My Beloved Brethren and Children,

It is my pleasure to wish each of you a blessed and joyous Nativity Feast. Let us begin this new year in peace and brotherly love.

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:9-10).

God bless you.

Bishop Youssef
Bishop, Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States
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Triumphant Christian Mission—Purchased!
An SUS Diocesan Facility—Rehabilitation Center

By the grace of God, the property has been purchased. The facility is on a beautiful 4-acre land, has a large 57 room building, and enough space for outdoor activities (basketball court, soccer field, and a recreation area). Christian and mental health healing are the focus, and a social worker will be available to advance residents into the community. Monetary support in the amount of $100,000 is needed to renovated the facility to meet our goals. Your prayers are needed most of all, that God might advance this project to His glory and bring back the lost sheep to His flock.

Donations may be made online at www.suscopts.org/diocese/donations/ and select Triumphant Christian Mission or via mail. Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of the Southern United States. Kindly indicate in the memo for ‘Rehab Center’ and mail to:
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Upcoming EVENTS ...

Pre-Marital Retreat
FL Jan 9-11, 2015
GA Jun 12-14, 2015

Texas Winter College Convention
Jan 9-12, 2015

Crossroads Grad Convention
Feb 19-22, 2015

CPAR
Coptic Singles—Birthdate Before 2/26/87
Feb. 26-Mar 1, 2015

Florida Youth Convention
FL Mar 6-8, 2015
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) Educating and training in counseling principles and techniques. Spring Registration deadline: December 10, 2014

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 ….. Mentoring is the process of helping individuals develop skills, knowledge, and attitudes in order to set and reach important life goals.

Theological Seminary Program Registration deadline: March 15, 2015

Theological Seminary Program - Nashville—An Arabic theological program located in Nashville.

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

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

St. Verena Resource Ministry (SVRM) Professionals networking together to make a difference and provide resources to our Coptic community. Make a request or volunteer as a consultant. TIPS & Search for Job, Internships, & Education Opportunities.
In addition to the School Supplies Project, H.O.P.E. was able to help a school in Dairout to purchase a 28-passenger minibus before the new school year started. There was a great need for the bus as young girls were being harassed walking home from school every day and it was not safe for them. Through the blessing of many donors, H.O.P.E. made a down payment of $22,857 USD for the bus so the school could get the bus and pay the rest off in monthly installments. May God protect the girls by this effort.

The Christian Oppression Fund to benefit Iraq & Syria was opened in August. The purpose of this fund was to send aid to our Christian brethren in crisis against Islamic terrorism (via their Patriarch). Up to date, $48,289 USD has been collected. May God bless and protect our brothers and sisters all over the world.

In October, H.O.P.E. funded almost 100 small projects in the areas of Deshna and Bahera. A total of $48,428 was sent to support the small projects/businesses. These small projects are to create jobs for poor people and to help them generate an income for themselves and their families. Some examples of these projects are to buy fruit/vegetable carts, groceries, spices, beans, cleaning supplies, wood, animals, clothing, shoes, and sewing machines to help people to start a business. Total donations collected in 2014 for small projects were $110,780.60. Donations can be made to the Upper Egypt Community Project to support more small projects.

In November, H.O.P.E. completed one year of supporting the Parallel School in El Daher. The concept of the Parallel School started when they found that children in the public school in the 5th and 6th grade were still not able to read. So the children attended school daily and then went to the church after school (in parallel with the public school) to continue learning. There were 50 low-income children in the program. The program has proven to be successful and there are now 62 students. By the grace of God, this program will be supported for another year (7 months) with donations of $30,000 USD collected for this effort to improve the future of the children in education. May this concept and program continue to help the children to learn and excel.

In November, H.O.P.E. began the Family Nativity Project. This project is to collect monetary donations to buy new clothing for poor families in Egypt before the Nativity Feast. In addition to clothing, food and toys are also provided based on the needs/requests of the area. May God continue to bless these services and projects to help our needy brethren and for His glory!
The mission of the St. Athanasius Theological Seminary is to provide the participants with a sound Orthodox Christian education, which prepares them to become Christian leaders who are spiritually mature, biblically and theologically responsible, professionally competent, intellectually astute, deeply committed to sharing the truth of our Lord Jesus Christ and fully equipped for the various ministries of His church.

The Family Ministry Program is a distance learning program that will facilitate servants’ understanding of a triadic healing encounter with the living Christ, facilitated by a helper who assists this redemptive, healing process, helping another get unstuck and moving forward on the path to spiritual maturity and psycho-social emotional health. The Holistic approach human. This program is designed to educate and equip those within the church to provide Biblical encouragement, direction, hope, understanding, and aid to those in need within our community.

St. Verena Resource Ministry SVRM

CALLING ALL PROFESSIONALS ……

Register now as a volunteer consultant in your area of expertise to provide guidance to our Coptic community.

The mission of SVRM is to help others help themselves by providing a network of resources in finding information, referrals, assistance, and tips about various issues.

If your place of employment is hiring or offering internships or scholarships, kindly contact us. (7 new job openings were recently posted)!

Make a Request: http://www.suscopts.org/svrm/form/request-assistance

Archangel Raphael Ministry
5th Annual Convention
Individuals with Special Needs
July 23-26, 2015
Volunteers Needed

SUS Diocese
Coptic Truth Ministry
Evangelism & Apologetics Conference
July 31-August 2 2015
برامُج الإيبارشِية:

خدمة رئيس الملائكة رافائيل: A. R. M. - برنامج لمساعدة الأشخاص ذو الإحتياجات الخاصة. الخدمة لديها مؤتمرا سنويا في الصيف.

معهد أساس للألحان: A. H. I. - برنامج خدمة للأمراض لتدريب الأشخاص على مبادئ واساليب الإستشارات. آخر ميعاد للتسجيل 10 ديسمبر 2014.

برنامج الإدارة: LEAD - برنامج للتعليم بمبادئ القيادة المسيحية.

برنامج الإليركية اللاهوتى: آخر ميعاد للتسجيل 01 مارس 2015.

أول معهد من نوعه على الإنترنت

PROGRAMS:

- **A. R. M.** (Apostolic Residence): Program for people with special needs. The service has a summer meeting.
- **A. H. I.** (Asaf Institute of Music): First online college.
- **FMP** (Family Support Program): Program to train people on counseling principles and techniques. Last registration date is December 1, 2014.
- **H.O.P.E.** (H.O.P.E. Ministry): Social services program to support those in need.
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Thank God for giving us the opportunity to help our needy brothers during the past month. In July, we started collecting donations for school needs and tuition fees. The donations were sent in September before the start of the academic year. We also helped a school in Deroth purchase a bus for girls to travel to school. They faced many challenges on their way to school.

In August, we created a fund to help persecuted Christians in Iraq and Syria. The funds have reached $282,484.

In October, we supported a project worth $1,111 in small villages in al-Behira. Some of these cases are chronic and require your continuous support.

In September, we opened a new class at the primary school in the city of Assiut and we plan to help the students learn to read.

**H.O.P.E.** (H.O.P.E. Ministry): Program to purchase new clothes for Christmas, toys for children, and food for needy families. We also provide support to teachers of different branches.

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"فلا تفشل في عمل الخير لأننا سنحصد في وقته إن كنا لا نكل. فإذا حسبما لنا فرصة فلنعمل الخير للجميع، ولا سيما لأهل الإيمان" (غل 6:9-10).

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The Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States presents this simple app to allow access to various Orthodox Christian reading material for the sake of spiritual growth and edification. You will find the Diocese Magazine, biblical commentaries by H.G. Bishop Youssef, and many other books that will be added in the near future. All proceeds go to the SUS Diocese.

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