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But you must continue in the things which you have learned - II Timothy 3:14



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Tawadros II**



**118th Pope of Alexandria
and Patriarch of
The See of Saint Mark**

**His Grace Bishop
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**General Bishop of the
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and its affiliated
regions**

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May The Lord bless all their fruitful services and for many years to come.

In Christ,

SF Melbourne Central Committee.

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I Have Joy When I Am With The Lord

The Good Shepherd

We learn about our Lord Jesus Christ is our Good Shepherd,
who protects His children and the Church.
We have joy when we are with Him.

A shepherd takes care of his sheep and names each one of them. The sheep know their shepherd and only listen to his voice.

Just as a shepherd takes care of his sheep, our Lord Jesus Christ also takes care of us, His children.

The Lord Jesus Christ knows each one of us by name because we are His children.

We know His voice and obey His commandments.



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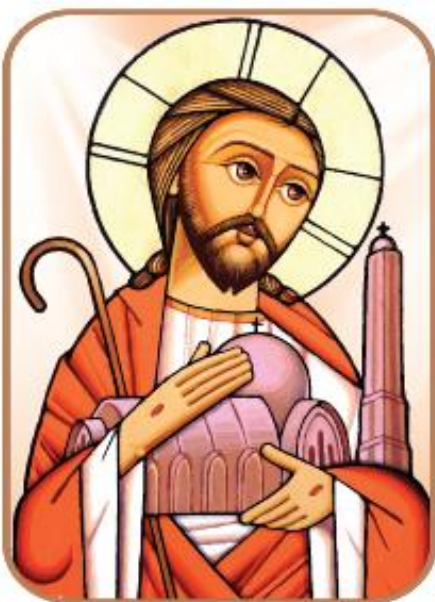
A shepherd feeds his sheep good food and gives them enough water until they are filled and satisfied.



Our Lord Jesus Christ knows what we need and gives us everything we need at the right time.



A shepherd leads his sheep and always protects them. He sits at the door and makes sure no one takes his sheep or hurts them.



Our Lord Jesus Christ protects His Church and His children as He promised: **"I, the Lord, keep it."** (Isaiah 27:3)

Our Lord Jesus Christ Loves the Little Children (Mark 10, Luke 18)

The Holy Bible tells us a story about how the Lord Jesus Christ loves His children. One day, parents brought their children to be blessed by the Lord Jesus Christ. When the disciples saw this, they tried to stop them, thinking that the Lord Jesus Christ only wanted to talk to the adults.

When the Lord Jesus Christ saw this, He told His disciples,
“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them;
for of such is the kingdom of God.” (Luke 18:16) He took them
up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.”
(Mark 10:16)

**The little children were happy and safe in the
arms of our Lord Jesus Christ.**



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The Good Shepherd



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I Am Well Rooted

The Wise Man and the Foolish Man

Luke 6:47-49

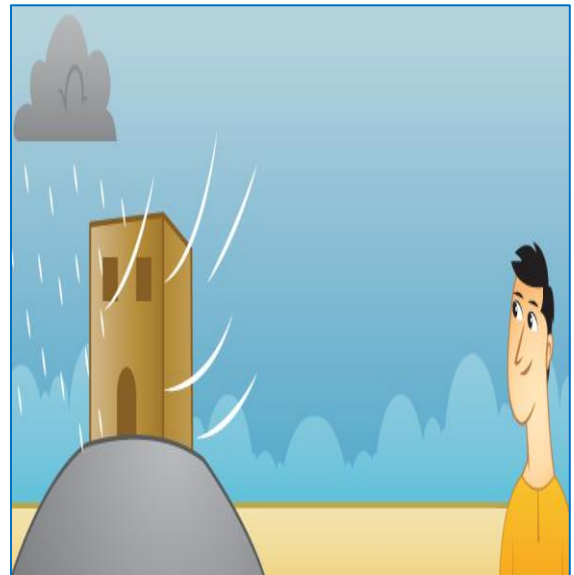
This story teaches us that when we build our lives on the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ, we will be wise and strong.

Our Lord Jesus Christ tells us a story about 2 men, a wise man and a foolish man. Each of these men wanted to build a house.

The wise man was very smart. He built his house on a rock; on a strong foundation.

After his house was built, it rained very hard, and the floods came up over the house.

The house on the rock stood firm and did not fall; the wind and rain did not affect it.



The foolish man was not very smart, he decided to build his house on the sand; it had no foundation.

When it rained, the water rose, and the house crashed down.



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Our Lord Jesus Christ wants us to be like the wise man.
He wants us to build our lives on the Lord Jesus Christ;
our strong foundation.

When we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, obey Him, and receive
His Holy Body and Blood in Communion, our faith becomes stronger.

**With a strong faith, we will always remember to
follow and obey the Lord Jesus Christ.**



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The Wise Man and The Foolish Man



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My Faith Is A Refuge

God Saves Daniel When He Prays

Daniel 6

The story of Daniel teaches us that prayer keeps us safe. When we pray and have faith in God, we don't worry and trust that God will save us from any danger.

Daniel was one of God's people, and he worked as a governor for King Darius. Daniel loved God so much. In the Holy Bible, it even says that Daniel kneeled and prayed to God 3 times every day!



Daniel was very successful, and the king loved him because he was the best of all his governors.

The king wanted to give Daniel a higher position than the other governors. They became jealous of Daniel and tried to find something that Daniel did wrong, but they couldn't find anything.



Then, they came up with a plan to get Daniel in trouble. They told the king to make a rule that no one could pray to God for 30 days. If anyone wanted something they could only ask the king, not God.



Anyone who did not follow this new rule would be put into the lions' den. They knew Daniel would never stop praying to God because he loved God so much.

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The king gave the new rule, but it didn't stop Daniel from praying to God. Daniel did what he did every day: he went to his room, knelt and prayed to God. Daniel knew God was listening to his prayers.



The other governors saw Daniel praying and told the king that Daniel was not following the rule. They asked the king to put Daniel in the lions' den. The king was sad because he loved Daniel, but he had to follow the law and send Daniel to the lion's den.

But God saved Daniel! He sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions because He loved Daniel.



**God loves all His children. He cares for us and keeps us safe.
We should never worry because we have a strong faith and
obey God's teachings. We always pray to Him, and we know
that God is always with us.**

**"You will make your prayer to Him,
He will hear you" (Job 22:27)**

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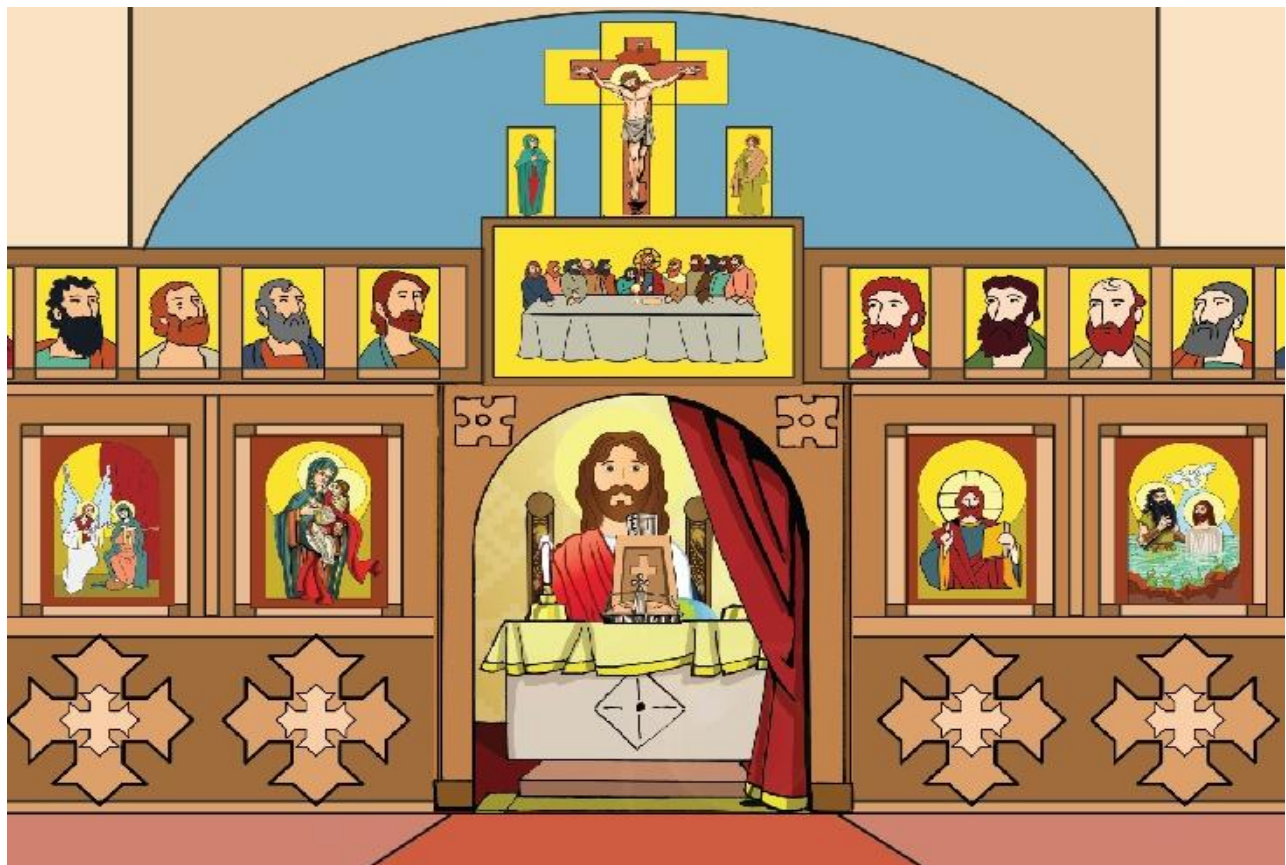
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My Doctrine Is Life And Rule

St. Mary the Mother of God in the Coptic Church

Learning about St. Mary the mother of God in the Coptic Church teaches us how we honor her and how much she loves us.

St. Mary is the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. St. Mary is the queen because she is the mother of the King of kings. The queen sits at the right hand of the king. For this reason, her icon is placed on the right of our Lord Jesus Christ's icon on the **Iconostasis**.



We ask for her **intercession**, which means we ask her to pray to the Lord Jesus Christ for us. He loves St. Mary very much and listens to her prayers for us.

St. Mary is the **Theotokos**, the mother of God. She is the queen, the mother of the King of kings, the mother of our Good Savior.

She is our mother, our intercessor, and is higher than all the angels and saints.



Our Coptic Church has many feasts for St. Mary, including her **commemoration on the 21st day of each Coptic month.**

On this day, we remember and honor St. Mary.

Our Coptic Church also has a fast dedicated to her name, where we sing many beautiful hymns to honor her.

After St. Mary's fast, we celebrate the feast of when her body went to heaven!

May the intercession of St. Mary be with us.



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(Luke 1:48)**

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I Am Proud Of My Heritage

St. Mark Shares God’s Word in Egypt

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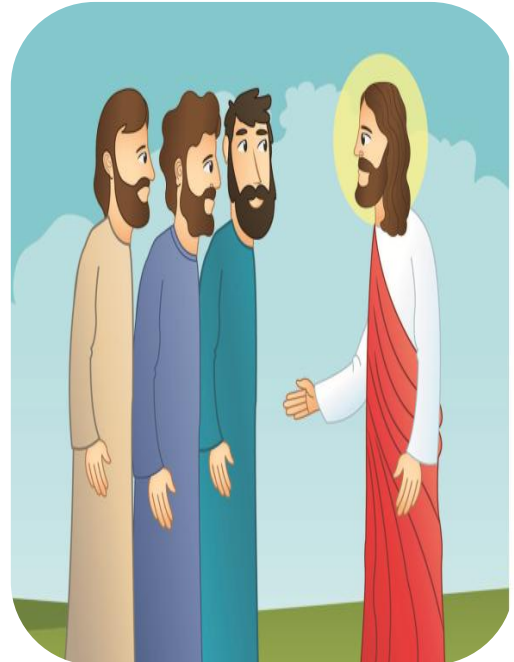
Learning the story of St. Mark teaches us about the Church Fathers. They handed down the faith unchanged through generations. We should also do the same and keep the teachings unchanged.

St. Mark was born in a city called Pentapolis in North Africa. He, with his father, Aristopolus, and his mother, Mary, went to live in Jerusalem.

While in Jerusalem, he met our Lord Jesus Christ and believed in Him.

St. Mark was chosen by our Lord Jesus Christ to be one of His apostles.

St. Mark’s mother believed in our Lord Jesus Christ. His father believed with the help of his son, St. Mark.



St. Mark's house was special because he welcomed our Lord Jesus Christ and the 12 disciples into his home. This was the first time the Lord Jesus Christ began the Sacrament of the Holy Communion.



His house became the first Christian Church in the world.

St. Mark went to tell others about God in the city of Alexandria, which is in Egypt. When he entered the city, his shoe was torn. He went to a shoemaker named Anianus to repair it. While Anianus was fixing his shoe, he hurt his finger.



Anianus shouted "O, ONE GOD." When St. Mark heard these words, he saw it as a chance to talk to him about the One God who came to earth to save all people because He loves them. St. Mark prayed, and the wound was healed immediately.

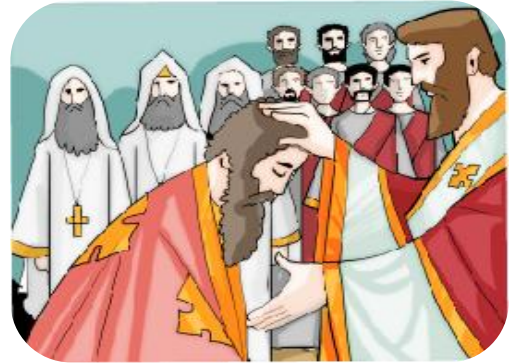


Anianus believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and the faith. St. Mark baptized him and his family in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This was the beginning of Christianity spreading in Egypt.

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St. Mark started the first church in Egypt. He ordained St. Anianus a bishop.

St. Anianus continued teaching the people the faith exactly as he learned it from St. Mark.

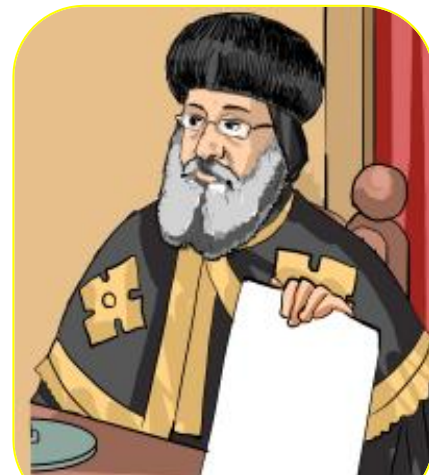


St. Mark was the first Pope of Alexandria, and St. Anianus was the second Pope. Today, our Pope is Pope Tawadros, the 118th Pope of Alexandria.

The Church Fathers have continued to teach
the true faith until today.



St. Mark
The 1st Pope of Alexandria



Pope Tawadros
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The Church will continue to keep the faith when we,
her children, are faithful in keeping what we learned.

**“And keep traditions just as I delivered them to you.”
(1 Corinthians 11:2)**

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Memorization

1. “But you must continue in the things which you have learned”
(2 Timothy 3:14)

2. Psalm 117 (116) of the 11th Hour in the Agpia

Oh, praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him,
all you peoples! For His merciful kindness is great
toward us, And the truth of the LORD endures
forever. Praise the LORD! **Alleluia.**



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(Our doctrine, from the start,
established by God himself,
preached by the apostles,
and our fathers kept it safe.) **2x**

a strong tree of faith,
its roots trace back to history,
pure and watered by God's words
(Rites and also liturgy) **2x**

firm,
firm in my faith and doctrine
Our church is fatherly
Orthodox as my forefathers
Heroes of the Coptic church.

Mark, Athanasious, Dioscoros,
heroes and pillars of faith,
though heresies arise,
still we're steadfast in our faith.

Rooted in your church,
be firm in what you've learned.

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