

St. Anthony Coptic Orthodox Church

"As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation" 1 Peter 1:14-15

The Virgin the Espouser

In the wedding of Cana of Galilee, a mystical and spiritual marriage happened between Christ the Lord and His Disciples. For this said the Holy Inspiration: "This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him." John 2:11. The mother of all the saints, Saint Mary, was the servant and the Espouser for this marriage. Wine symbolizes joy (Jer 48:33) and love (songs 1:4). Since the human life became void of love to God and the neighbor, and void of spiritual joy, it became without goal or meaning. For this the Virgin Mother is still pleading to the Divine Love of her Son saying "They have no wine." John 2:3, and directing our minds and hearts to submission and obedience; "His mother said to the servants, whatever he says to you, do it." John 2:5. The intercession of the Virgin is the work of the church that is pleading on behalf of her children and calling them to the obedience of the commandment. In this said St Paul " For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ " 2 Co 11:2, and also " Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God" 2 Co 5:20....O Mother of The True Light we ask for your intercession and support to live according to the Lord's commandment.



Fr. Youssef Chehata

Congratulations ☆

To Emad and Monica for the birth of their daughter Mia Catherine on July 11, 2013 ☺

To Bassam and Angela for their wedding on August 24, 2013 ☺

To Michael and Sylvia for their wedding on August 31, 2013 ☺

Answer

of the previous quiz !!!!

"After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep" 1 Co 15:6

Quiz !!!!



Who is the mother that her son became an apostle and her home became church ?!!!

DID YOU KNOW ...!?

The word "Theotokos" is a Greek word and it means the mother of God.

This title of St Mary was first mentioned by Elizabeth who when visited by St. Mary said "But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Luke 1:43

This title was confirmed by the third ecumenical council of Ephesus in 431, presided by St Cyril the Great against Nestorius. In this council the introduction of the creed was added "we exalt you the mother of The True Light, we glorify you, O saint, the Theotokos, for you brought forth unto us the Savior of the whole world..."

Sayings of the Fathers

You are exalted more than the heavenly, more honored than the Cherubim, better than the Seraphim and greater than the ranks of the spiritual angels. You are glorified more than the fathers and children, and more honored than the honorable disciples. You are the pride of our race. You are the pride of virginity and the honor of chastity. You are exalted more than all the creation, visible and invisible, because of the greatness of the worshiped Lord God who chose you and was born of you. For the One to whom is due all worship was pleased to call you His mother. For this your Honor is great and your intercession is powerful. (Bishop Paul Bushi Bishop of Egypt)

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"كَأَوْلَادِ الطَّاعَةِ، لَا تُشَاكِلُوا شَهَوَاتِكُمْ السَّابِقَةَ فِي جَهَائَتِكُمْ، بَلْ نَظِيرِ الْقُدُّوسِ الَّذِي دَعَاكُمْ، كُونُوا أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا

قَدِيسِينَ فِي كُلِّ سِيرَةٍ" (١ بط ١: ١٤، ١٥)

العذراء الخاطبة

كانت الزيجة السرية في عرس قانا الجليل هي الزيجة الروحانية بين السيد المسيح، عريس الكنيسة، و نفوس تلاميذه، و لذا قال الوحي الالهي "هَذِهِ بَدَايَةُ الْآيَاتِ فَعَلَهَا يَسُوعُ فِي قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَأَظْهَرَ مَجْدَهُ، فَأَمَّنَ بِهِ تَلَامِيذُهُ" يو ٢: ١١. و كانت الخاطبة و الخادمة هي ام جميع القديسين. كانت الخمر تشير الي الفرح (أر ٤٨: ٣٣) و الي المحبة (نش ٤: ١). و اذ خلت حياة الانسان من المحبة لله و للقريب و من الفرح الروحاني و بالتالي اصبحت بلا طعم او هدف، فان الام العذراء مازالت تتضرع الي محبة ابنها قائلة " ليس لهم خمر " يو ٣: ٢. وتوجه أفكارنا و قلوبنا الي الخضوع و الطاعة لله " قَالَتْ أُمُّهُ لِلْخُدَّامِ: «مَهْمَا قَالَ لَكُمْ فَافْعَلُوهُ» يو ٢: ٥. كانت شفاعاة العذراء هي نفسها عمل الكنيسة التي من ناحية تتضرع الي الله من اجل أولادها و من ناحية اخرى تدعوهم لاطاعة الوصية الالهية ، و لذا قال معلمنا بولس الرسول " فَإِنِّي أَعَارُ عَلَيْكُمْ غَيْرَةَ اللَّهِ، لِأَنِّي خَطْبَتُكُمْ لِرَجُلٍ وَاحِدٍ، لِأَقْدِمَ عَذْرَاءَ عَفِيفَةً لِلْمَسِيحِ " ٢ كو ١١: ٢. و أيضاً " إِذَا نَسَعَى كَسْفَرَاءَ عَنِ الْمَسِيحِ، كَانَ اللَّهُ يَعْظُبُنَا. نَطْلُبُ عَنِ الْمَسِيحِ: تَصَالِحُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ " ٢ كو ٥: ٢٠.

يا ام النور، نطلب شفاعتك القوية عند ابنك، و معونتك الروحانية لكي نحيا حسب الوصية.

القس يوسف شحاته

+ أقوال الآباء +

أنت أرفع من السمايين وأجل من الكاروبيم وأفضل من السيرافيم وأعظم من طغيمات الملائكة الروحانيين،

وممجة اكثر من الآباء والبنين وزائدة في الكرامة على التلاميذ الافاضل المرسلين انت فخر جنسنا بل تقفخر البتولية وبك تكرم الطهارة والعفة أنت تقضلت على الخلائق التي ترى والتي لا ترى لأجل عظم كرامة الرب الاله المسجود له الذي اصطفاك وولد منك لأن الذي تتعبد له كل البرايا سر أن تدعى له أما من اجل هذا كرامتك جليلة وشفاعتك زائدة في القوة والاجابة كثيرا.

(الانبا بولس البوشي اسقف مصر)

حل مسابقة العدد السابق !!!!

"وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ ظَهَرَ دَفْعَةً وَاحِدَةً لِأَكْثَرَ مِنْ خَمْسِمِئَةٍ
أَخٍ، أَكْثَرُهُمْ بَاقٍ إِلَى الْآنَ. وَلَكِنَّ بَعْضَهُمْ قَدْ
رَفَدُوا" ١ كو ١٥: ٦

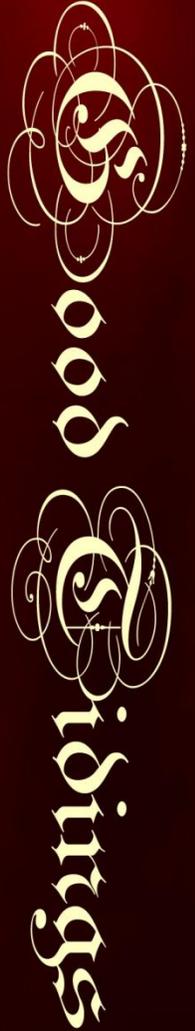
مسابقة !!!!

من هي الأم التي صار ابنها
رسولاً وصار بيتها كنيسة؟



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لأمجد جودة ومريم بعماد ابنتهما كيرية في
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