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BLESS THE CROWN OF THE YEAR, O LORD!

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Festal Message from His Grace Bishop Youssef Blessed & Joyous Coptic New Year 2016/1733

My Beloved Children,

I wish you all a very blessed and joyous Coptic New Year. Let us begin each day with faith, hope, and love. Get yourselves into the habit of optimism, develop a positive outlook, and always have a cheerful disposition. Christ in you is joy and a blessing in the world. Let your confidence be in him rather than at the sorrows in the world, which are temporary. Eternal life with Christ awaits His faithful and repentant believers.

“Thus says the LORD:

Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom,
Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might,
Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches;
But Let him who glories in this,

That he understands and knows Me,
That I *am* the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth.
For in these I delight,” says the LORD.”

Jeremiah 9:23-24

To God is all the glory, forever, Amen.
God bless you.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- News & Events from around the SUS Diocese
- Hegumen Elevation & Presbyter Ordinations
- New Programs & Projects
- Ordination of HG Bishop Peter [NC, SC, & KY]
- HOPE Updates
- SVRM Updates
- Publications by His Grace Bishop Youssef

SUS Diocese Mission Experience 2016 to India~Conferences & Exchange of Fraternal Love



HG Bishop Youssef with HH Moran
Mar Baselios Marthoma Paulose II
Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, India



HG Bishop Youssef with HE Metropolitan
Rev Issac Mor Osthateos
Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, India

What's New in the SUS Diocese?



**HG Bishop Youssef & SUS Mission Experience Team 2016
HE Metropolitan Issac Mor Osthathos
& HE Metropolitan Anthimos Matthews
Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, India**




**HG Bishop Youssef & SUS Mission Experience Team 2016
With HE Metropolitan Gabriel Mar Gregorios
Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, India**



**Congratulations on the Holy Synod's recognition of St Mary
& St Demiana Coptic Orthodox Convent, Dawsonville GA.**



**Congratulations to the Boarding Seminary Class of 2016
First Inaugural Commencement
St Mary & St Moses Abbey, Sandia TX**



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Upcoming Events

IMPACT Conference
Sept 15-18, 2016
St Stephen CRCC
Titusville, FL

Fr. Daoud Lamei's Retreat FL
Sept 16-18, 2016
Orlando, FL

Family Ministry Program
Spring Registration:
Jan 1, 2017
St Stephen CRCC,
Titusville, FL

St Athanasius Theological Seminary Program
Spring Registration:
Mar 15, 2017

Pre-Marital Seminars
January Florida
March Tennessee [Arabic]
June Georgia
November Texas



SUS DIOCESE PROGRAMS, PHOTOS, & MORE

Archangel Raphael Ministry (A.R.M.). A program designed specifically for individuals with special needs. An annual convention is held every summer.

Asaph Hymns Institute (AHI) is the first ever online hymnological seminary.

Family Ministry Program (FMP) Education & training certificate program in counseling for Lay Christian Helpers.

H.O.P.E. Social Services
A social services program designed to help those in need.

LEAD Program

A program for learning Christian leadership principles.

The Mentoring Program
A helping Hand Mentori-help individuals develop skills, knowledge, and attitudes in order to set and reach important life goals.

St. Athanasius Theological Seminary Program Four-year program in Doctrine & Theology.

St. Athanasius Coptic Theological Seminary Boarding Program—Abbey Two-year residential program at St. Mary and St. Moses Abbey.

Theological Seminary Program (Arabic)-Nashville TN
~ Weekly On-Site

St Mark Festival Program A spiritual competition among the Coptic Churches doing the same activity worldwide. *See STARS Edition for individuals with specials needs.*

St Verena Medical Society Program service serving the local community & abroad.

St Verena Resource Ministry (SVRM) Professionals networking together to make a difference and provide resources to our Coptic community. *See Request Form Online.*

Consultant Registration Online

Consultation Request Online

HG Bishop Youssef & HG Bishop Gabriel



St Anthony Monastery Melk (Vienna) Austria



Ordination of HG Bishop Peter for NC, SC, & KY, w/His Holiness, HG Bishop Youssef, L.A. Metropolitan, & Auxiliary Bishops @ St Mary Coptic Orthodox Church, Zeitoun Egypt



Congratulations on the Elevation of Hegumen Rev Fr Marcus Mansour & the Ordination of Presbyter Rev Fr Thomas Masnour St Mark Coptic Orthodox Church, Phoenix AZ



2016 Pilgrimage to Central Europe ~ Apostles' Feast St Mary & Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church Budapest, Hungary



Laying the Foundation Stone for the Expansion Project of St Stephen Coptic Orthodox Church & Christian Retreat & Conference Center, Titusville FL



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(Jn 10:11)

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Thanks be to God for another quarter of blessings in helping our brethren in the U.S. and Egypt.

In April 2016, the annual **Resurrection Project** was completed just in time to celebrate the Resurrection Feast. New clothing and food items were distributed to thousands of needy people in 23 different areas in Egypt. By the blessing of many generous donors, H.O.P.E. spent over \$89,000 USD to provide these blessings for our brethren.

There are currently 36 **small projects** in Samalout El Menia that need to be sponsored. These projects are for families below the poverty level. Some examples of the projects are to breed cattle and sheep, carpentry projects, to put down payments for a tok tok, and to start fruit/vegetable carts for selling. If you would like to take the blessing of donating for small projects, please donate online or by check and specify this in the memo.

In May, we were able to participate in helping a **special needs** case in Bolivia. This is a case of a 15-year-old boy with severe autism and blindness. The funds are being used to help pay for therapy, day care, and his basic needs. Medications were also donated for the boy. May these efforts help to provide a better quality of

life for the teen and his mother.

Through the generosity of many donors, H.O.P.E. was able to sponsor the summer term of the **Parallel School** in El Daher Egypt with \$7,777 USD. If you are interested to help support the Parallel School or any type of education, please visit our website or write Education in the memo of your check.

In early 2016, **Tricycle Motorcycle Project** in Sudan was started to generate an income for 50 displaced families from the Nuba Mountains in Western Sudan. These people escaped from their villages in order to seek safety, as they feared for their lives. They are living in very bad conditions and are suffering from lack of food, medication, sanitation, jobs, and other basic needs. The goal of the project is to assist the families to use the motorcycle cart as a form of transportation to work and to also transport goods and items for work. Each tricycle costs \$3,000 USD and H.O.P.E. was able to cover 7 vehicles so far in June with the help of generous donors. If you would like to help in this effort, please donate to the tricycle motorcycle project.



Tricycle Motorcycle Project

For almost two years, H.O.P.E. has been following a **medical case** in which the baby had the surgery in early June to correct a condition called Tetralogy of Fallot. It is a cardiac anomaly that must be corrected at an early age so that the child can experience a healthy life. The surgery took place in El Galaa Military Hospital led by the team of Dr. Magdy Yacoub. H.O.P.E. took the blessing of paying \$10,000 USD for the surgery. The surgery was successful and God willing, the child will have a healthy and happy life.



Elevator for Special Needs Children

In June, H.O.P.E. was able to take the blessing of supporting two groups of **orphaned girls** from Meet Ghmr to take summer trips to Marsa Matroh. In addition, H.O.P.E. was able to provide four daily trips for **handicapped children** to a monastery. May these retreats be a source of joy and growth for the children.

In June, we were able to visit a **Special Needs Center** in Mostarad. This center is a last resort for children with special needs and handicaps. There were two urgent requests that were made. One was help to make an elevator to take the handicapped children, who are residing there, up to the second floor apartment instead of carrying them up the stairs. The elevator was already started and just needed support to help complete it. The second request was to help purchase a used 28 - passenger van to pick up and drop off children in which their parents would not bring them to the center on their own or pick them up again. They were renting a very bad bus that is out of commission and are renting another bus that is in very bad condition. By God's grace, in July H.O.P.E. was able to help complete the cost of the elevator and to help purchase a used bus to transport the children. May God ease the lives of the children and their families.



Bus for Special Needs Kids

In July, H.O.P.E. committed to support a project to help develop a village called El Ghareera in Esna, Egypt. The Bishporic of public Ecumenical and Social Services (BLESS) in Egypt is planning and overseeing this project. It is estimated that this project will take 2 1/2 years to fully develop the village, God willing. The village population is approximately 7,000 villagers and they are extremely poor. BLESS aims to implement and integrate a comprehensive development plan for the village in community organization, health and development, education, childhood development, rural development and economic development. The estimated budget to successfully develop this village and to bless thousands of lives is \$278,958 USD. If you would like to take the blessing of donating to this project, please visit our website or donate online or by check to



The Village of El Ghareera

The Village of El Ghareera.

In August, H.O.P.E. helped support a **Medical Screening and Maintenance Program** in Dairut Egypt. This health initiative takes place once a year to provide immunizations and to screen for diabetes, hepatitis, hypertension and heart disease for the needy in the area. Approximately 300 patients will be served through this program.

"But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." Hebrews 13:16

S.V.R.M. St Verena Resource Ministry



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6th Annual ARM Special Needs Convention
 St Stephen CRCC, Titusville FL



LEAD Beyond Conference 2016
 St Stephen CRCC, Titusville FL



Presbyter Ordination
 Rev Fr Maximus Abba Moses
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Holy Resurrection Feast 2016
 St Paul Coptic Orthodox Church, Atlanta GA



SUS Diocese Annual Priests' Family Convention 2016
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حفل تخريج أول دفعة من برنامج القديس يوسف لخدمة ومشورة الأسرة المسيحية في عام 2016 بناشفييل في تينيسى مع تاسونى يوانا



برامج وأنشطة الإبارشية

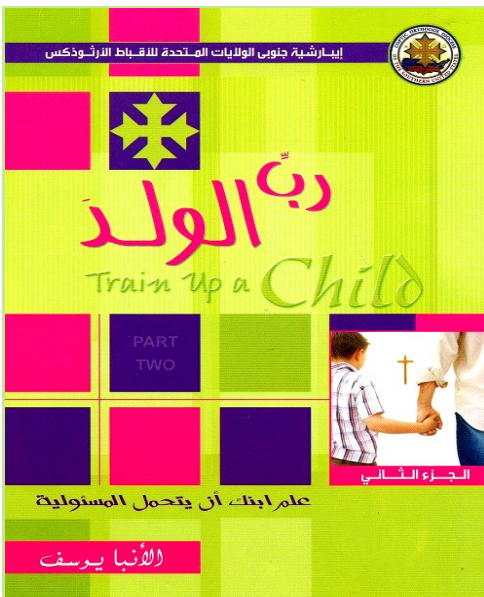
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دير السيدة العذراء والأنبا موسى.
برنامج الإكليريكية اللاهوتى بناشفييل: برنامج
اسبوعى باللغة العربية فى ناشفيل بتينيسى.
مهرجان الكرازة: مسابقات روحية لكل الكنائس
القبطية فى أنحاء العالم بنشاط موحد. لذوى
الاحتياجات الخاصة الرجاء مراجعة
STARS Edition.

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القيادة المسيحية.
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تنمية المواهب، واقتناء المهارات وزيادة
المعرفة وتوجيه السلوكيات لتحقيق أهداف الحياة
المهمة.
إكليريكية القديس أنثاسيوس اللاهوتية: برنامج
دراسة اللاهوت والعقيدة لمدة أربعة أعوام.
برنامج الإكليريكية اللاهوتى (عربى) - ناشفيل،
تينيسى: اسبوعيا بالمقر.

خدمة رئيس الملائكة رافانيل A. R. M. : برنامج
لمساعدة الأشخاص ذو الاحتياجات الخاصة.
الخدمة لها مؤتمرا سنويا فى الصيف.
معهد أساف للألحان A. H. I. : أول معهد من
نوعه على الإنترنت.
برنامج خدمة الأسرة FMP: برنامج شهادة تربية
وتدريب فى مجال الاستشارة للمساعدین
العلمانيين.
H.O.P.E.: برنامج خدمة اجتماعى لمساعدة
المحتاجين.

الجديد فى إبارشية جنوب الولايات المتحدة للأقباط الارثوذكس

كتب نيافة الأنبا يوسف



اعتراف المجمع المقدس بدير السيدة العذراء مريم والقديسة دميانة فى داوزنفيل بجورجيا.
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وضع حجر الأساس لمشروع توسيع مركز القديس ستيفن للمؤتمرات فى تاينيزفيل بفلوريدا.

أنشطة الإبارشية فى الفترة القادمة

مؤتمر أبونا داود لمعى: 16 - 18 سبتمبر 2016 فى أورلاندوا، فلوريدا	مؤتمر IMPACT: 15 - 18 سبتمبر 2016 بمركز القديس ستيفن بفلوريدا.
برنامج داخلية القديس أنثاسيوس اللاهوتية: التسجيل للفصل الدراسى بالربيع فى 15 مارس 2017.	برنامج خدمة الأسرة: التسجيل للفصل الدراسى بالربيع فى 1 يناير 2017. مركز القديس ستيفن بفلوريدا.
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تهنئة نيافة الحبر الجليل الانبا يوسف

أبنائي الأحباء

أتمنى لكم جميعا عاما قبطيا جديدا مباركا ومفرحا. لنبدأ كل يوم بايمان ورجاء ومحبة. تحلوا بعبادة التفاؤل. نموا النظرة الايجابية فيكم. وليكن لكم نزعة مفرحة على الدوام. المسيح الذى فى داخلكم هو فرح وبركة للعالم. لتكن ثقافتكم فيه وليس فى أحزان العالم، التى انما هى وقتية. الحياة الأبدية فى المسيح تنتظر الأمان والمؤمنين الثانئين. "هكذا قال الرب: لا يفتخرن الحكيم بحكمته، ولا يفتخر الجبار بجبروته، ولا يفتخر الغني بغناه. بل بهذا ليفتخرن المفتخر: بأنه يفهم ويعرفني أنا الرب الصانع رحمة وقضاء وعدلا فى الأرض، لأنى بهذه أسر، يقول الرب" (أرميا 9: 23 - 24) لله المجد الى الأبد، أمين.

الأنبا يوسف

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نشكر الله من أجل فترة أخرى مليئة ببركات مساعدة اخوتنا فى مصر وأمريكا.

بنعمة الله استطاعت H.O.P.E. صرف مبلغا وقدره \$89,000 فى شهر أبريل 2016 لسد الاحتياجات فى مشروع عيد القيامة. قمنا بشراء مواد غذائية وملابس لآلاف من العائلات فى 23 منطقة بمصر.

هناك 36 مشروعا صغيرا فى احتياج للدعم المادى فى قرية سمالوط بالمنيا. هذه مشاريع لمساعدة أسر تحت مستوى الفقر لتنمية مواشى، مشاريع نجارة وتك تك وشراء عربات فاكهة. يمكنك التبرع على الانترنت او ارسال شيك مخصص لهذه الخدمة.

فى مايو شاركنا فى مساعدة حالة صبي عمره 15 عاما مصابا بذاتية التركيز والعمى فى بوليفيا. تُستخدم الموارد المالية لسداد العلاج والرعاية النهارية والمتطلبات الأساسية للصبي. لنصلى ان تساعد هذا المجهودات الصبي وأمه.

من خلال كرم الكثيرين من المتبرعين استطعنا التكفل بالفصل الدراسى الصيفى بالمدرسة الاضافية فى حى الضاهر بمبلغ وقدره \$7,700.

فى أوائل عام 2016 بدأنا مشروع الدراجات ذو الثلاث عجلات بالسودان. دخل هذا المشروع يساعد 50 عائلة هُجروا من جبال النوبة فى غرب السودان حفاظا على حياتهم، وهم يعيشون فى بيئة صعبة ينقصها الطعام، الأدوية ومتطلبات الحياة الأساسية. تكلفة الدراجة الواحدة \$3,000 واستطعنا امدادهم بسبعة دراجات فى شهر يونيو.

تابعنا لمدة عامين حالة طبية فى مصر لطفل شُخص بما يُسمى Tetralogy of Fallot. تم اجراء جراحة للطفل فى مستشفى الجلاء بواسطة دكتور مجدى يعقوب. وقد ساهمت H.O.P.E. بمبلغ \$10,000 للجراحة.

فى يونيو دعنا رحلات صيفية لمرسى مطروح لمجموعتين من الفتيات الأيتام من ميت عمر وأربعة رحلات يومية للدير للأطفال المعاقين.

قمنا بزيارة مركز لذوى الاحتياجات الخاصة فى مسطرد فى شهر يونيو وعلما باحتياج شديد لمشروعين هامين هناك: اكمال مشروع مصعد كهربائى وشراء اتوبيس لنقل الأطفال. بمعونة الله قمنا بمساعدة هذين المشروعين واتمامهما فى يوليو.

تقوم أسقفية الخدمات العامة والاجتماعية (BLESS) فى مصر بالتخطيط ومباشرة مشروع تطوير وتنمية قرية الغريرة بمركز اسنا. عدد سكان القرية يقرب من 7,000 شخصا وكلهم فى احتياج شديد. تهدف الأسقفية لخطة تنمية شاملة من تطويرا للمجتمع والصحة والتعليم والاقتصاد والطفولة. ميزانية المشروع تُقدر بمبلغ \$278,958 ومدته تُقدر بعامين ونصف. فى شهر يوليو التزمت H.O.P.E. بدعم هذا المشروع، فان اردت التبرع الرجاء بتخصيص شيك التبرع لهذا الغرض أو التبرع على الانترنت.

فى شهر أغسطس قمنا بدعم برنامج الصيانة والفحص الطبى فى ديروط. هذه مبادرة صحية سنوية تمد المحتاجين بالتطعيمات اللازمة والفحوص الطبية لمرضى السكر والضغط والقلب والتهاب الكبد الفيروسي. يتم مساعدة ما يقرب من 300 مريض من خلال هذا البرنامج.

S.V.R.M.

جمعية القديسة فيرينا الطبية: لخدمة المجتمع المحلى وفى الخارج.

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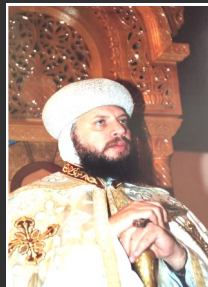
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BUT THOSE WHO WAIT ON
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WINGS LIKE EAGLES,

MIGHTY CHAMPIONS
ISAIAH 40:31
THEY SHALL RUN AND NOT
BE WEARY, THEY SHALL
WALK AND NOT FAINT.

Mighty Angels



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Extreme Family Make-Over Convention 2016
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