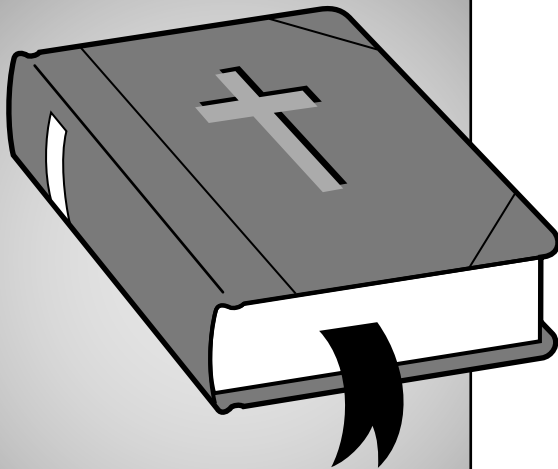




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## THE HOLLY BIBLE



“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:16)



### The Four Gospels

When God sent His only begotten son into the world, He gave us four inspired accounts (Gospels) of His life and walk, so that we might have a full-orbed view of His glory. Each of the Gospels' writers (Evangelists) gave us a different view of the same glorious person. They don't eulogize or exaggerate. They tell a plain story without comment, but the same Holy Spirit inspired them, and it is the same Jesus of whom they each speak. They write what they saw and know and heard, and together, present the perfect, sinless Man before our wondering eyes.

These four Gospels are:

#### 1- *The Gospel According to St. Matthew:*

St. Matthew wrote it for the Jews, presenting Jesus as a King and the Messiah in whom the law was completed, and the prophecies were fulfilled.

#### 2- *The Gospel According to St. Mark;*

St. Mark wrote it for the Romans, depicting Jesus in a practical fashion; He is the miracle maker. Very few of Jesus' words were mentioned rather His deeds and the miracles he performed.

#### 3- *The Gospel According to St. Luke:*

St. Luke wrote it for the Greek who were known for their philosophies, and wisdom, depicting Jesus as a friend to humanity who, driven by his unconditional Love, offered Himself as a sacrifice to redeem the human race.

#### 4- *The Gospel According to St. John:*

St. John wrote it for the whole world, in which he talked about the Divinity of Jesus and announced that He is God the Word incarnate, God manifested in the flesh.

### H.H. Pope Shenouda III's Visit to St. Mary Church



On Friday, April 27th., 2001 at 7:30 p.m., a wish that is dear to our hearts came true when we were blessed by H. H. Pope Shenouda III's first visit to our church. H. H. was warmly received by Fr. Isaac Boutros, pastor of the church, the board of Deacons, the servants and a large number of people. The procession was lead by the deacons singing Coptic hymns, much to the joy of the awaiting congregation. Upon the arrival to the alter, H.H. offered the thanksgiving prayer. This was followed by Fr. Isaac's welcome word.

H.H. gave a sermon explaining the verse "... the

power of His Resurrection" (Phil. 3:10). After that H.H. answered the questions presented to him. At the end, H.H. told the congregation how happy he was to be amongst them for the first time since 1977. H. H. also expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome he received in Chicago. At 9:30 H.H. wrapped the first visit by praying and blessing the congregation.

### Consecration of the church

On Saturday morning, April 28th, H.H. consecrated the alter, the service vessels and the icons in St. Mary's name. This was followed by Divine Liturgy. Participated in the ceremony were H. G. Bishop Serapion, H.G. Bishop Picenti and H.G. Bishop David. Also among the participants were: Fr. Mikhail E. Mikhail, Fr. Samuel Thabit and Fr. Rowais Awadallah.

H. H. congratulated the congregation and presented them with memorabilia. Those who attended were filled with joy and they felt the blessings of that day. At 2:30 p.m. the St. Mary congregation held a luncheon party at the Hayat Regency Hotel in honor of H.H. Pope Shenouda III. More than 450 people attended that aghaby gathering.

