



2009 TCL Bible Contest

Who needs Alex Trebeck when you have Abouna Marcus from St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church in Phoenix, Arizona as the announcer for the 2009 TCL Graduate Convention's Bible Contest?! This year's convention will follow the general Jeopardy format, with 1 round per game and six categories per round.

In order to help prepare you for this year's Bible Contest, here is a little "sampling" of the questions you can expect from most of the categories:

OLD TESTAMENT

- ✘ The body of water the Israelites crossed to escape from Egypt.
- ✘ In this book, we read the story of Samson and Delilah.
- ✘ This is the reason that God told Job He allowed him to suffer.
- ✘ The first commandment God gave with a promise.
- ✘ The last book of the Old Testament.
- ✘ The name of Esther's uncle.
- ✘ He was the priest of God Most High and the king of Salem. He was also the one to whom Abram gave a tithe of all he received in war.
- ✘ Hannah took Samuel to this man after he was born.
- ✘ He knew better than to walk in the counsel of the ungodly, or stand in the path of sinners, or sit in the seat of the scornful.
- ✘ A book of regulations or laws in the Old Testament which was given by God through Moses.
- ✘ Moses neglected to give God credit for this miracle.
- ✘ He treated three men to a meal of milk, butter, and a calf and stood by them under a tree as they ate.
- ✘ He was a "Nazarite unto God" from his birth and the first Nazarite mentioned in the Holy Bible.
- ✘ When a lion attacked Samson after he visited the woman he wanted to marry, Samson killed it with...
- ✘ Joseph's father, Jacob, loved him more than his other sons because Joseph...
- ✘ Jacob was doing this all night just before God changed his name to Israel.
- ✘ These two were not happy with their brother's taste in women.
- ✘ These were made of fine linen, blue, purple, and scarlet thread.
- ✘ This person had to pray for Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Sophar the Naamathite, in order for God to forgive them their sins.
- ✘ He called himself a man of "unclean lips"
- ✘ This book discusses robbing God by not tithing.
- ✘ This man turned back the wrath of the Lord after he took a spear in his hand and pierced a man of Israel and a Midianite woman.

- ✘ The children of Israel gave an inheritance to this man, who built a city called Timnath Serah in the mountain of Ephraim.
- ✘ In this book, which is set during the second year of King Darius's reign, God commands His people to rebuild the temple.
- ✘ His prophecies of the lamb coming to the slaughter were fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

WHO AM I-FEMALE

- ✘ She listened to her enemy and gave into temptation, only to be kicked out of her beautiful home
- ✘ She was probably one of the best daughters-in-law in history, leaving her native country to travel with her mother in law after her own husband died.
- ✘ She wept bitterly and asked for a son whom she would dedicate to the service of God from his childhood.
- ✘ She was the mother of John the Baptist.
- ✘ This woman was distracted by very many tasks and wanted her sister to help.
- ✘ Jacob worked several years to marry this woman.
- ✘ After her husband and her sons died, this woman told her daughters in law to go back to their homelands.
- ✘ She replaced the queen that displeased King Xerxes.
- ✘ She asked Jesus to perform His first recorded miracle.
- ✘ Her beauty caused a king to commit murder because of his lust for her.
- ✘ She was known as the seller of purple.
- ✘ A wicked queen whose remains were eaten by dogs after she died.
- ✘ This woman gave birth to twin boys and the younger stole the elder's inheritance.
- ✘ She was not a spy, but hid two from Israelite in her house in Jericho.
- ✘ This Jewish woman taught Christianity to her half-Greek son, who later became a missionary.
- ✘ She would often gather water from the well at the hottest time of the day to avoid contact with others.
- ✘ She was struck dead, along with her husband, for lying about how much they sold their land.
- ✘ and died and was miraculously resurrected by Peter, many who heard about it became believers.
- ✘ Amnon, David's son, loved her even though she was his sister.
- ✘ She saved all the males of her household from being killed by King David after her husband refused King David's request for provisions.
- ✘ The Lord struck her with leprosy for speaking against her brother.
- ✘ This prophetess did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers day and night, and was privileged to see the baby Jesus when he was presented for purification according to the Law of Moses.
- ✘ The daughter of a Midian priest who was given to Moses in marriage.
- ✘ This Christian woman who lived in Joppa "abounded in good deeds and gifts of mercy." After she fell sick
- ✘ She mocked King David when he danced before the Lord.

- ✘ This Egyptian woman was acquired by one of the Hebrew patriarchs to serve as a maidservant for his wife, but was later presented to the patriarch by her barren mistress in order to bear a son on behalf of her mistress.

CHURCH ARCHITECTURE

- ✘ I probably would have had my picture placed along with eleven others had I not been a betrayer.
- ✘ The first church was located here.
- ✘ This structure bears the icons and divides the nave and the altar. The central dome above the nave is traditionally supported by 4 columns representing these.
- ✘ This icon is always depicted next to the icon of Jesus on the throne.
- ✘ This icon is always depicted on the iconostasis to the right hand of the altar.
- ✘ The Virgin Mary appeared on top of this church in 1968.
- ✘ The part of the sanctuary where the congregation worships.
- ✘ The number of altars in most Coptic churches.
- ✘ The number of parts the nave was divided into in the early church.
- ✘ The scene usually depicted in the central dome.
- ✘ The oldest surviving monastery in the world.
- ✘ A famous church in Egypt where a mountain was moved by fasting and prayer.
- ✘ Christians worshiped in houses until this emperor became a Christian and granted them freedom and money to build churches.
- ✘ Cairo's most famous ancient church.
- ✘ The book of the Holy Bible which provides many of the symbols used in church architecture.
- ✘ The name of the semi-circular wall at the end of the sanctuary.
- ✘ These represent the disciples and how their preaching held steadfast the church's faith.
- ✘ This type of bird depicted in some Orthodox style structures represents the Resurrection.
- ✘ This Coptic letter is used in Coptic carvings and art.
- ✘ This type of carving represents the Word of God being "sweet in our mouths."
- ✘ In Old Christian churches, a pulpit was held up by this number of small skinny columns.
- ✘ On a bishop's chair, there are this many steps.
- ✘ In Old Christian churches, icons representing the different events in the life of Jesus were hung all around the churches and referred to as this.
- ✘ A short, middle opening to an iconostasis leading to the sanctuary represents this in Christian art/architecture.

- ✘ Two of these were built in iconostasis's in ancient Christian times to warn the priest of invaders by watching deacons.
- ✘ This is usually named after the patron saint of a church.

DIVINE LITURGY

- ✘ The meaning of "Catholic."
- ✘ The reason why the bread used in the Divine Liturgy is round.
- ✘ The five holes in the bread symbolize this.
- ✘ The cover that goes on top of the altar that sometimes has bells on it.
- ✘ 41 Kyrie Elaisons symbolize this.
- ✘ Shaking the bells on the prospherine symbolizes this.
- ✘ Covering the paten and the chalice on the altar symbolize this.
- ✘ The bishop represents him when he does the incense circuit inside the altar.
- ✘ The moment when the Holy Spirit descends onto the altar during Divine Liturgy.
- ✘ During the Raising of Incense, the priest puts five spoonfuls of incense into the censor. What do those five spoonfuls represent?
- ✘ The prayer of reconciliation is NOT prayed during Divine Liturgy on this day.
- ✘ Anointing the bread with holy water during the Procession of the Lamb is symbolic of these two things.
- ✘ The proper place for the censor in order to create a cloud of incense.
- ✘ During non-fasting periods, the church prays the 3rd and 6th hour prayers before beginning the Liturgy; during fasting periods, this hour is added to the prayers.
- ✘ The nine hour fast prior to partaking of Holy Communion is because of this 9 hour time period.
- ✘ Which litany is always prayed during the raising of the Incense of Vespers?
- ✘ A Greek word meaning "the News."
- ✘ The reason why the priest stays in the altar during the reading of the Catholic Epistle.
- ✘ The Litany of the Offerings is prayed instead of this Litany on Sundays and on holy feast days.
- ✘ This apostle was the first to inscribe the Divine Liturgy in the form of a service or a regular church ritual.
- ✘ In prayer, bowing signifies _____ and _____ for the Lord.
- ✘ At the time of Offering the Lamb, the priest takes the veil from the paten and puts it inside his sleeve to represent this.
- ✘ The five readings of each Divine Liturgy.
- ✘ The church's altar, or utensils for the altar, is consecrated during this reading.

- ✘ The word “anaphora” means this.

COMPLETE THE VERSE

- ✘ The Lord is my Shepherd...
- ✘ This is the day that the Lord has made...
- ✘ Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and...
- ✘ Trust in the Lord with all your heart...
- ✘ Cleanse your hands...
- ✘ Seek you first the kingdom of God and His righteousness...
- ✘ The harvest truly is plentiful...
- ✘ To everything there is a season...
- ✘ Do not forget to entertain strangers, for...
- ✘ Be still...
- ✘ Do not be anxious about anything...
- ✘ Greater love has no one than this...
- ✘ No one can serve two masters. Either he will...
- ✘ A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter...
- ✘ If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; for in doing so you will...
- ✘ Blessed is the man who walks not...
- ✘ For the tongue is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it...
- ✘ So husbands ought to...
- ✘ We love Him...
- ✘do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.
- ✘ For whom the Lord loves, ...
- ✘ Wives, submit to your own husbands...
- ✘ Commit to the Lord whatever you do,...
- ✘ He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall,...
- ✘ Happy happy, sad sad...

MIRACLES OF JESUS

- ✘ Whose mother in law did Jesus heal?
- ✘ This many men carried the paralytic man to Jesus Christ through the roof of a house.
- ✘ This many people were able to eat from five loaves and two fish.
- ✘ When Christ cast out demons from two men, He sent them into this type of animal.
- ✘ What did Christ say first to the paralytic: “Your sins are forgiven you” or “Arise and walk”?
- ✘ Jesus Christ healed the two blind men by touching their what?
- ✘ This woman had a flow of blood for _____ years but was healed after she touched the hem of Jesus Christ’s garment.
- ✘ A certain woman had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years. Jesus Christ healed her of this infirmity on the Sabbath. Name that infirmity.
- ✘ Jesus Christ healed ten lepers but only this many returned to give glory to Him and thank Him.
- ✘ These cried out to Jesus Christ “You are the Son of God” whenever they saw Him.
- ✘ The Jews asked Jesus Christ if it was lawful to heal on the Sabbath after He entered into their synagogue and saw a man with this infirmity.
- ✘ One demon-possessed man had several unclean spirits in him. One of the demons’ names was what?
- ✘ Jarius’ daughter was _____ years old when Jesus Christ raised her from the dead.
- ✘ _____ loaves and _____ fish fed four thousand men, besides women and children.
- ✘ Jesus Christ answered a woman who asked for the healing of her daughter with the following response: “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” Where was the woman from?
- ✘ The Pharisees believed that Jesus Christ cast out demons by the ruler of the demons after he healed this type of person.
- ✘ These 3 were with Jesus Christ on a high mountain when Elijah and Moses appeared.
- ✘ Jesus Christ healed a boy of this disease after His disciples were unable to do so.
- ✘ Jesus asked them whether it was lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill.
- ✘ After being healed of this infirmity, he began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus Christ had done for him.
- ✘ Jesus Christ called this woman “daughter” even though she was an outcast because she had this type of infirmity.

- ✘ The number of baskets of fragments left after feeding 4,000+.
- ✘ Jesus commented on this man's "sinking" faith after this miracle.
- ✘ Jesus Christ rebuked these two things and immediately there was a "great calm"
- ✘ Jesus put out His hand and touched a man with this type of disease, while saying, "I am willing; be cleansed"

PATRIARCHS

- ✘ The father of all patriarchs.
- ✘ His mother was a concubine and his father was a man known as the father of faith.
- ✘ He was tricked by his youngest son.
- ✘ The 117th Pope and Patriarch.
- ✘ He stole his brother's birth right.
- ✘ God asked him to sacrifice his son.
- ✘ He is believed to be the father of the Arab people.
- ✘ This king took Abraham's wife thinking she was his sister.
- ✘ Abraham's trusted servant whom he sent to find a wife for Isaac.
- ✘ Abraham's second wife.

SACRAMENTS

- ✘ We hear "awba'alik" generally for this sacrament.
- ✘ In which sacrament do we deny Satan and accept God's work in our lives?
- ✘ The body is anointed with the Holy Myroon _____ times during the Sacrament of Chrismation?
- ✘ This sacrament is not performed at all during the Holy Week of Pascha until the last Friday.
- ✘ (1) Its institution by the Lord Jesus Christ, (2) an outward sign, and (3) the power of conferring the grace purchased for us by the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord.
- ✘ Which sacrament is the door to which the individual enters the church?
- ✘ What is the outward sign that is used during the Sacrament of Eucharist?
- ✘ He instituted the Sacrament of Priesthood.
- ✘ The two "healing" sacraments.
- ✘ Name the four stages (types) of confessions.

COUNCILS

- ✘ This council convened in 325 A.D. and was led by St. Alexander of Alexandria to resolve the dispute caused by Arian; this council eventually led to the formulation of the creed that we use today.
- ✘ The number in attendance at this council was 318.
- ✘ This was the first council to take place, around 51 AD
- ✘ This word is used whenever a council of bishops is convened to discuss and settle matters of church doctrine and practice
- ✘ This council completed the Nicene Creed with the confirmation of the divinity of the Holy Spirit by adding the section that begins with, "*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Life Giver...*"
- ✘ The council of Nicaea was formulated to defend this heresy, which stated that "there was a time when the Son was not."
- ✘ This council clearly stated that anyone who separated Christ into two hypostases was anathema, as Athanasius had said that there is "One Nature and One Hypostasis for God the Word Incarnate."
- ✘ The Orthodox Non-Chalcedon churches determine the end of the "Fathers" era by the date of this council.
- ✘ He led the Third Council and had the following titles attributed to him: "the Daring Lion," "the Burnished Lamp," and "the Pillar of Faith."
- ✘ This council formulated the introduction to the creed in order to confirm St. Mary as the "Mother of God."

CHURCH FATHERS

- ✘ These types of fathers were either directly connected to the Apostles themselves or received their teachings from the Apostles through the disciple's lives.
- ✘ He stated that "With God's grace, I am against the World" in response to "*All the world is against you.*"
- ✘ Wrote the "City of God"
- ✘ Name 1 Church Father.
- ✘ He is considered the last Apostolic Father.
- ✘ He is known as the "golden mouth."
- ✘ There are this many different categories of "Fathers."
- ✘ Founder of Cenobitic (communal) Monasticism
- ✘ This patriarch attended the Council of Chalcedon and asked, "In whom is the faith lacking that it was necessary to gather this great assembly" and then refused to partake in the assembly when he learned that it was convened by the Emperor.

- ✘ This church father wrote a letter to the Christians of Rome on his way to be persecuted that said: “I am afraid that your love may be harmful. If you wish to prevent my death, that will not be difficult for you. But allow me to be slaughtered wherever the altar has been prepared ... I am wheat which must be ground, to make bread to be offered to Jesus Christ. Whenever the people will not behold me anymore, I will behold our Lord Jesus Christ.”

THINGS TO EAT AND DRINK

- ✘ Jesus cursed this tree for not bearing fruit.
- ✘ Samson ate this out of a lion’s carcass.
- ✘ This miraculous food resembled coriander seed.
- ✘ Ezekiel’s edible scroll tasted like this in his mouth.
- ✘ The Israelites were supposed to eat this kind of herb with the Passover meal.
- ✘ The land of Canaan is described as flowing with this.
- ✘ John the Baptist was famous for eating this
- ✘ This prized animal was killed for food when the prodigal son returned home.
- ✘ Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to eat from this.
- ✘ Esau traded his birthright for this.

WHO SAID THAT?

- ✘ “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”
- ✘ “The waters surrounded me, *even* to my soul; the deep closed around me; weeds were wrapped around my head.”
- ✘ “For in Him we live and move and have our being.”
- ✘ “For I know *that* my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth.”
- ✘ “What then *is* this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?”
- ✘ “Am I my brother’s keeper?”
- ✘ “I did not laugh.”
- ✘ “So now *it* was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.”
- ✘ “Surely the Lord is in this place.”
- ✘ “While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live?”

DOGMA

- ✘ **Believers** who depart from the sound faith.
- ✘ - Without **Sound** ____ (**Apostolic/ One/ Biblical & Traditional**) it is impossible to please Him.
- Without **Loving** ____ it is impossible to please Him.
- Without **working** ____ it is impossible to please Him.
- Without ____ **that endures to the end** it is impossible to please Him.
- ✘ An ancient theological term used to describe the process by which a Christian becomes more LIKE God.
- ✘ These are **done by believers** for the wrong reasons
- ✘ _____ is a gift but St. Paul pleaded with the Corinthians “not to receive the _____ [gift] of God in vain” (**2 Cor 6:1**).
- ✘ Is only available through the blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, “without shedding of blood there is no remission” (Heb 9:22).
- ✘ Asking the prayers of the saints.
- ✘ Taken from the teachings of the Apostles.
- ✘ Blaspheming against the Holy Spirit.
- ✘ Our church has been given many names, among them “monotheists” and “Trinitarians.” We identify ourselves as _____.

FEASTS

- ✘ The Coptic New Year is also called this.
- ✘ The feast in which the baptism of our Lord is celebrated.
- ✘ There are ____ minor feasts in the Coptic Church.
- ✘ There are ____ major feasts in the Coptic Church.
- ✘ This is celebrated on the 21st day of each Coptic month.
- ✘ This is celebrated on the 29th of every Coptic month.
- ✘ This is celebrated on the 12th of every Coptic month.
- ✘ This feast is celebrated twice a year in the church and includes a procession around the church, similar to the one done during Palm Sunday.
- ✘ The feast of St. Moses the Black.
- ✘ The feast of St. John the Baptist is celebrated that day after what other feast?

AGPEYA

- ✘ This hour commemorates three significant events: Jesus Christ's trial by Pilate, His ascension to the heavens, and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples.
- ✘ We remember the passing of the world and the final judgment in this hour.
- ✘ In this hour, we await for the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ✘ These prayers reference the coming of the true Light, the Lord Jesus Christ and are associated with eternal life, Jesus Christ's incarnation, and His resurrection from the dead.
- ✘ The Didascalia directs that this be read by Bishops and priests as a means of examining the heart. It is also read by monks.
- ✘ An ancient Egyptian word meaning "The Book of Hours."
- ✘ The number of hours that should be read in a day.
- ✘ We remember the crucifixion and passion of our Lord Jesus Christ in this hour.
- ✘ We remember the death in the flesh of our Lord and the acceptance of the right hand thief into Paradise in this hour.
- ✘ We remember the removing of our Lord's Body from the cross, giving thanks for concluding the day, and asking Him that we might spend the night in peace in this hour.

FATHERS

- ✘ God used this term to mean Father.
- ✘ The father of David.
- ✘ The father of James the disciple (and maybe yogurt?).
- ✘ She stole her father's household gods.
- ✘ Timothy's father was of this nationality.
- ✘ This father came to Jesus Christ to seek help for his little daughter who lay at the point of death.
- ✘ "Honor thy father and thy mother" is the _____ commandment.
- ✘ This name means "father of a great multitude."
- ✘ The people to whom St. Paul wrote, "I will receive you and will be a Father unto you and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."
- ✘ The father of Abraham.

CHANGE OF LIFE, CHANGE OF NAME

- ✘ The original name of Abraham.
- ✘ The original name of Sarah.
- ✘ The original name of Peter.
- ✘ The original name of Zaphnath-paaneah.
- ✘ The original name of Joshua.
- ✘ Pre-Paul
- ✘ The original name of Israel.
- ✘ The original name of Solomon.
- ✘ The original name of Belteshazzar.
- ✘ The original name of Mara.

ENCOUNTERS WITH ANGELS

- ✘ The angel of the Lord appeared to this banished concubine and told her to name her son Ishmael.
- ✘ Angels rescued this man and his family from the doomed city of Sodom.
- ✘ An angel opened the prison's iron gate to release this apostle from prison.
- ✘ An angel holding a drawn sword appeared to this prophet, but only a donkey could see him.
- ✘ He was carried by angels to Abraham's bosom.
- ✘ The angels that guarded the entrance to Eden.
- ✘ This man's mother was visited by an angel. He told her that she would have a son who would be dedicated as a Nazarite.
- ✘ An angel prevented this person from an act of child sacrifice.
- ✘ He had his lips touched with a live coal held by a seraphim.
- ✘ According to Jude, this angel fought with Satan over the body of Moses.