

COPTIC SCOUTS NEWSLETTER



GETTING THE SCOOP WITH OUR TROOP

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FAQ (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)

→ What is Scouts?

- Scouts is an organization that strives to teach fundamental values, outdoor survival, and church services. It is a combination of Boy Scouts of America and of Coptic Scouts.

→ At what age can I join?

- You can join Scouts the summer going to fifth grade, having completed the fourth grade. We have different ranks and you achieve the next rank by completing all of the required tasks and passing the final test.

→ At what time can I join Scouts?

- We recruit new scout members every year during the month of June on Sundays after liturgy. You can contact Kirles Girgis for more details about the specific dates to join.

→ Why do you usher every Sunday?

- Ushering is one of the most important services that scout members do in church. Through ushering, we help keep the church organized and create an ideal environment allowing people to focus on praying. (see article 3 for more)

→ What outdoor activities do scouts do?

- Scouts do a lot of hands-on activities. Different ranks have different activities and tasks. Some of the activities include:

- How to build a fire
- How to build a tent
- How to build a tower
- Different knots and their purpose



- Scouts are also encouraged to join us on trips like camping, water rafting, hiking, archery, rock climbing, and more!

→ How much does it cost to be in scouts?

- You will be paying a one time fee at the beginning of June every year of \$20. This covers the cost of the supplies we need. Every trip we go has varying prices - which is separate than the entrance fee.

PENNY DRIVE / PENNY WARS CHANGE FOR CHANGE

CHANGE FOR CHANGE is an opportunity for our Youth to try to donate any loose change they may be carrying around or that you have so we can see change and improvement in our church! Little by little, and with your help, we can go a long way! The money collected will go towards Save the Children of the Developing World (SCDW). There will be an elementary/middle school edition and a high school edition. We will begin every 1st Sunday of February and end the last Sunday of April. Each Sunday school class will try to collect as many pennies, nickels, and dimes as they can and winning class will receive a prize as a class. Even though this is a competition, everyone must remain Christ-like and behave accordingly.



UPCOMING EVENTS / FASTS

Nativity Fast

- First sunday of Kiahk is December 15, 2019
- Second Sunday of Kiahk is December 22, 2019
- Third Sunday of Kiahk is December 29, 2019
- Fourth sunday of Kiosk is January 5, 2020
- The Holy Nativity Feast is January 7th, 2020



New Years

January 1, 2020

Theophany

January 20, 2020



SCOUTS ROLE IN SUNDAY SERVICE

نظام الكشافة لقدس يوم الأحد

Ushering is an important service the Scouts do during Sunday liturgies. This is a way that we can give back to our church for all it does for us. We have to ensure that everybody gives the church the respect it deserves, and that it is a quiet environment so that the rest of the congregation can spiritually benefit and pray without distractions. This includes quieting down children who are crying, slowing down those who are running, or picking up any accidental garbage on the floor. This overall helps in making our church more beautiful. After all, the church is God's house and we should respect it as such. It is important for the scouts and the congregation to work together. Some things you can do to help out in the church are the following:

- If you see garbage lying around on the pews or on the ground, throw it out! It would only take a few seconds of your time, but would save a servant a load of time. If everyone picked up garbage, the church would always be clean!
- If you are a parent and your child is restless or crying loudly, it would be greatly appreciated if you took your child to the chapel until he/she calmed down. This way, your child is no longer upset, and those praying in church wouldn't get distracted.
- Even if you aren't a parent, if you see kids talking to each other, on their phone, or disrespecting the church, please tell them to focus or stay quiet - this way you are helping them while giving the church the respect it deserves.



التنظيم هو خدمة هامة يقوم بها الكشافة خلال القداس في يوم الأحد. هذه هي طريقة من طرق لخدمة كنيستنا على كل ما تعطينا. علينا أن نضمن أن الجميع يحترم الكنيسة، وأن يوجد بيئة هادئة لباقي الشعب بأن يستفيدوا ويصلوا بدون إزعاجات. يتضمن ذلك تهدئة الأطفال الذين يبكون أو الذين يجرون، وأيضاً التقاط أي قمامة من على الأرض. هذا يساعد بشكل عام على تجميل كنيستنا. لأن الكنيسة هي بيت الله وعلينا احترامها على هذا النحو. من المهم أن يعمل فريق الكشافة والشعب معاً

من بعض الأشياء التي يمكنك القيام بها للمساعدة في الكنيسة

إذا رأيت قمامة على المقد أو الأرض، فقم برميها! سيستغرق الأمر بضع ثوان فقط من وقتك، ولكنه سيوفر للخادم وقتاً طويلاً. إذا ألتقط الجميع القمامة، فستكون الكنيسة نظيفة دائماً

إذا كنت أحد الوالدين لطفل قلق أو يبكي بصوت عال، سنكون في غاية الامتنان إذا أخذت طفلك خارج الكنيسة حتى يهدأ. بهذه الطريقة يتوقف طفلك عن الغضب، ولن ينزعج بقية المصلين في الكنيسة إذ لم تكن أحد الوالدين لطفل، فلو رأيت أطفال يتحدثون مع بعضهم البعض، أو يستخدمون الهواتف المحمولة، أو لم يحترموا الكنيسة، فرجاء أن تخبرهم أن يجب عليهم التركيز والتزام الهدوء في هذا المكان المقدس. وبهذه الطريقة تساعدكم وأيضاً تعطي الكنيسة الاحترام المستحق

UPCOMING TRIPS

Rock Climbing Certification

The Second Class, are working on earning their rock climbing certification. You're probably wondering what that means. Well, they will be taught and tested by professionals to safely belay the climber. Still confused? When rock climbing, there is a person who is climbing the wall; this person is the climber. The person that is helping the climber get to the top of the wall is the baleyer. This person controls that rope that is attached to the climber and securing them as they climb. Usually, the scout servants belay the scouts, but since our troop has grown in number, they need help, so now it's the Second Class' time to shine. During their Christmas break, they will be tested and receive their certification.

WORD SEARCH

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ST. MARK'S COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH HISTORY

Saint Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church, our beloved church, is recognized as the first Coptic church in the United States and North America as a whole. The church building was the first to be purchased among all the established Coptic churches, and on February 22, 1970, Fr. Rofael Younan prayed the first liturgy in it. He remained in Saint Mark's until a permanent replacement was found. On August 5, 1970, Pope Kyrillos VI ordained Hakim A. Abdelsayed and he was sent to Saint Mark's as Fr. Gabriel Abdelsayed. From that point forward, the church blossomed and rapidly expanded; attendance began to increase and many more Coptic churches were established in New Jersey. In 1993, to the dismay of many, Heg. Fr. Gabriel suffered a heart attack and departed, leaving for us his legacy. Multiple priests served in the church until January 5, 1995, when Pope Shenouda III sent Fr. Abraam Slemen to undergo his service at Saint Mark's. Fr. Abraam advanced the services and made renovations to the church. On November 14, 1999, Fr. Markos Ayoub was ordained and chosen to serve alongside Fr. Abraam. Then on January 9, 2003, Fr. Abraam was elevated to the rank of hegumen. Fr. Daniel Abdel-Maseih became the newest addition to Saint Mark's priests, being ordained by Pope Shenouda III on September 1, 2007. Fr. Markos was elevated to the rank of hegumen by Pope Tawadros II during His Holiness historical visit to church on September 24, 2018, in which he also officially opened the church's newest service building, Emmanuel Center.

Currently, there is a very prominent issue regarding the physical structure of the church. The windows have not been renovated or altered since the church's construction, meaning that they are currently very fragile and it is a matter of time until they collapse. The church is now calling for your assistance and your donations. There is a QR code below that will redirect you to the church's Facebook, where there is a fundraiser and a video demonstrating the fragility of the windows.



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Scan me to
watch a funny
video

GET TO KNOW THE NEW SERVANTS



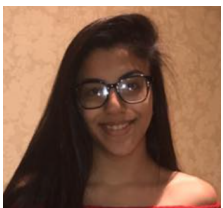
→ **Peter Saad:** *Scouts Servant*

He is an 18 year old college student who enjoys spending time with kids.



→ **Yuliana Sorial:** *Advanced Cub Scouts Servant*

She is 19 years old and serves in Sunday School as the Pre-K Servant.



→ **Kermena Shenouda:** *Junior Assistant Scoutmaster*

She is 18 years old and is on our church's Coyball team.



→ **Abakir Hanna:** *Junior Assistant Scoutmaster*

He is 18 years old and enjoys programming.





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