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**" REJOICE  
 EVERMORE  
 PRAY  
 WITHOUT  
 CEASING. IN  
 EVERY THING  
 GIVE THANKS "**

(1 Thess. 5:16-18)



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"He That Hath Ears  
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**VOICE**

"Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord...and I will receive you." (2 Corin. 6:17)

THE WRONG DOERS

It is not unusual to hear about people who propagate strange ideas conflicting with the Divine truth. The Bible tells us about a man, Thudas by name, who rose up boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain, and, all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered. After this man, rose up Judas of Galilee ...and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.

(Acts 5:36,37)

THE HERETICS

The history of the Church tells us about those who arose strange doctrines and falsely proclaimed that they possessed the truth. As for example, at the time of St. Pachomius, and precisely when St. Athanasius was elected Archbishop of Alexandria, the heretics tried to divide the church on account of his young age. St. Pachomius prayed to God that he might reveal to him the truth. His prayers came up to God and the Holy Spirit declared to him in a vision that Athanasius has been chosen as a pillar and lamp to the church, till the end.

ESTRANGE YOURSELF

St. Pachomius saw the Orthodox Bishops as the successors of Christ and His disciples. He recognized the Lord's presence in them. He would estrange himself from those who spoke evil against the Patriarch, holding fast the Scripture teaching

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TOUCH NOT MY ANOINTED (Psalm 105:15)

Scriptures say, "No man takes this honor unto himself but he that is called of God, as was Aasen." (Hebrew 5:4) Hence, if not chosen by God, the Patriarch would not have taken this honor. Being anointed by the Holy Spirit to be the head of the church, and the supreme authority that presides over all ranks. No man can touch the anointed, otherwise he might be found opposing God.

STICK TO CHURCH TEACHINGS

The Patriarch, being the successor of Christ and His apostles, we ought to hear and obey him. By doing so we obey Jesus' saying "He that heareth you, hearth me." (Luke 10:16)

The Church, as the household of God, teaches all believers, "Obey them that have the rule over you." (Hebrews 13:17) And the Lord Himself says that He who neglects to hear the church; "Let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican."

(Mathew 18:17)

It is our duty to come out from those heathen men and publicans and not to be carried with their destructive doctrines... This is the voice of Jesus, and "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

(Matthew 11:15)

In November 14th, we celebrate the Seating anniversary of H.H. Pope Shenouda III on the See of St. Mark may God protect and keep him for many years to come.

✠ في الرابع عشر من شهر نوفمبر نحتفل بإعتلاء قداسة البابا شنودة الثالث العرش المرقسي. الرب يشبته على كرسيه.

**THE  
GREAT  
GIVING**

At this time of the year, we celebrate the national day of thanksgiving. It is the feast of all American holidays. This year's celebration is the 87th celebration.

**A DEDICATED DAY**

What other country on the face of the earth has a day dedicated to the idea of rendering thanks to God? Indeed, we pride ourselves for that, yet we have to keep in mind that the Thanksgiving Day is but one of 365 days set aside for offering thanks to God.

**HOW IT GOT STARTED**

It was in 1621 at Plymouth, Massachusetts, that a number of pilgrims joined a group of some 90 Wampanoag Indians to offer thanks to God for an abundant harvest, after surviving one difficult year in the wilderness.

**A NATIONAL HOLIDAY**

The pilgrims and the Indians came together for a specific and admirable purpose: to give thanks to God for food and for their fellowship with one another. It was indeed a meaningful cause for celebration. The wild success of that Thanksgiving Day led to the creation of a national holiday.

**A LOST VIRTUE**

However, in the midst of our high technological society, we have distorted the meaning of that first Thanksgiving Day and over the many years which have passed we have nearly lost the virtue of being thankful.

**A BIBLICAL TEACHING**

In the other hand, the Bible places emphasis on the need to be thankful. Also, during the Divine Liturgy we hear the word thanks and thanksgiving over and over

Abouja said to me:

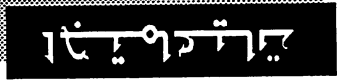
"Son, use the Thanksgiving Day as the springboard for a new attitude towards thankfulness. Manifest this spirit whenever a situation arises. Thankfulness is not a shirt you put on a year, it is a way of life, especially in the Christian sense."



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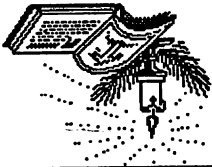
Each of us has abilities and resources that he could develop and use to God's glory. When we are developing and using our talents and abilities to help and serve others, we demonstrate our gratitude to God. This is not just giving thanks --- it is living thanks.

**THANKSGIVING AND THANKSLIVING**

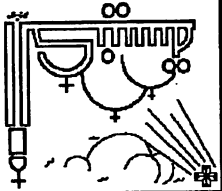
Life has its problems, but there is always something to be thankful for. God the giver of "every good thing" (James 1:17) is extremely generous to us, and we should tell our creator how grateful we are for what he gives. We should as well, show God our appreciation by making use of what we receive. Doing so, will help us to restore to our souls the virtue of thankfulness to God.

**WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ?**

Again. And it is worth mentioning that the word Eucharist itself is derived from the Greek word for "thank you". Consequently we have to think deeper to retain this lost virtue of Thanksgiving and to revive it.



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لقد «علم الرب العمل معنا  
وصونا فرحين» (يوحنا 14: 23)

تم بنعمة الرب وبشفاعة السيدة العذراء وبحلولات صاحب القداسة الانبا شنودة الثالث ، شراء قطعة الارض التي اجتمع كل الشعب الكنيسة دون استثناء . اجتمعا في قاعة كنيسة السيدة العذراء عليها .  
يقع قطعة الارض المذكورة في شمال شيكاغو  
"ROLLING MEADOWS" : منطقة  
وتبلغ مساحتها حوالي فدانين ونصف وثمنها ١٥٠٠٠٠٠ .  
(تاعة وجسور القبا) دولار . تم دفعها بالاكاش .  
وقد تصاعفت فرحتنا اذ نجحت في قبض هذا الشهر  
بالسيد الحادي والعشرين لشهر اينا الطوبى الكريم  
صاحب القداسة الانبا شنودة الثالث على العرش  
القيسي . الرب سال ان يتم رباطه ويحفظ كهنوته  
سنتين كثيرة وازمنة ساله عديدة .  
سنتين

**H.H. POPE  
SHEEN OUDA III**

**On the occasion of the  
Twenty First Anniversary of  
YOUR HOLINESS**

We offer our hearty congratulations and best wishes, praying to the Lord to keep your priesthood many years to come.