mother.
5. **The participant also must be physically in the video. YOU must be in it!**
6. **ONLY SEND ONE VIDEO Submission Per Email.** If you send more than one video submission in an email, those submissions will not be accepted.

7. Your video MUST be 2 minutes or less. If it exceeds 2 minutes, the additional time will not be judged.
8. **YOU MUST SEND A YOUTUBE LINK OF YOUR VIDEO ONLY** No MP4's or MP'3s or any other formats that require downloading will be accepted.
9. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you or your child is under the age of 18 and you wish to withhold certain information to protect the child's privacy, you have the option of doing so and reciting ONLY the FIRST NAME and the STATE in which the child resides. The child is not obligated to list any more details to qualify. Please keep in mind that if your video wins, we will be sharing the video on the Global Coptic Day Facebook page, website, and possibly our other social media accounts. By submitting your video to us, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions of this contest. Neither Global Coptic Day nor any person or entity involved with Global Coptic Day are responsible for any consequences that might result after the video is posted by us, or by others who might post or share the videos.

There are various options YouTube offers in order to manage and protect privacy. Please refer to the article link below for more information on the different types of YouTube channel management strategies.

<https://photography.tutsplus.com/tutorials/what-is-youtube-private-vs-unlisted-know-the-difference-for-2024--cms-108425>

**Please Note:** We ask that every contestant tells us which church and city they would like the prize donation to go to if they win. However, if it involves a child, you may keep that information private in the video, if you prefer. If you win, we will send you an email and ask you where to send the prize donation.

**There are 3 TOTAL categories this YEAR and 3 PRIZES for each category:**

**\$1,000 USD for 1st Place, \$750 USD for 2nd Place, and \$500 USD for 3rd Place.**

**The 3 Categories Will be Divided by Age Group:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Age Group - Up to 12 Years Old**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Age Group - 13-20 Years Old**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Age Group - 21 Years Old and Above**

Videos may be submitted from any country, and everyone will have an equal chance to win. Only one video per person, per category, will be accepted. If it is a group submission, everyone in the group must be in the same age category. ALL RESULTS ARE FINAL.

**Please Submit Videos To: [wordsfromthedesert@gmail.com](mailto:wordsfromthedesert@gmail.com)**

**The deadline to submit your videos is May 6th, 2024.**

**The WINNERS of the Sayings of the Coptic Desert Fathers Contest will be announced on Global Coptic Day June 1st, 2024.**

### **What Is Global Coptic Day?**

The inaugural **Global Coptic Day** was celebrated on **June 1, 2019**, which also **commemorates the celebration and *Feast of the Holy Family's Flight to Egypt* on June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Global Coptic Day was created as a day to celebrate the **Coptic Orthodox Church's** rich heritage, including its indelible history of martyrdom and persecution, theological education, monasticism, iconography, hymnology, and steadfastness in the Orthodox faith. For over 2,000 years, the Coptic Orthodox Church has sustained and practiced the ***True Christian and Biblical Teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ***. By the Grace of God, the idea for Global Coptic Day was blessed by His Holiness Pope Tawadros II on November 20, 2018 at the St. Bishoy Monastery in Wadi El Natroun, and will mark its 6<sup>th</sup> celebration this year.

### **Why Have A Global Coptic Day Contest?**

As One Body in Christ, the **Global Coptic Day Contest** is open to all Copts, of all age groups, from all around the world. Through this contest, the goal is to unite the world's Coptic population in an active way as we celebrate the beauty of our church and spirituality of our Coptic Heritage. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Official Global Coptic Day Contest. The first was the "My Coptic Hero" Contest, conducted in 2020.

I pray and hope that Copts around the world participate in this contest and share their **True LOVE** for the sayings and wisdom of our Coptic desert fathers, through the intercessions of the pure St. Mary the Theotokos, St. Mark the Beholder of God and Evangelist, and our righteous father Pope Tawadros II, may the Lord keep His Holiness for us many years and peaceful times.

*God Bless You*  
**Metropolitan Youssef,**  
**Metropolitan of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States**

