

# St George Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2012



I am the good shepherd.  
The good shepherd gives  
His life for the sheep  
**John 10:11**

## Surrendering Yourself to the Will of God - Habib Guirgus

The concern of the one who truly loves is to accept what his beloved wants and put aside what his beloved dislikes, this is the example of true love. You cannot achieve the goal in loving God unless you fit your will to His. Nothing is more complete or perfect than the will of God, so whenever your will unites with His, then yours becomes better and perfect, for God is the most perfect Being. So follow His will to sanctify and perfect your will, and say in everything: Let it be Your will, and let me fulfil it, O Lord.

Everything in the world - except sin - takes place by God's permission. You have to thank God and accept what's happening in joy. If you trained yourself to adopt this system, you will never be sad, or distressed, or disturbed, but will keep your peace, calmness and tranquillity, and live on earth in perfect peace.

Surrender fully to the Lord, and give yourself to the Almighty so your will fits His. Surrendering to the Lord is the source of all calmness and tranquillity and the source of all happiness and joy.

Give yourself to the divine care to guide your way, thus proving that you are living for God not yourself.

If your will is fully submissive to His, then you will not act in any way except to fulfill His will. Do not desire anything except to perfect His will in you, and then you'll be happy and rejoicing in the midst of trials and trouble (cf. James 1:2).

Do not let your heart shake before hardships, so God may grant you true delight, for God loves those whom follow His will, as He commented David the prophet saying; "I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will" (Acts 13:22).

When you submit and obey the will of God, you will control all your evil desires, and subdue all your worldly lusts. As much as you humble yourself, you will unite with God, so remove and eliminate from your path anything that will prevent you from this great benefit.

The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, in which to acquire Him, you have to submit yourself to His will, and submit yours to His.

Do not be troubled or become restless because of the pain from this temporal world, for all takes place according to God's will, and all your sadness will be changed into happiness, and your torments into comfort, and your bitterness into rejoice.

This is the saints' situation in which all their trials, troubles, sadness and temptation have been changed and transformed into happiness, joy, peace and comfort, for they have put their trust and their hearts into the Hands of .



the will of God, and were granted His full pleasure. Just as the 'burning bush' seen by Moses the prophet in the wilderness, where the fire inside the bush was aflame but never consumed or injured it-This is God's care, which He shows for us and to us in every way, to guarantee His love to us

Teach me O Lord how to do Your will, follow Your path, and avoid what You dislike, for this is my consolation and the goal of my desires.

"Nevertheless I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand. You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish; You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry. But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all Your works" (Psalm 73:23-28).

## Rite of Coptic Church: Mr Younan Abdel-Messih

### When did the rite begins being practiced in worship?

The early fathers had special rituals of worship, such as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob's rite for the offering of sacrifices as well as Melchisedek's rite, who used bread and wine as an example of Jesus Christ and the Mosaic Law, which The LORD commanded Moses after it was arranged by God and was handed to him on the mountain; this explained his service, system and the servants. Similarly He instituted a fixed altar for sacrifices, prostrate worship in front of the temple and seven daily prayers. Some believe that God had taught Adam the rite of the sacrifices and knowing how to practice slaughtering, de-feathering and wearing skin to teach him that blood concealed him, but Cain had violated the bloody sacrifices so the Lord rejected his un-bloody sacrifice.



### What are the names of the Christian church?

+House of God (Bethel) as was called by Jacob (Gen 15:35) +House of prayer +House of the martyrs (was built on the bones or on the places where they were Martyred) +House of congregation in which God met with the believers +Church as the Lord Jesus purchased it by His blood from the bondage of Satan. +Church of God. The Church bears other names such as City of God, Tower Salvation, Port of Salvation, Noah's Ark, the holy city, the heavenly Jerusalem, vine kingdom of heaven ..... etc. Bride of Christ, the body of Christ as believers are the Christ's body and He is the head

## Congratulations

Axious Axious Axious Fr Marcos

The fathers of the church, the committee members, the deacons, the servants and the congregation of St George Church congratulate Fr Marcos on his 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of his ordination. May the Lord bless his service and preserve his life for us.



## Did you know :

The longest Papacy was Pope Cyril V (1874–1927) = 52 years, 9 months and 6 days

The shortest Papacy was Pope Achillas (312–313) = 6 months

For more details about Coptic Orthodox Popes of Alexandria please see the links below

English: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Coptic\\_Orthodox\\_Popes\\_of\\_Alexandria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Coptic_Orthodox_Popes_of_Alexandria)

Arabic: [http://st-takla.org/Saints/Coptic-Synaxarium-Orthodox-Saints-Biography-00-Coptic-Orthodox-Popes/Coptic-Popes-History\\_000-index\\_.html](http://st-takla.org/Saints/Coptic-Synaxarium-Orthodox-Saints-Biography-00-Coptic-Orthodox-Popes/Coptic-Popes-History_000-index_.html)

# St George Services

## Sunday

Early Liturgy	6:30-8:30am
English Liturgy	8:00-11:00am
Arabic Liturgy	8:30-11:30am
Sunday School	11:00-12:30pm
Servants Meeting	12:50-1:30pm

## Tuesday

Liturgy	5:00-7:00am
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## Wednesday

Liturgy	9:00-11:30pm
Prayer Meeting	7:00-8:00pm

## Friday

Liturgy	9:00-11:30pm
Teens Meeting	7:30-9:00pm
Youth Meeting	8:30-10:00pm

*\* Ladies Meeting on the first Friday of every month at 7pm*

## Saturday

English Liturgy	8:00-10:30am
Vespers	7:00-8:30pm
English Vespers	7:00-8:00pm
Midnight Praises	8:30-10:30pm

*(Confession: Wed, Fri and Sat nights by appointment)*

## St George Accounts

### General Account

(Receipts issued from this account **are not** tax deductible)

Account Name: St George

Coptic Orthodox Church

BSB: 062199

Account Number: 0090 3651

### Building Fund Account

(Receipts issued from this account **are** tax deductible)

Account Name: St George

School Building Fund

BSB: 062199

Account Number: 1008 7359

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