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



**H. H. Pope Shenouda III,
Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch
of the See Of St. Mark**

H. H.'s Historic Pastoral visit to St. Mary Church.

Part One

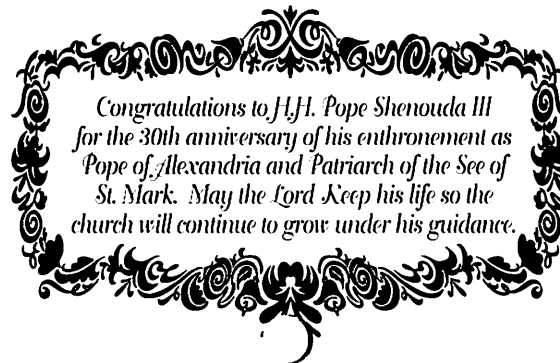


On Friday, April 27th, at 12:49 p.m. 2001, H. H. arrived at O'Hare Airport. In his reception was The honorable Mr. Elbassany Abdel Wabbab, Console General of Egypt, and a large number of his children and friends. The picture depicts two children presenting H.H. with flowers.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Happy, New Year

The Christmas Liturgy
Sunday January 6th 2002.
7.30 - 11.15p.m.

New Year Divine Liturgy
Tuesday January 1st. 2002
8.00 - 10.45 a.m.



Congratulations to H.H. Pope Shenouda III for the 30th anniversary of his enthronement as Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of St. Mark. May the Lord Keep his life so the church will continue to grow under his guidance.



H.H. the Pope, upon his arrival to St. Mary church on Friday, April 17th at 7:30 p.m. was warmly received by the priest of St. Mary Church and its congregation and some guests.



The procession was lead into the church by the deacons singing hymns much to the joy of the awaiting congregation.



Just before reaching the sanctuary, a little girl presented H.H. with flowers.



Upon reaching the altar, H.H. offered Thanksgiving prayer.



Fr. Isaac giving a word of welcome.

The following is an excerpt of his speech.

“It is my utmost pleasure, to welcome H. H. Pope Shenouda III, as the head of the everlasting Coptic Church, and as one of its greatest Patriarchs...”

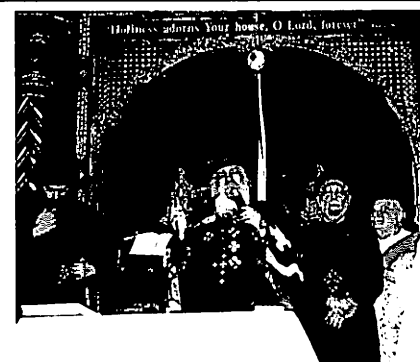
Your Holiness, you have a big heart and you dedicated your life to serve your church, your people and your country. This has earned you the love and respect of all.



H.H. the Pope listening to Fr. Isaac's word.



H.H. delivering a sermon about “the Power of His Resurrection” after which he congratulated the congregation, for building such a beautiful church, and answered their questions.



After expressing his deep appreciation for the warm welcome he received. At 9:30 p.m. H.H. ended the visit by praying and blessing the people.



Before leaving the Church, H.H. exchanged gifts with Mrs. Pat Michalski, special assistant to George H. Ryan, governor of the State of Illinois, and blessed her.



On his way out of the Church, H.H. the Pope put his hand on the sick and prayed for their speedy recovery.