

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 1st. The Lord's entry into Egypt conveys a message of salvation to the whole world.*

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.

Global Coptic Day is a day that unifies all those who cherish the Coptic Orthodox Church and its contributions to the entire world.

The GCD Objective

That the world would know about the **Coptic Orthodox Church** and that GCD becomes a day of celebration everywhere. In addition, that all people may grow in knowledge and education about the richness and history of our beloved **Coptic Church**.



Check out the Global Coptic Day Website:

globalcopticday.org

Facebook Page:

facebook.com/globalcopticday

Or Call Us At:

(954) 392-8824

GCD History and Progress

† On October 20, 2018, Nader Anise presented the idea of Global Coptic Day to His Grace Bishop Youssef, Bishop of the Southern United States.

It was approved and enthusiastically endorsed by His Grace, so much so that Nader was in Egypt exactly one month later, presenting the idea to bishops of the Holy Synod, and even to His Holiness Pope Tawadros II himself at the St. Bishoy Monastery in Wadi El Natroun.

† After spending a full hour with the honored bishops and an additional ten minutes privately with His Holiness Pope Tawadros, the idea received resounding approval by all parties and **Global Coptic Day was born.**



† While His Grace Bishop Youssef and Nader Anise were in Egypt, they presented His Holiness Pope Tawadros with an icon of the Holy Family's Flight to Egypt, symbolic of Global Coptic Day. The icon was created by the prominent iconographer Osama Moris and presented to His Holiness on November 25, 2018.

† The first year of GCD was celebrated in 2019. Numerous Coptic dioceses globally made the inaugural GCD a newsworthy event, receiving worldwide media coverage *Today, a Google search of "Global Coptic Day" yields thousands of results*, consisting of videos, blog posts, interviews, photos and articles in numerous languages.

† In the years 2019 and 2020, President Trump and the First Lady congratulated the Copts on GCD by writing a *Presidential Letter* which was sent electronically and mailed on official White House stationery.

† Between 2019 and 2021, numerous politicians and religious leaders in the US and Canada acknowledged GCD and sent congratulatory messages.



P.R.A.I.S.E

His Holiness Pope Tawadros blessed the idea of P.R.A.I.S.E activities for Global Coptic Day.

Payer

Readings

Acts of Mercy

Include others
(Copts and Non-Copts)

Service

Education
(via social media)

We encourage all Copts to wear **RED** on Global Coptic Day because the red color symbolizes the blood of the martyrs which has enriched the Coptic Orthodox Church for thousands of years.