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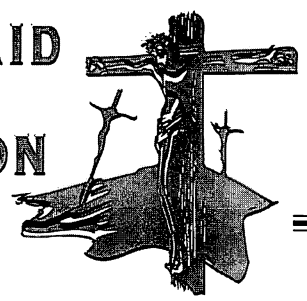
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**“Search the scriptures ... It is they that bear witness to me ...”** (John 5:39)



# WHAT THE PROPHETS SAID ABOUT THE LORD'S AGONY AND CRUCIFIXION



**T**hroughout the Old Testament period the Hebrews looked for a coming Savior who had been promised from earliest times (Gen. 3:15). Their prophets had announced His coming hundreds of years before He came. But unfortunately, they did not know Him, “for had they known,” as St. Paul says, “They would not have crucified the Lord of glory” (1 Corin. 2:8).

Those prophets described in detail how that promised Savior, for His love, would suffer on our behalf in such a way that any one who reads their description and compares it with the accounts of Jesus’ agony and crucifixion mentioned in the New Testament cannot help but see amazing correspondence. The following are just a few examples:

David predicted that one of the Saviours own would betray Him: “Even my familiar friend, in whom I trusted, has lifted up his heel against Me” (Psalms 41:9).



Zechariah talked about the bribe given to that person, he said: “So they weighed out for My wages thirty pieces of silver” (Zec. 11:12).

In his 22nd Psalm, David mentioned many prophecies related to the events of the Lord’s humiliation, torture and crucifixion. This Psalm starts with the Saviour’s cry on the cross: “My God, My God why have You forsaken Me.” David described the humiliation He suffered, he said: “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots” (v.18). As for the torture the Lord had been exposed to, David said: “They pierced My hands and my feet” (v.16). And when the Lord was thirsty they gave Him vinegar to drink (Ps. 69:21). Just before His death the Lord cried to His Father: “Into your hands I

commit my Spirit.” (Ps. 31:5).

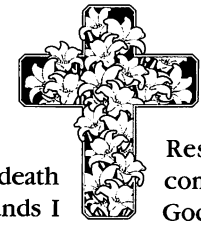
Isaiah described the Savior as “... a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief ... He was despised and we did not esteem Him...” (Is. 53:3). As for the humiliation the promised Savior would suffer Isaiah said: “I gave my back to the smiters ... I hid not my face from shame and spitting” (Is. 50:6). Isaiah also referred to His substitutional death, by saying: “He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we were healed ...” (Is. 53:5).



In reference to the Lord’s death, Isaiah said that the Savior “was led as a lamb to the slaughter and as a sheep before its shearers, is silent ... He was cut off from the land of the living” (Is. 53:7,8). As for the events surrounding the Lord’s burial Isaiah said: “And they made His grave with the wicked, but with the rich at His death” (Is. 53:9).

Isaiah meant that the Lord’s enemies intended to bury His body among the criminals. However, a rich man called Joseph the Arimathean, one of Jesus’ disciples, went to Pilate and asked for His body. Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb.

In addition to what the prophets of the Old Testament said about the pain and crucifixion of the Lord of glory, their vision went beyond the Lord’s suffering to include the events related to His glorious Resurrection, His ascension and His second coming and this will be our topic next time, if God wills. ■



# Church News



**Saturday March 6, 1999**

❖ **A** spiritual day was held for all the servants of the church. The program included songs and words of guidance. The main topic was "Towards a successful and fruitful Service". The speaker stressed the fact that behind every successful service stands a "Faithful Servant."

The day started at 1:00 p.m. and ended by attending Ashia prayers from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.



## YOUTH ACTIVITY



**Saturday March 13th, 1999**

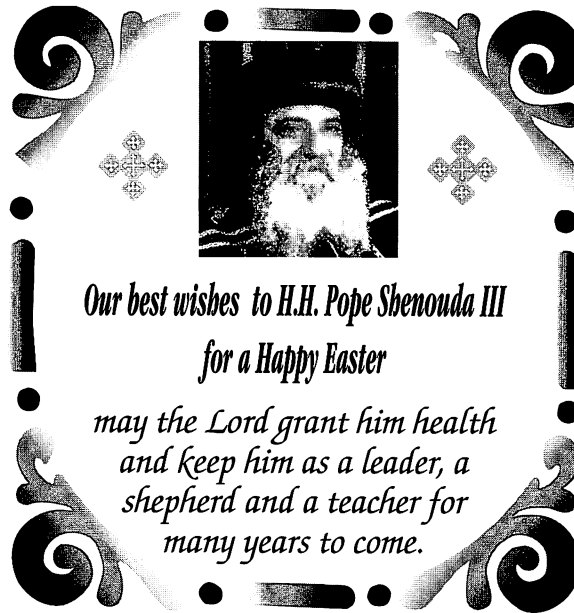
❖ **T**he youth of the church held a spiritual meeting. All the attendants participated in a panel discussion about "the signs and features of the way to heaven." After an insightful discussion they came to the conclusion that "Love" is the most important aspect.

The meeting started at 1:00 p.m. and ended by attending "Ashia" prayers from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.



**Sunday April 11th, 1999.**

*The congregation will celebrate Easter by holding an aghaby gathering. Come and join us so we can spend a happy time together. There is no better way to spend Easter than among friends. The celebration will be from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.*



*Our best wishes to H.H. Pope Shenouda III  
for a Happy Easter*

*may the Lord grant him health  
and keep him as a leader, a  
shepherd and a teacher for  
many years to come.*

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March 19 ..... Feast of The Cross  
April 3 ..... Lazaros Saturday  
April 4 ..... Palm Sunday  
April 8 ..... Convent Thursday  
April 9 ..... Good Friday  
April 10 ..... Saturday of Light  
April 11 ..... Easter Sunday

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## Congratulations To:

*Rev. Fr. Rewais Awadallah for the 9th anniversary of his ordination. May the Lord bless his service so it will continue to be fruitful and successful.*



- ❖ *Mr. Bahaa and Mrs. Nermin Elias* for the birth of their son *Kerolos*.
  - ❖ *Mr. Asbraf and Mrs. Mariam Yousef* for the baptism of their daughter *Mary*.
  - ❖ *Mr. Baber and Mrs. Mariam Tanios* for the birth of their daughter *Sarah*.
  - ❖ *Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Sherry Moawad* for the birth of their daughter *Jasmine*
  - ❖ *Mr. Alfred and Mrs. Deborah Hanna* for the baptism of their daughter *Marina*..
- May the Lord bless the newborn to grow in grace and stature before God and men.

## CONDOLENCES TO:

- ❖ *Mrs. Nermin Elias* for the passing away of her father the late *Mr Gamil Elias* .
  - ❖ *Dr. Kamal Ibrahim* for the the passing away of his brother the late *Mr. Sami Ibrahim*.
- May the Lord repose the souls of the deceased and console their grieving families.



## Service Schedule of the Holy Pascha Week

**April 4**  
9:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.  
4:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

**Palm Sunday**  
Divine Liturgy  
Pascha prayers



**April 5, 6, & 7**  
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday  
6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

**Pascha prayers**



**April 8**  
9:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.  
4:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

**Holy Thursday**  
Liturgy of Water and Divine Liturgy  
Pascha prayers



**April 9**  
9:30 A.M. - 6:30 P.M.

**Good Friday**

**April 9 & 10**

**Pokalapsis Night**  
(All night prayers)

Friday, 11:30 P.M. through the early hours of Saturday  
April 10th.

**April 10**

Saturday, 4:30 A.M. - 6:30 A.M.

**Divine Liturgy**

**April 10**  
Saturday

7:30 P.M. - past midnight

**Easter Divine Liturgy.**

**April 11**

**Easter Sunday**