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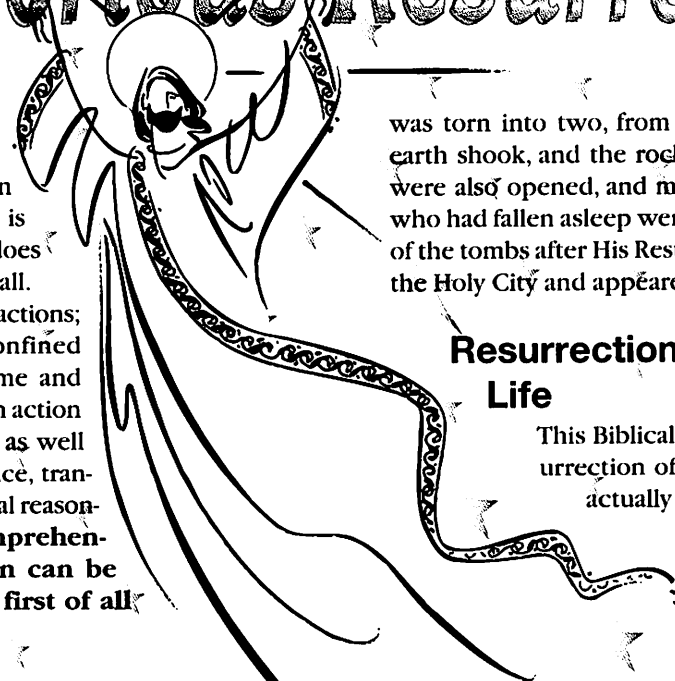
Christ is risen...  
 He is risen indeed

# His Glorious Resurrection

The Resurrection is a new life intangible by the senses, unseen through ordinary vision. It is not a temporal event and does not pertain to this world at all. The world is ruled by two actions; birth and death, and is confined within two dimensions; time and space. But Resurrection is an action surpassing birth and death, as well as time and space and, hence, transcending the sphere of logical reasoning. The clue to the comprehension of the Resurrection can be searched out and found first of all in the Gospel.

## Resurrection and the Bible

In his Gospel, St. Matthew inseparably links the death of Christ and His Resurrection on the one hand, and their effect on our Resurrection on the other. Evidence of this is what St. Matthew says, "And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple



was torn into two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split; the tombs were also opened, and many bodies of the Saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after His Resurrection, they went into the Holy City and appeared to many." (Mat. 27:50-53)

## Resurrection and Eternal Life

This Biblical text shows that the Resurrection of Christ from the dead is actually the true dawn of man's resurrection and it is exactly identical with the signs of the general Resurrection which is to come. In fact this

text of the Gospel relates in a realistic manner that the death of the Lord Jesus Christ created on the spot, a potent and life giving power in those who had died. It is from here that the song of the church came out, "By death He trampled death, and to those in the graves He granted eternal life." ... *And Eternal life is the sweetest fruit of HIS GLORIOUS RESURRECTION.*

## A Living Hope



Those who visit the ancient cemeteries in the old Rome will find no other engraving that is more dominant on all the tombs' walls than that of the prophet Jonah being thrust from the whale's stomach. This is a symbol of HIS GLORIOUS RESURRECTION which is a powerful proof for those who bury their loved ones, that they will be reunited again.

This is an indication that from Jesus' grave came out the power that gives life to those who died ... a happy eternal life with unfading and imperishable bodies ... For this blessing St. Peter glorifies God saying, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ..." (1Peter 1:3)

## H.H. Pope Shenouda's Visit



*"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord" (Matt. 21:9)*

*H.H. Pope Shenouda's pastoral visit to the Coptic churches in Chicago and Milwaukee is anticipated to start on April 27th 2001. During this visit, among other activities, His Holiness the Pope will consecrate St. Mary church in Palatine and St. Mark church in Burr Ridge. His Holiness will also lay the corner stone of St. Mary and St. Antonios church in Milwaukee.*

*We would like to welcome His Holiness in our midst and to thank him for all his relentless efforts to reach out to the Copts everywhere.*

Our best wishes to  
H.H. Pope Shenouda III

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

## Why Did They Do It?



A little girl was taken to the church for the first time. It was Good Friday, and the long story of crucifixion was beautifully read. She heard Peter deny, Judas betray, the soldiers put the crown of thorns on the Savior's head....

She heard of Jesus delivered to be crucified and there came the words with their terrible finality: "And there they crucified Him." No one in the church seemed to care.

But suddenly the little girl's face was buried in her little hands and she was sobbing her heart out, and her little voice rang through the silent church: Why did they do it?

This is how we ought to feel about the cross, but we have heard the story so often and became so used to it, that we listen to it with no reaction at all. In the beginning our hearts used to sore at the sight of his suffering and pain, but in the end most of us became so used to it that they accept it and feel nothing at all. Our hearts have been hardened. **God keep us from the heart which has lost the power to feel the agony of the cross borne for us. We have no-body but ourselves to blame if we allow ourselves to reach this stage.** (DBS series by W. Barclay)

## Congratulations To:

- ❖ *Alaxander Gutrguis and Reham Maher.* For becoming one in Christ. May the Lord bless their lives and make their marriage honorable and blameless.
- ❖ *Karim Thomas and Meriam Gayed.* For their engagement. May the Lord crown their undertaking with joy and happiness.
- ❖ *Samuel and Dina Akbnoukh* for the birth of their son *John.*
- ❖ *Mikhael and Jessica Habib* for the birth of their son *Matthew.*
- ❖ *Taber and Niveen Sobby* for the birth of their daughter *Gina.*
- ❖ *Samuel and Nermine Boutros* for the birth of their daughter *Marina.* May the Lord bless the new born to grow in grace and stature before God & men.

## Condolences To:

- ❖ *Mr. Adel Babour* for for the passing away of his sister the late *Mrs. Tereasa Babour.*
- ❖ *Mr. Wagdi and Mr. Sbaber Shoukry* for the passing away of their mother the late *Mrs. Mary Mikbail.*
- ❖ *Mr. Hany Mikbail and his sister Mrs. Sally* for the passing away of their father the late *Mr. Samir Mikbail.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Daryl Habib* for the passing away of her mother the late *Mrs. June Sperling.* May the Lord repose the souls of the deceased and console their grieving families.

## Service Schedule of the Holy Pascha Week

**April 8**  
9:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.  
4:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

**Palm Sunday**  
Divine Liturgy  
Pascha prayers

**April 13**  
9:30 A.M. - 6:30 P.M.

**Good Friday**

**April 9, 10, & 11**  
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday  
6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

**Pascha prayers**

**April 13 & 14**  
Friday, 13, 11:30 P.M. through  
the early hours of Saturday April 14.

**Pokalapsis Night**  
(All night prayers)

**April 12**  
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 14**  
Saturday, 4:30 A.M. - 6:30 A.M.

**Divine Liturgy**

**April 14**  
Saturday  
7:30 P.M. - past midnight

**Divine Liturgy.**

