

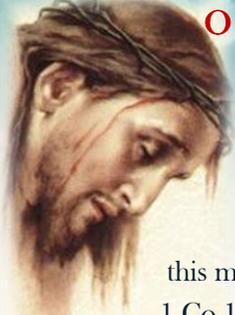


St. Anthony Coptic Orthodox Church

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time." 1 Peter 1:3

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O death where is your sting

Our teacher St Paul said about the resurrection of the body "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." 1 Co 15:53. Corruption and death entered because of sin for "The sting of death is sin.." 1Co 15:56. When sin and disobedience entered, the earth was cursed and the Lord God said to Adam "Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee.." Gen 3:18. Sin became like thorns able to kill the human race and make it to inherit curse and perdition. Then came Christ the Lord and out of these thorns a crown was made for him and put on His head despite Him being the only sinless One. He willfully accepted to carry the sting of death on behalf of the human race and was "..being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" Gal 3:13. And when the thorns of our sins were implanted in the head of the innocent Lamb, His pure blood flowed and became a purification and redemption for man. Truly the crown of thorns is the diadem of the "True Solomon" , Christ The King of Peace, wherewith the human race crowned Him in the Day of His Wedding, the Day of the Crucifixion, the Day of the gladness of His heart (Songs 3:11) the Day He offered His blood as a dowry to His Bride the church! Therefore **Christ reigned instead of sin** as it is written "..For sin shall not have dominion over you.." Ro 6:14 and also "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." Ro 6:22. For this when Saul "Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious" 1Tim1:13, met with the Lord Jesus on his way to Damascus, he realized and received the power of the resurrection that removed from him the thorns of sin, and proclaimed joyfully and said "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" 1Co 15:55.

Fr. Youssef Chehata

DID YOU KNOW ...!?

The Theological School of Alexandria is the oldest center for sacred science in the history of Christianity. According to St. Jerome it was founded by St. Mark himself. In it the first system of Christian Theology was formed and the allegorical method of biblical exegesis was devised. Among its leaders were great world fathers and teachers, such as Athenagoras, Pantaenus, Clement, Origen, Dionysius, Didymus the Blind, Athanasius the Apostolic, Cyril of Alexandria and Dioscorus. The scope of the school of Alexandria was not limited to theological subjects; science, mathematics and the humanities were also taught there. The question and answer method of commentary began there, and 15 centuries before Braille, wood-carving techniques were in use there by blind scholars to read and write. Today, it has campuses in Egypt, and in other continents of the world. Priests- to-be and other qualified men and women are also taught other subjects such as history, Coptic language and art, which includes chanting, music, iconography, tapestry etc.

Sayings of the Fathers

+ My sins, O my God, are the thorns that pierce your holy head; I, who have saddened your heart by my rejoicing in the vain pleasures of the world.

From the prayers of the Holy fractions

+ My Lord Jesus, it is my head full of thoughts that deserves the crown of thorns. Bridle my mind with your Holy thorns and give me "the mind of Christ."

Fr Bishoy Kamel

Quiz !!!!

What is the greatest number of people to whom the Lord appeared after His Resurrection? Where is the biblical reference?

•*☆*• **Congratulations** •*☆*•

To Mario Sorour, Mina Dous, Rafael Aziz and Andrew Youssef for their graduation from High School ☺

To Mina Abdelshahid for his graduation from Elizabethtown College in Biology ☺

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"مبارك الله أبو ربنا يسوع المسيح، الذي حسب رَحْمَتِهِ الكَثِيرَةَ وَلَدَنَا ثَانِيَةً لِرَجَاءِ حَيِّ، بِقِيَامَةِ يَسُوعِ الْمَسِيحِ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِمِيرَاثٍ لَا يَفْنَى وَلَا يَتَدَنَّسُ وَلَا يَضْمَحَلُّ، مَحْفُوظٍ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ لِأَجْلِكُمْ، أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ بِقُوَّةِ اللَّهِ مَحْرُوسُونَ، بِإِيمَانٍ، لِخَلَاصٍ مُسْتَعَدٍّ أَنْ يُعْلَنَ فِي الرَّمَّانِ الْأَخِيرِ" (1 بط 1: 3)



+ أقوال الآباء +

+ فيا إلهي، أن خطاياي هي الشوك الذي يوخز رأسك المقدسة. أنا الذي أحزنت قلبك بسروري بملاذ الدنيا الباطلة. من صلوات القسم المقدسة



+ ربي يسوع، إن جيبني المملؤ بالأفكار هو الذي يستحق إكليل الشوك. فاضبط فكري بأشواكك المقدسة واعطني "فكر المسيح" أبونا القمص بيشوى كامل

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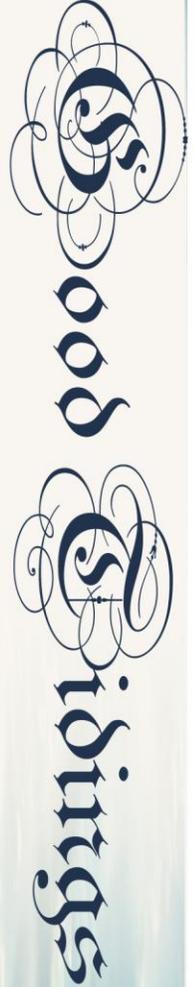
+ لماجد و سوزان اسعد بعماد ابنتهما برنادت
يوم الأحد ٩ يونيه ٢٠١٣ ☺
+ لنبيل و مريم ميلاد بعماد ابنتهما مايقن يوم
الأحد ١٦ يونيه ٢٠١٣ ☺

مسابقة!!!!

ما هو اكبر عدد من الناس ظهر لهم الرب بعد قيامته؟ و ما هو الشاهد الكتابي؟

اين شوكتك ياموت

قال معلمنا القديس بولس الرسول عن قيامة الجسد " لان هذا الفاسد لا بد ان يلبس عدم فساد و هذا المائت يلبس عدم موت" ١ كو ١٥: ٥٣؛ الفساد و الموت دخلا بسبب الخطية فان "شوكة الموت هي الخطية" ١ كو ١٥: ٥٦. كانت نتيجة دخول الخطية و العصيان ان لعنت الارض و قال الرب الاله لآدم " شوكا و حسكا تنبت لك.." تك ٣: ١٨.. و صارت الخطية اشواكا تقتل الجنس البشري و تورثه اللعنة و الهلاك.. و جاء السيد المسيح و صنع له البشر من هذه الأشواك إكليلا وضعوه علي راسه رغم انه الوحيد الذي بلا خطية.. لقد ارتضي ان يحمل "شوكة الموت" عوضا عن كل البشر و صار "لعنة لأجلنا" غلا ٣: ١٣، و حين أنغرست أشواك خطايا البشر في راس الحمل البرئ سال دمه و صار تطهيراً و ثمنا لفداء الانسان. لقد صار حقاً إكليل الشوك هو تاج "سليمان الحقيقي" اي المسيح ملك السلام؛ الذي توجهت به البشرية في يوم عرسه - يوم الصليب - يوم فرح قلبه (نش ٣: ١١) - يوم قدم دمه مهرا لعروسه الكنيسة. و بهذا **ملك المسيح عوض الخطية** فقال الكتاب " فان الخطية لن تسودكم...رو٦: ١٤ و قال أيضاً " و اما الان إذ أعتقتم من الخطية، و صرتم عبيدا لله فلكم ثمركم للقداسة و النهاية حياة ابدية" رو ٦: ٢٢. و لذا عندما تقابل شوال الطرسوسي مع الرب يسوع - و هو في الطريق الي دمشق - أدرك حقيقة و قوة القيامة التي نزعته عنه أشواك الخطية حين "كان قبلا مجدفا و مضطهدا و مفتريا" اتي ١: ١٣ فهتف قائلاً **اين شوكتك يا موت. اين غلبتك يا هاوية" ١ كو ١٥: ٥٥** القس يوسف شحاته



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