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A Pastoral and Consecration Trip

HH the Pope this time traveled for a twenty days trip started on 22/1 and was back on 11/2.

Three reverend bishops accompanied HH; Their Grace Bishop Botros, Bishop Youanes and Bishop Ermia.

During the trip the Pope had meetings with ten of the reverend bishops and they are their Grace (listed according to meetings' agenda order): Bishop Serapion, Bishop Macarius the Eritrean, Bishop Youhanna, Bishop David, Bishop Athanasious, Bishop Youssef (of Southern USA), Bishop Aghathon of Brazil, Bishop Youssef of Bolivia, Bishop Besada and Bishop Boules.

HH met in Mexico with His Eminence Metropolitan Antonious Shedrawy of the Greek Orthodox and Bishop Alexy of the American Orthodox.

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The Pope had meetings with many politicians; in Houston he met with the Egyptian General Consu AL Hussein Abd El Wahab and Mrs. Magda Ezzat the Managerial Attaché. In Mexico HH met with our ambassador Dr Shawky Mostafa Kamel and Minister of Internal Affairs of Mexico who is also the Vice President, he met with the Undersecretary of Internal Affairs

ministry, Head of Religious Affairs along with ambassadors of Palestine and Lebanon in Mexico and Ethiopia's Consul General.

And in New York HH the Pope met with Ambassador Maged Abd Al Fattah, Egypt's representative at the United Nation and Ambassador Sherif Al Kholi the Consul General.

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HH the Pope consecrated St. Mary & St. Mark Church-Mexico, he inaugurated St. John the Baptist Church in Miami-Florida, consecrated St. Mary's Church in Petersburg and Archangel & St. Mina Church in Staten Island also St. Mary & St. George Church in Staten Island.

The Pope started writing our church history in the lands of immigration (with Mr. Maged in Miami).

The Pope also elevated seven reverend priests to the Hegomen rank, he visited our churches in Belleville, Homedale and Up State.

HH met with a large number of priests and congregation of St. Abraam Church-Long Island.

He also met with a number of the reverend fathers in New Jersey, New York, Houston and Cleveland as well as 60 of the reverend priests of the Eastern Coast. The Pope also met in private meetings with some of the

fathers to discuss some pastoral issues in America, Canada, Mexico and St. Anthony's Monastery of California.

Priesthood nominations were presented to HH the Pope.

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HH spent two days in Cleveland for some Medical checkups at Cleveland Clinic.



HH the Pope in front of our New Church Altar in Mexico

The Fourth Meeting of the International Joint Commission for Theological Dialogue between the Catholic Church and the Oriental Orthodox Churches

The committee convened in Rome on the 31st of Jan till the 2nd of Feb, 2007, HE Metropolitan Bishoy represented our church along with Fr. Shenouda Maher whereas HG Bishop Bernaba attended some of the sessions and meetings as an observer. A meeting was held in advance (on the 29th, 30th of Jan) for the members of the Oriental Orthodox side which included representatives of the Coptic, Syrian and Armenian Churches (in Etchmiadzin & Antelias) as well as the Ethiopian, Eritrean and Indian churches; they prepared a paper expressing a unified opinion of those churches concerning ecclesiastical and syndic authority and the issue of the Pope of Rome's presidency over the Christian churches worldwide, this issue which our churches refuses

but at the same time we accept the hierarchy in our church law which has nothing to do with the church authority, **accordingly the Pope of Rome doesn't represent other churches and is not the leader of those churches**, the Ecumenical Council which includes leaders from all churches is the supreme authority **among churches united in faith** and communion.

And during the joint committee meeting, the paper concerning this subject was presented after discussions took place during the previous meeting in Armenia last year. Discussions also revolved round **the church's mission which abides to the bible teachings as well as spreading love and peace according to Jesus Christ commandments.**

Papers were also presented concerning marriage in Christianity and some subjects concerning salvation which will be discussed later on God's willing.

On beginning of Feb, the joint committee met with the new Pope of Rome Benedict XVI where HE Metropolitan Bishoy gave a word as the participating Head of dialogue committee where he spoke about the importance of theological dialogue, he presented



HE Metropolitan Bishoy giving an icon as a present to HH Pope Benedict XVI

to HH Pope Benedict XVI an icon of Jesus Christ the King, the Pastor and the teacher drawn by the nuns of St. Demiana Monastery in Berary, Pope Benedict received it with joy and appreciation.

HH Pope Benedict XVI then gave a word which was published on the Vatican newspaper where he expressed his appreciation to his brethren the Heads of Oriental Orthodox Churches their Beatitude and Their Holiness: Pope Shenouda III, Patriarch Zakka Iwas I, Catholicos Karakein II, Catholicos Karakein I, Patriarch Pavlos, Patriarch Antonious I, Catholicos Bassillious Mar Toma Deonesious I, he expressed his deep concern with issues taking place now a days in the Middle East and with Christian testimony there as well.

A memorial photo was taken for the joint commission for dialogue with HH.

The committee resumed its work and the next meeting was scheduled to be on the 27th of Jan to 2nd of Feb 2008 at Mar Avraam Monastery in Ma'ret Seydnaya Damascus Syria and the drafting committee is to meet in Rome on 29th & 30th of May 2007.



HH Pope Benedict XVI with members of the international joint committee for theological dialogue between the Catholic and Oriental Orthodox Churches

An Award from the Patriarch of Russia to Mr. Botros Botros Ghali

Was presented to him by HH Patriarch Alexy of Russia on Sunday 22nd of Jan, it is the: **Promoting Unity of Orthodox Nations Award**

Mr Ghali was awarded the prize as he is the former Secretary General of the United Nations Organization.

It is an award presented to public figures in churches or countries accredited by the country in Russia, there is a financial award as well which is usually directed to charity.



Prof. Botros Botros Ghali gave a word of thanks after he was given the award in a huge ceremony attended by HH the Patriarch and some of the reverend metropolitans along with a large number of congregation and church lay VIP members.

We extend our felicitations to Prof. Botros Botros Ghali on this valuable recognition from a big church as the Russian Orthodox Church.

On the Award Ceremony of Prof. Botros Ghali

Prof. Botros Ghali with HH Patriarch Alexy of Russia and three of the reverend Russian metropolitans and some of the state VIPs in the banquet hall at the Patriarchal palace.



Ordination of Reverend Priests at Dioceses

Ordaining Two Priests for the Diocese of Tanta

On Friday 26/1 HG Bishop Paula ordained two priests:

- ❖ Dr. Osama Aziz giving him the name of Fr. Ermia for St. Demiana & St. Pishoi altar in Tanta.
- ❖ Clerical Deacon George Michel giving him the name of Fr. Rafael for St. Athanasious Altar in Abu Al Far and St. Rowais' in Kafr Ya'coub.

HG Bishop Maximous of Banha attended the ordination Mass, it was a joyous day for everyone, our felicitations to them all.



Ordaining a Priest for San Diego California, USA

On Sunday 12/2 HG Bishop Serapion ordained Fr. Kirolos Ibrahim as a second priest for St. Demiana Church, San Diego (with Fr. Mina Wahba).

HG has ordained him before as devoted deacon.

HG Bishop Youssef of Southern USA participated in the ordination prayers.

The new priest is now spending the forty days in St. Pishoi Monastery, Sheheit wilderness.

We extend our felicitations to him and to everyone.

He is seen in the photo with his family, HG the bishop and Hegomen Mina Wahba.

Ordaining a Priest for Hurghada Church

On Saturday 2/2/2007 HG Bishop Thawfelous of the Red Sea diocese celebrated the ordination of Monk Istafanous Al Suriyany as a Priest to serve St. Mina Church in Hurghada.

The Abbot of his monastery HG Bishop Metaous ordained him and HG Bishop Thawfelous of the dioceses participated in the ordination prayers.

Our felicitations to the new priest who is seen in the photo with Their Grace the bishops along with some of the reverend fathers.



HH the Pope's Trip to America and Mexico

By HG Bishop Youanes

HH the Pope left Cairo Airport on Monday morning 22nd of Jan on Egypt Air flight heading New York accompanied by Their Grace Bishop Botros, Bishop Youanes and Bishop Ermia.

At New York's Airport:

HH the Pope arrived at New York's airport on Monday noon the 22nd of Jan where at his arrival were Their Grace Bishop Serapion, Bishop Macarius the Eritrean, Bishop Youhanna, Bishop David, Bishop Athanasious along with some of the reverend priests and Attorney Maged Riad.

HH then went to the papal residence in Cedar Grove-New Jersey where a large number of the reverend priests of New York, New Jersey and Canada were at the Pope's arrival along with hundreds of the congregation whom HH blessed them all.

On Tuesday morning 23rd of Jan HH the Pope and the accompanying delegate went to Cleveland.

In Cleveland:

The Pope arrived at Cleveland on Tuesday morning where at his arrival were Hegomen Mikhail Edward, Fr. Morkos Ghali and some of the congregation.

HH then headed Cleveland Clinic where some medical checks were done for follow up and little medical treatments were prescribed...we thank the Lord for the stability of HH medical condition which is even in more progress...

HH then moved to his residence in our church of Cleveland...and in the early morning of Friday 26/1 the Pope left Cleveland on the way through Houston heading Mexico City (capital of Mexico).

At Houston Airport:

Ambassador Al Hussein Abd Al Wahab was at HH the Pope's arrival at Houston airport along with Mrs. Magda Ezzat the embassy's Managerial Attaché' as well as our priests in Houston Fr. Bishoy George, Fr. Athanasious Kaldas and Fr. Younan Labib along with some of the church congregation...HH afterwards left Houston heading Mexico City...

HH the Pope in Mexico:

HH arrived at Mexico airport on the noon of Friday 26th of Jan accompanied by Their Grace Bishop Botros, Bishop Youanes, Bishop Ermia, Hegomen Mikhail Edward and Mr. Bishoy Hegomen Mikhail Edward.

And at the plane's entrance door there was Dr Shawky Mostafa Kamel Ambassador of Egypt in Mexico and Mr. Florence Salsar Undersecretary of the Mexican Ministry of Internal Affairs at the Pope's arrival.

HH then entered the VIP lounge of Mexico City airport where at his arrival was Mr. Cervando Garcia Religious Affairs Manager at the Ministry of Internal Affairs along with Their Grace Bishop Serapion, Bishop Youssef (of Southern America), Bishop David, Bishop Aghathon (Brazil), Bishop Youssef (Bolivia), Fr. Zakareya Al Baramousy our priest in Mexico...also His Eminence Metropolitan Antonious Shedrawy of the Greek Orthodox in Mexico, HG Bishop Alexy of the American Orthodox Church in Mexico and some of the church lay members.

Mexico's Vice President Receiving HH the Pope at the Airport:

Vice President Francisco Javier of Mexico who is also the Minister of Internal Affairs arrived at the VIPs lounge to welcome HH the Pope in his historical visit to Mexico, he extended greetings and welcome to HH the Pope on behalf of President Filibbi Caldiron of Mexico who was out of the country at the time of the Pope's visit.



With the Minister of Internal Affairs & Vice President of Mexico presenting a souvenir gift in the attendance of the Ambassador of Egypt

HH left the VIPs lounge and a large number of our church congregation in Mexico were at the Pope's arrival chanting in Spanish welcoming the Pope...HH then headed Morleos where our new church is.

In Morleos State

Morleos is located 76 Miles away from Mexico City, HH the Pope purchased a 2000 m² at a beautiful mountain area and a church was built, a place for the priest to live in and a church services premises...

HH the Pope stayed at the house of Eng Sameh Mikhail which is next to the new church and was prepared for HH the Pope and his Secretariat.

A Welcome Ceremony at our New Church in Morleos

HH the Pope went on Saturday evening 17/1 to our new church in Morleos where the church congregation welcomed him (Egyptians and Mexicans) with joy. Some of them performed a piece of Folkloric music in the church yard...a spiritual welcome ceremony was then held in the church on the honor of the Pope's visit.

Fr. Zakareya Al Baramousy first gave a word welcoming HH the Pope... Mr. Weldthow Sogaura gave a welcome word, he is one of the first Mexican families who were baptized and joined the Coptic Church.

Three children then chanted a welcome church song greeting HH the Pope.

Carlos Ramon (a 4-year old) said aloud the Orthodox Creed in Spanish.

Dr. Samuel Josef then talked about the Egyptian youths in Mexico and Mrs. Alma Castino spoke about the Mexican women.

The blessed daughter Elizabeth Sameh Mikhail also gave a welcome word then Mrs. Anne Mikhail who gave her word in Spanish, also Engineer Sameh Mikhail...and Mr Samir Luka translated those words.

The ceremony was concluded by a word given by HH the Pope who welcomed Dr Shawky Mostafa Kamel Ambassador of Egypt and the reverend eight bishops who were attending, the Pope in his word also thanked:

Hegomen Mikhail Edward for his loving effort and repeated trips to Mexico.

Fr. Zakareya El Baramousy who helped many members join the Coptic Church during the first year of his service in Mexico.

Deaconess Sawsan and all who

worked with her in drawing the church icons which are very beautiful and inspiring.

HH gave a deep spiritual word about the life of holiness which was translated by Mr. Damir Luka to Spanish.

At the end, HH the Pope blessed all the attendees and distributed souvenir gifts to everyone (almost 250).

With Televisa on Channel One:

HH the Pope after the ceremony had an interview with the Mexican Televisa TV-Ch1 where talks revolved around spirituality of the Coptic Church and her missionary work, HH also talked about the role of those who are well off towards the poor.

Consecrating our New Church in Mexico:

HH the Pope consecrated on Sunday morning 28th of Jan the altar of our new church in Morleos - Mexico and dedicated it to Virgin Mary & St Mark, there grace who participated in the consecration prayers are:

Bishop Botros, Bishop Serapion, Bishop Youssef (America), Bishop Youanes, Bishop David, Bishop Ermia, Bishop Aghathon (Brazil), and Bishop Youssef (Bolivia.)

President of Mexico designated Mrs. Diana Rocio to attend the consecration prayers on his behalf, also attended His Eminence Metropolitan Antonio Shedrawy of the Greek Orthodox in Mexico, His Grace Bishop Alexy of the American Orthodox Church of America along with some of the reverend Mexican monks and nuns.

After consecrating the altar, HH the Pope consecrated the new baptistery and had the reverend bishops consecrate the icons.



HH the Pope consecrating our new church in Mexico surrounded by the reverend bishops from the right side their grace Bishop Youssef and Bishop Ermia, from the other side Bishop Botros and Bishop Youssef (Bolivia), Deacon Bishop Hegomen Mikhail Edward is also seen in the photo

It was such a joyous day... I imagined my brethren that the spirit of St. Mark was so joyous by her successor the 117th Patriarch HH Pope Shenouda III who spread St. Mark's missionary work to the far ends of the worlds... to Latin America last year... and to Mexico this year...

A Luncheon Banquet on the honor of HH the Pope

HE Metropolitan Antonio Shedrawy held a luncheon banquet after the consecration prayers on the honor of HH the Pope at the Alendo De Cocoyoc Hotel.

At the banquet HE Metropolitan Antonio Shedrawy first gave a word...then HH the Pope gave a word of thanks to the Mexican Government and the churches in Mexico for their welcome to the Coptic Church and her missionary work...

HH then presented souvenir gifts to:

HE Metropolitan Antonio Shedrawy of the Greek Orthodox.

HG Bishop Alexy of the American Orthodox Church.

Mr. Servando Garcia Head Religious Affairs in Mexico.

Mr. Victor Bedawry Castino Assistant Head of Religious Affairs.

Dr. Shawky Mostafa Kamel Egyptian Ambassador in Mexico.

Ambassador Sa'eed Hamed of Palestine in Mexico.

Ambassador Nahoud Mahmoud of Lebanon in Mexico.

Consul Alberto Capsoud of Ethiopia in Mexico.

Hegomen Mikhail Edward our Priest in Cleveland.

Fr. Zakareya Al Baramousy our Priest in Mexico.

And on Monday morning 29th of Jan HH the Pope left Mexico heading Miami, USA.

HH the Pope in Miami:

HH the Pope arrived at Miami Airport on Monday noon 29/1 accompanied by Their Grace Bishop Botros, Bishop Youssef, Bishop Youanes and Bishop Ermia. And on his arrival there were Fr. Mikhail Aziz, Fr. Timothaous Hegomen Isaac Sadek, Fr. Youaqeem Botros and a large number of the church congregation.

With Mr. Maged Riad 

HH the Pope spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Attorney Maged Riad discussing the outlines of a book which will speak about the Coptic Church history in America and Canada, this meeting was at the new house of Mr. Maged Riad Al Deiry in Miami.



The Church of St. John the Baptist, Miami, Florida

Inaugurating our New Church in Miami:

HH the Pope on Thursday 1st of Feb inaugurated our new church in Miami which is dedicated to St. John the Baptist...HH prayed the Prayer of Thanksgiving in the beautiful spacious hall which is now being used as a church till the church building is completed...the Pope then gave a spiritual word to the congregation and extended his felicitations to HG Bishop Youssef, Fr. Timothaous and the congregation on their new church... HH the Pope thanked HG Bishop Youssef on the increase in number of churches in the dioceses of Southern America to double of their number under his auspices as a bishop (1995-2207)...may God bless all work done for the Glory of His name...

And on Thursday noon 1/2 HH left Miami heading Pittsburg.

HH the Pope in Pittsburg:

HH the Pope arrived at Pittsburg on Thursday evening 1/2 where on his arrival there were: HG Bishop David, Hegomen Mikhail Edward, Fr. Morkos Ghali (from Cleveland), Hegomen Bishoy Fahmy (Pittsburg), Hegomen Sidarous Abd Al Messeih (Columbus), Fr. Istafanous Aziz (Lancaster), Fr. Pavlos Ramsis Fahmy (Chicago), Fr. Shenouda Morkos (Greenville), Fr. Mousa Wadie (from Egypt) and a large number of the church congregation.



HH had a little rest afterwards he went to our new church in Pittsburg where he had a spiritual meeting with the congregation... Hegomen Bishoy Fahmy gave a word welcoming HH the Pope commenting on the Pope's article which was written in Al Keraza magazine titled "**I owe this congregation**" saying that the whole church actually owes HH the Pope...HH then spoke about the hands of the Lord which work in the church and not our weakness...

HH afterwards gave a word about the life of repentance...he also spoke with the congregation about the church youth service.



Consecrating St. Mary's Church in Pittsburg:



HH the Pope consecrated on Friday 2nd of Feb the altar of St. Mary's Church in Pittsburg; Their Grace Bishop Botros, Bishop Youanes, Bishop David and Bishop Ermia participated in the consecration prayers.

Then HH consecrated the new Baptistery...

HH distributed souvenir gifts on Hegomen Bishoy Fahmy, the church service' superintends, priests, visitors from other churches and all the church congregation.

Press Meeting in Pittsburg:

After the consecration prayers, HH the Pope received the Beaver County and the Postegazet reporters where he spoke with them in an interview about the spirituality of the Coptic Church and how She spread worldwide.

HH then visited the church Sunday School classes, the chapel, offices and the guests' hall...and on the evening of Friday HH left Pittsburg heading New Jersey.

HH the Pope in New Jersey:

HH the Pope arrived at the Papal residence in Cedar Grove, New Jersey on Friday evening 2/2 where he had lots of pastoral duties awaiting him...

With St. Abraam Church, Long Island

HH the Pope received on Saturday morning 3/2 St. Abraam Church council, Long Island. And received on the evening of the same day Hegomen Girguis Sobhy and his wife.

On Sunday evening 4/2 HH received a large number of the church Lay Leaders.

And on Wednesday 7/2 The Pope received Fr. Shenouda Magdy and his wife.

On Thursday 8/2 HH received Hegomen Girguis Sobhy and his wife, Mr Maged Riad and a group of the church youths.

Consecrating the Archangel & St. Mina Church, Staten Island:

We thank the lord who completed construction of our beautiful new church which is next to the Archangel & St. Mina Church, Staten Island, New York. HH the Pope consecrated the altars of the new church on Sunday 4/2, Their Grace Bishop Besada, Bishop Botros, Bishop Youanes, Bishop David and Bishop Ermia participated in the consecration prayers.

HH then consecrated the new Baptistery.



With the Northern Coast Priests of Northern America:

HH the Pope had a spiritual meeting on Tuesday morning with almost sixty of the priests from New York, New Jersey, Boston, Rhode Island, Washington, Baltimore and Canada. It was very successful and fruitful meeting where HH answered a lot of questions.

HH the Pope discussed with the reverend priests the Coptic Church's missionary work with Americans and Canadians, it has been agreed during the meeting that a committee for this purpose to be formed under the auspices of HG Bishop David and members: Hegomen Mousa Al Gohary, Hegomen Angaelos Mikhail, Hegomen Mo'esis Al Boghdady, Hegomen Antonious Tanious, Hegomen Bishoy Andrawous, Fr. Ibrahim Wassef and Fr. Michael Suriel.

At the Egyptian Consulate, New York:

HH the Pope visited on Tuesday 6/2 the Egyptian Consulate in New York where at his arrival there were Ambassador Maged Abd Al Fattah of Egypt in the United Nations, Consul General Dr Sherif Al Kholi of Egypt in New York and the embassy's employees.

A welcome reception was held at the consulate office on the honor of HH the Pope; VIPs who gave words during the reception are:

Ambassador Sherif Al Kholi.

Ambassador Maged Abd Al Fattah.

Sheikh Ahmed Dowidar.

Prof. Sanaa Al Nadeem of Inter Faith Dialogue.

Mr. Esam Al Badry Chairman of Arab Club at the United Nations.

Dr. Ezzat Morkos member of Egyptian American doctors Association.

Hajj Mohamed Younes.

Mr. Maged Riad Al Deiry.

Mr. Baher Sha'rawy.

Mr Mamdouh Bishay who read aloud a poem in the love of Egypt and praising HH the Pope.

Dr. Gamil Sedrak.

The reception was concluded by a word given by HH the Pope answering also the attendees' questions...it was a very nice gathering.

At St. Mary & the Saint with the Two Swords Church- Bellville

HH the Pope visited on Friday 9th of Feb St. Mary & the Saint with the Two Swords Church in Bellville, HH prayed the prayer of Thanksgiving in the church and gave a spiritual word to the congregation, HH thanked Fr. Youssef Halim Zaki and Dr. Nagy

Malek along with members of the church council and the congregation on their loving and faithful efforts for the spiritual and architectural growth of the church...

HH then went to Up State, New York.

At the New Land for St. Mary & St. Pachomius Church, Up State, New York:

HH the Pope arrived on Friday noon 9th of Feb at the newly purchased piece of land of our church in Up State-New York, it is located 8 miles North of the present church in Stony Point. It is a 14 Acres piece of land with four buildings one of which is 500 Sq Mt which will be used as a church till the new one is completed, there are also four tennis courts, two swimming pools and a beautiful artificial lake.

HH the Pope blessed the new piece of land; he thanked Hegomen Jacob Ghali, Fr. Youhanna Abadeer, the church's council and congregation for their loving efforts to purchase the land.

It is to be noted that the church owns another 11 acres piece of land in Up State-New York located a mile Southern of the present church there, the new church is planned to be built on that piece of land and the Stony Point Newly purchased land will be a retreat center for conventions, and other social and cultural church activities, may God bless all work done for the Glory of His Name.

HH then went to Homedale which is 70 miles away from Stony Point.

At St. Mina Church Homedale, New Jersey:

HH the Pope arrived at St. Mina Church-Homedale on Friday evening 9th of Feb, he blessed the newly purchased piece of land next to the church. Our church now owns in Homedale thirty three and half acres.



Consecrating St. Mary & St. George Church, Staten Island

And Its Decision to Dismiss and Separate Prof. George Habib Bebawy from the Coptic Orthodox Church

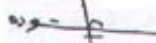


❖ The Decision of the Holy Synod of the Coptic Orthodox Church

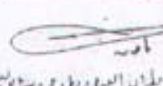
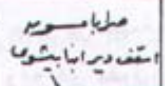
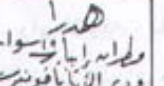
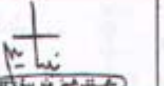
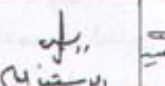
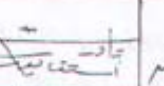
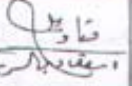
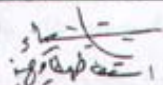
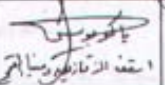
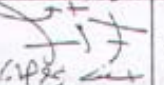
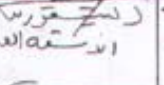



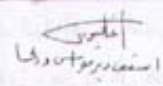
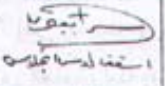
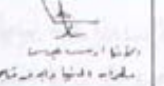
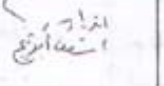
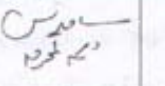
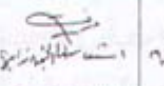
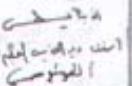
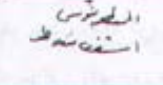
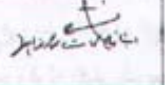

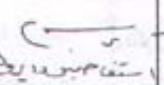
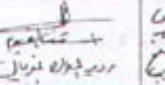
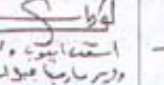

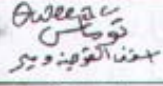
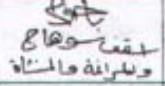
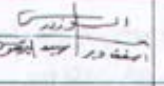

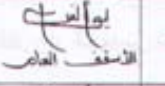
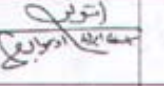
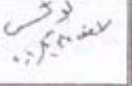
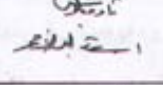
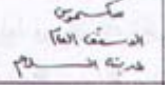
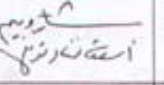
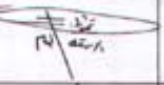
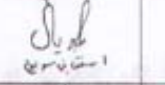
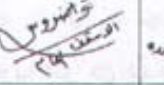
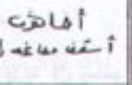
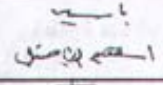
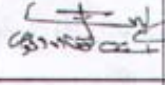
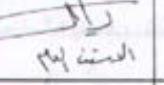
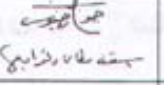
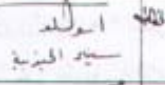

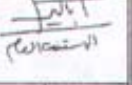
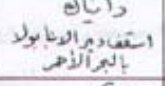
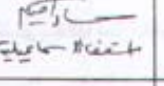
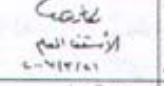
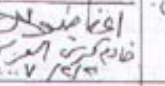
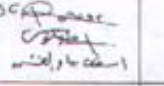
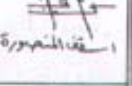
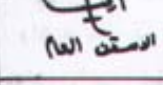
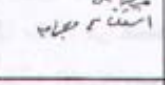

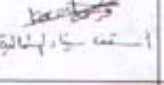
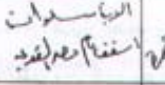
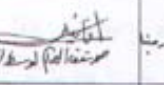
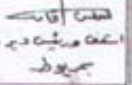
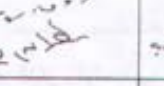
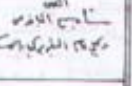
On the morning of Wednesday 21st February 2007 AD in the Papal Residency in Cairo, the Holy Synod, under the presidency of HH Pope Shenouda III, Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of St. Mark, discussed what Prof. George Habib Bebawy published and taught before and currently in printed material and voice recordings which is opposing the right Orthodox teachings of our church. And due to the fact that he separated himself by himself from the Coptic Orthodox Church by joining the Russian Church then the Anglican Church of England. So if he still considers himself a Coptic Orthodox, the Holy Synod decides isolating and excommunicating him from the Coptic Orthodox Church due to his Theological, Dogmatic and Ritual deviations that he published and mislead others' thoughts with, his continual insisting on his mistakes and his movement among different doctrines, and isolating and excommunicating all those who hold the same deviated ideas. And so he and all those who have the same beliefs are not allowed to participate in any of the Church's Sacraments or teach in any form.

The Head of the Holy Synod

The Secretary of the Holy Synod


 Pope Shenouda III
 Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch
 of the See of St. Mark 117


 Metropolitan of Domiat, Kafr El Sheikh and Berary

The Heresy of Deifying the Human!!

Pope Shenouda III



How many are the heresies that some started spreading...

And maybe the most dangerous of which is the heresy of deifying the human...

And pretending that the human can be in God's nature and in His divinity... I know that this talking is hard and is unacceptable and cannot be believed by any believer but that is what happened...

And deifying the human is against God's saying in the ten commandments since the past "You shall have no other gods before Me" (Ex 20, Dt 5), and it is against the Creed that all the world churches believe in and it starts with "We believe in one God...". And it is against what the Lord said in Prophet Isaiah's book "I am the LORD, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me." (Is 45:5). And His saying "Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me" (Is 43:10). And he who believes in deifying the human falls in the same sin in which Satan fell who said "I will be like the Most High" (Is 14:14) so he ended up descending to the Hades and falling of Heaven (Is 14:15, 12).

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And the danger of this heresy is that deifying the human means that he has divine characteristics, regardless of how this heresy's owners may try to deny this.

God is a Creator. So is it by deifying the human he become a creator like God?! He starts having the ability to create from void!!

And God is present everywhere, in Heaven and on Earth and in between Heaven and Earth. So by deifying the human does he become like God in this?!

And God know what's in the hearts, reads thoughts and knows intentions. And He also knows the future. So by deifying the human does he become fully knowledgeable like God? And does he become fully capable and mighty?!

And God is eternal, meaning He has no beginning. So how could they say that human can be deified while he is a creature with a beginning?! Also God is alive! And does not die, so with which reasoning do they believe in deifying the human while he one day will die?! Can the dead be called a God?!

And same applies in all God's characteristics which cannot be applies in deifying the human

heresy. And worst of all, one of those who called with this heresy that "God has not become another compared to the human"!! So has God become the human and the human became God and not another?!

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And the strange thing is that those who call with deifying the human are trying to relate this heresy to the sayings of the first fathers, the saints!!

And there is no way that one of the fathers called with such deifying...

And if a Christian writer, regardless of who he is, claimed such a claim. So it is either he did not understand what that father saint who said the saying that he refers such talk to, he made a mistake in translating from Greek which he claims to know or it is just a trial from his side to hide behind he saying of the fathers by referring to them what they did not say or did not mean. Or he is doing wrong towards the fathers by saying that they believe in this. Or he is forgetting the teachings of the Holy Bible that says that God is one and no other one...

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In some of the western countries there are many heresies that they want to transmit to us through those who are affected by this strange western thinking...

Either through those who went in exchange programs to the west, and were not deep in understanding their dogma. Or through those who read some of the books that were issued in western languages and carry thoughts that are opposing to our dogma and were affected by what they read... Or those who admire the strange thoughts and think that by publishing these thoughts show that they know what others do not.

And I remember that fifty years ago one of our sons went in an exchange program group outside and got captive by the atheist thinking so he wrote a book titled "The human is the one who created God on his likeness"!!

And it is known that, out of the freedom of thinking, the university professor talks in the session and says what he likes!!

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For those who call with deifying the human, when they were cornered with the content of the heresy and its seriousness, they started presenting certain concepts to explain their heresy:

So they said that rising from the dead indicate deifying the human. And thus, eternal life indicates his deifying!!

And that is considering that eternal life is a characteristic of God (the Eternal)... And this analogy is wrong because eternal life is of the nature of God. But for the human, God is the one to grant him eternal life as we say in our prayers...

So is the person who died, got buried, who body dissolved and was eaten by worms and turned to dust, then was raised by God who gave him life, can he become a God?! While he was weak before death and stayed for generations in his death until God raised him?!

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They say also that gaining triumph over Satan is an evidence of deifying the human.

Taking into consideration that no human gains triumph over Satan using his own power, but it is God who gave us the authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and upon all the power of the enemy (Lk 10:19) and without the divine help, how easy is it for the human to be fooled with Satan's tricks.

And if saints have triumphed before over Satan, were they all gods or have they became gods through gaining this triumph?!

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They also say that we share the divine nature through the Eucharist Sacrament.

Through which we eat divinity and drink divinity!! And when we opposed them in this they accused us in our faith! And we had to explain this point to them in our book (New Heresies from p. 168 to p. 174).

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And they said that God wanted us deified ever since the beginning!!

If God wanted to deify us as they say, He would not have created us of dust and He would have protected us from falling in sin, and we would have not been created with a nature that can die... Also deifying a creature goes against its being created...

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And they started explaining some of the bible verses and some of the church prayers in a deviated way.

- * An example of that is "You blessed my nature in You". While blessing the nature is one thing and deifying the nature is another. God blessed Adam and Eve, blessed Noah and his sons, and he did not deify them through this blessing.
- * And the statement of "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them" does not mean the glory of Divinity at all for God does not give the glory of Divinity to anyone as mentioned in (Is 42:8).

Some of the Mistakes of Prof. George Habib Bebawy

What is referred to him is many whether in his work as a teacher, what he wrote in his books, what he published as a newspaper reporter or on the internet. And we will not count them all for him but we will mention some and will answer consequently on everything, God's willing.

And if we have not answered for a while, this does not mean that his mistakes were not serious, **but we did not want his negatives to stop our positive work...** because he was always ready to come with new heresies and deviating thoughts from his readings of western books. So should we ignore the pastoral work, construction work and checkup up the congregation and be dedicated to answer these heresies?

And yet some of his mistakes were mentioned in the statements issued by professors of the Theology College and professors of the Coptic Studies Center.

And here we would like to mention some mistakes that are serious...

1. The heresy of defying the human about which he says (in his book about St. Athanasios): A companionship in Divinity, we share His Divinity and so on.
2. Defying humanity in the Lord Christ. And this means canceling the human nature. And this is a known heresy that the church considers illegal.
3. Fighting the dogma of (Atonement) claiming that it was called for by Anselm in the Eleventh Century ignoring the fact that it is a basic dogma in Christianity that came in the Holy Bible since the Day of Atonement in (Lv 16) to (Ro 3:25), (1 Jn 2:1), (1 Jn 4:10).
4. His denial of the Priesthood power. And on top of that he says that there is no other priest in Heaven and on Earth and He is Jesus Christ. And this is against the dogma of the Russian Church and the Anglican Church that he joint. And that is pure Protestant teaching.
5. His denial of the conversion in Eucharist.
6. His mocking of the Fast and saints' intercession.
7. His wrong thoughts about marriage and the importance of bodily purity in taking Communion.
8. His belief that Christ's Crucifix was out of love only and not for carrying our sins. And this is against the dogma of redemption that all Christians believe in.
9. His wrong beliefs about the divine punishment and his spreading of these thoughts.
10. Him causing others to stumble and call with his beliefs.
11. His private teaching of the original and serious sin.
12. His mistakes concerning the divine Justice (and the rest will come).

And we will publish our reply to all these, God's willing.

The Fifth Convention for the Activities of the Childhood Committee of Damanhour



The Committee of Childhood Services, which is a part of the Syndic Committee of Pastoral Care and its leader is HG bishop Bakhomious, held its fifth convention, which was from 4/2 to 7/2/2007 held in Karmet Mar Marcos in Damanhour under the slogan "Childhood is of Environments and Types" where the lectures were evolving about the children who are orphans, needy, mentally sick, physically sick, addicted, normal and

talented. Participated in the meeting 44 dioceses with a total of 41 people among whom were priests, servants and consecrated.

The lectures were given by Their Grace bishop Bakhomious, Bishop Benjamin and Bishop Tawadrous, the leader of the Childhood Services Committee, Fr. Arsanious Nady, Dr. Ramez Badawany, Dr. Naseef Fahmy, Dr. Mary Mikhail, Dr. Miriam Badawany, Dr. Mary Halim (City Caritas Center) and Qadry Habil.

Fr. Thawfelous Neseem was the convention secretary.

The meeting coincided with Qalb Dawood Choir show "Alexandria", a puppet show and Marsa Matrouh Choir.

The attendants agreed that the next meeting will be held at the Angel's Monastery in Ezbet Haneen in El Menofeya on 7/9/2007 and the Meeting of Creative Children will be held in Karmet King Mariout from 23 – 28/7/2007.



Theatre Activity Convention in Tanta

The first Theatre Activity Convention was held on Saturday morning 27/1 and a group of the artists were invited to it. They are (from right to left):

- 13. Artist Ehab Sobhy.
- 14. Fr. Morcos Kamel.
- 15. Décor Artist Fady Fakeeh.
- 16. The musician Hany Shenouda.
- 17. Artist Lotfy Labib.
- 18. Artist Sabry Iskander.
- 19. The Producer Magued Tawfik.
- 20. Emad El Raheb.
- 21. Makeup Specialist Aziz Saleeb.

The churches represented some of the plays that they've organized and some hymns and an operetta. The guests commented on it and presents were given to



the talented.

Then the guests and HG bishop

Paul went to visit St. Mar Mina's Monastery in Ebiar.



House for the Elderly in Haret El Room, Cairo

HG Bishop Rafael opened a house for the elderly at St. Mary's Church in Haret El Room. The house offers the spiritual and medical care for them. We can see HG picture with some of the priests of (middle) Cairo.

With the priests and the Children in Our Church in Mexico

In the picture (from the left) Their Grace: Bishop Botros, Bishop Ermia, Bishop Youssef (of Bolivia), then Fr. Zakareya El Baramousy the church's priest, and Fr. Mikhail Edward Cleveland's priest.



HG Bishop Paul in a visit to Sudan

HG prayed the liturgy on the priests meeting day.

And we can see HG in the picture between HG Bishop Sarabamoon of Atbara and Omdurman and HG Bishop Elia of Khartoum and the south and around them are some of the priests, two of which are Nubians and two from Ethiopia.

It was a successful visit in the atmosphere of love.

Meeting of Cairo Downtown Priests and Some of Heliopolis Priests

The meeting was held by HG Bishop Rafael at the Baramous Monastery.

For the Cairo Downtown priests It was the 9th meeting.

The subject of the study was: The Church's early fathers



News of St. Paula's Monastery

On Sunday 21/1/2007, HG Bishop Daniel ordained seven new monks with the names: monk Mikhail, monk Youssef, monk Philopateer, monk Deasqoros, monk Makarious, monk Karas, and monk Bakhomious.

HG Bishop Kirollos (Nagaa Hammadi), HG Bishop Yostus and HG Bishop Youanes, participated in the ordination prayers.

It was a day of joy at the monastery after the ordinations were stopped 10 years ago.



Also his grace ordained five priests:

Fr. Luka, Fr. Marcos, Fr. Hanania, Fr. Flimon, Fr. Isaiah.

With the participation of the same Bishops.

He also Promoted four priests to the Hegomen Rank and the are:

Andrawous, Domadius, Pevnotious, Kirollos.

HG Bishop Daniel and HG Bishop Paul Visiting Bush's City

It was on 10/2/2007, and they were received by:

HG Bishop Gabriel, of Bani Swaif.

HG Bishop Yostus, the abbot of Abba Antonio's monastery.

And more than 20 monks, ten priests and a big number of the congregation.

And he prayed the liturgy there.

