

Have a blessed Holy Lent!



This picture shows us how close Pope Kyrillos was to our Lord Jesus Christ and to St. Mina. When a photo of his picture was taken, St. Mina appeared in the background!

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Age: ____ Grade: ____ Phone number: _____

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"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." (Romans 12:2)



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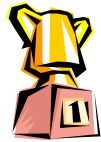
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Congratulations! God bless you.



A Message from Father Misael

Beloved Children in Christ,

It is my pleasure to introduce to you the Lent edition of your magazine, *The Coptic Way*. Lent is a holy period of the year because it is an important spiritual time that we spend. The Lord our Father has prepared for us an important spiritual meal through our heavenly mother the Church. The ingredients include:

- A - Attend church regularly.
- B - Bible reading daily.
- C - Confess to Abouna.
- D - Dedicate time to God.
- E - Ears are made to listen to His words.
- F - Fast from food and all evil.
- G - Give to the poor and needy.
- H - Hate no one.
- I - Ignore yourself and your ego.
- J - Joke (or make fun) of no one.
- K - Kindness should be your feature.
- L - Love one another.
- M - Meditate on the Word of God.
- N - Never say a bad word or lie.
- O - Obey your parents.
- P - Pray at all times.
- Q - Quiet tongue.
- S - Serve the Lord.
- T - Today is the best time ever.
- W - Watch over your spiritual life.
- X - Carry your cross.
- Y - Yesterday is history.
- Z - Zeal towards good deeds.

God bless you.
Father Misael Ataalla



Memorization

Temptation of Christ



PLEASE MEMORIZE THE 3 VERSES FOR AN EXTRA PRIZE!!!

The holy fathers teach us that there are three categories of sin/temptation: lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life. Our Lord Jesus Christ conquered these same three sins when He was tempted by the devil in the wilderness after fasting for forty days and forty nights.

*Please read the Gospel according to St. Matthew 4:1-11, and write and **memorize** the responses Jesus gives to Satan for each of the following temptations:*

Temptation of the Flesh (Bread):
(Matthew 4:4)

Temptation of Pride (Angels Charge):
(Matthew 4:7)

Temptation of the Eyes (Kingdoms):
(Matthew 4:10)

FOR SERVANT USE ONLY:

Date memorization complete: _____

Name & Signature of Servant: _____

Coptic Lesson:

Lent Weekday Gospel Hymn

PLEASE COPY THE COPTIC WORDS BELOW IN THE SPACE THAT FOLLOWS.

Coptic	Please copy the Coptic here...	English
†Ϯⲓⲣⲏⲏⲏ		The peace (ti-hirini)
ⲀⲛⲧⲈ		Of (ente)
Ⲁⲫⲛⲟⲩⲧ		God (efnouti)
ⲐⲎⲈⲧⲪⲐⲐⲒ		To be planted (thietchoici)
ⲀⲈⲛⲐⲐ		Mind, reason, intellect, thought (enos)
ⲠⲓⲪⲈⲚ		Every (niven)
ⲐⲈ		Verily or indeed (se)
ⲀⲀⲪⲈⲣⲏⲓ		Above, surpass (e ehri)
ⲕⲈⲚ		In (khen)
Ⲡⲓ		The (pi)
ⲀⲬⲠⲓⲐⲧⲐⲐ		Christ (Ekhristos)
ⲒⲎⲐⲐⲐⲐ		Jesus (Isous)
ⲠⲈⲚ		Our (pen)
ⲐⲐⲐⲐ		Lord (choice)
Ⲡⲓ		The plural of the word heart (the "s") (ni)
ⲧⲈⲚ		Your (ten)
ϮⲎⲧ		Heart (heat)

Coptic Lesson:

Lent Weekday Gospel Hymn

The Gospel Hymn for the Lent season during the weekdays (that is, from Monday to Friday) is one of many beautiful hymns in our Coptic Church. This particular hymn extends good wishes and feelings among all Christians and it says:

†Ϯⲓⲣⲏⲏⲏ ⲁⲛⲧⲉ ⲁⲫⲏⲟⲩⲥ
 ⲑⲏⲉⲧⲄⲟⲥⲓ ⲁⲛⲟⲥ ⲛⲓⲃⲉⲛ ⲥⲉ
 ⲁⲗⲉⲣⲏⲓ ⲉⲛ ⲛⲉⲧⲉⲛⲉⲓⲏⲧ ⲉⲛ
 ⲛⲓⲁⲓⲧⲟⲥ ⲓⲏⲥⲟⲩⲥ ⲛⲉⲛⲄⲟⲓⲥ.

The translation of it is:

The peace of God that surpasses every mind (intellect) be planted in your hearts.



Story of Pope Kyrillos VI

Azer (Pope Kyrillos) was born on August 2, 1902 to Christian parents. His father was a deacon who spent his spare time teaching hymns and writing about the saints. Azer loved the church and used to spend long hours praying and reading the Holy Bible in his room. Every year, by tradition, his whole family spent one week in the town of Abyr during the feast of St. Mina.

When Azer was 25 years old he resigned from his job, and joined Al-Baramus Monastery. His name was changed to Brother Mina. He was loved by all the other monks for his care and help to the elders and the sick. On July 18, 1931 Mina the monk was ordained a priest and became Father Mina.

Father Mina loved to live in solitude, and decided to live in a cave two miles away from the monastery. Every Saturday he would go back to the monastery to attend the Vespers prayers, and spend the night there in order to attend the Sunday mass and partake of the Holy Communion.

Many people used to visit Father Mina, seeking his prayers and blessings. The Lord helped him perform great miracles and solve serious problems. A group of people who loved Father Mina and his intercessor St. Mina started a big project in Old Cairo. They built the monastery of St. Mina in Mariut for those who seek the blessings of this great saint, and also to serve as a dwelling for out-of-town students.

After Pope Usab (the 115th pope) passed away, Father Mina, among other monks, was nominated to succeed the departed pope. On April 19, 1959 the Al-



Story of Pope Kyrillos VI (cont'd)

tar Lot took place: Father Mina's name was drawn. The cathedral bells rang, and everybody rejoiced at the Lord's choice. A good shepherd had been chosen for the Coptic people: Father Mina, who now became Pope Kyrillos VI.

The fact that Father Mina became the new Pope did not change him. He regularly raised evening and morning incense and held daily masses as he always had. Pope Shenouda says, "Church history has no record of anyone like Pope Kyrillos. He celebrated over twelve thousand masses, a fact unheard of in the history of the Popes of Alexandria, or the world. He was wonderful in his prayers. He trusted that the Lord was able to solve his problems. He saw that it was only through mass and prayers that problems should be solved, and not through human efforts."

Pope Kyrillos started a spiritual movement among his people. Thousands of worshippers attended his daily masses, and went to him seeking his blessings and prayers. He showed them the way of the Lord, as they felt his fatherly love and care. His spiritual care was extended to the Orthodox people all over the world. Coptic churches were built in Canada, United States, Kuwait, and Australia.

The appearance of the Virgin Mary at her church in Zeitoun (a suburb of Cairo) was a unique spiritual event that crowned the reign of Pope Kyrillos. This heavenly declaration was the first of its



Prodigal Son Word Unscramble

Please read Luke 15:11–32 (please use New King James Version [NKJV] of the Bible) and unscramble the following words.

- 1) oaldprgi _____
- 2) aethrf _____
- 3) tevsnar _____
- 4) newsi _____
- 5) dennis _____
- 6) vhneea _____
- 7) bore _____
- 8) lssaadn _____
- 9) scmposinoa _____
- 10) yrmer _____



God Loves You Word Search

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T S A           D F L
E H I M A       U L P I Y
W Y E X B N     G U W F V W
B E G O T T E N M L O V E D N G
A T H R E E U L Q V R H D X I O J
D G A V E O R M I L B S B F D R A
A Z V T N V E N D E U I O O F G Q
I E E H Y V A A Y V R L N K N
L R O E E R Y L Z E F A I
M L J X O N Z N B P S Z C
B U T H A T O L R I H
G U W S X T G Q H
G T F D F
U I D
M
    
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Begotten	God	John	Should	Three
Believes	Have	Life	Sixteen	Whoever
But	He	Loved	So	World
Eternal	Him	Not	Son	
For	His	Only	That	
Gave	In	Perish	The	



Story of Pope Kyrillos VI (cont'd)

kind since the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples on the day of Pentecost. The appearance was repeated night after night. It was seen by thousands of people, Christians and non-Christians alike. Miracles were performed at the appearances, which brought many people back to their faith, and led to the conversion of many others.

The Lord also crowned the days of Pope Kyrillos with the return of the holy body of St. Mark the Apostle from Venice in Italy to Egypt. It is now laid in the new cathedral in Abbasia, which was also built by Pope Kyrillos, and considered to be the largest cathedral in the Middle East.

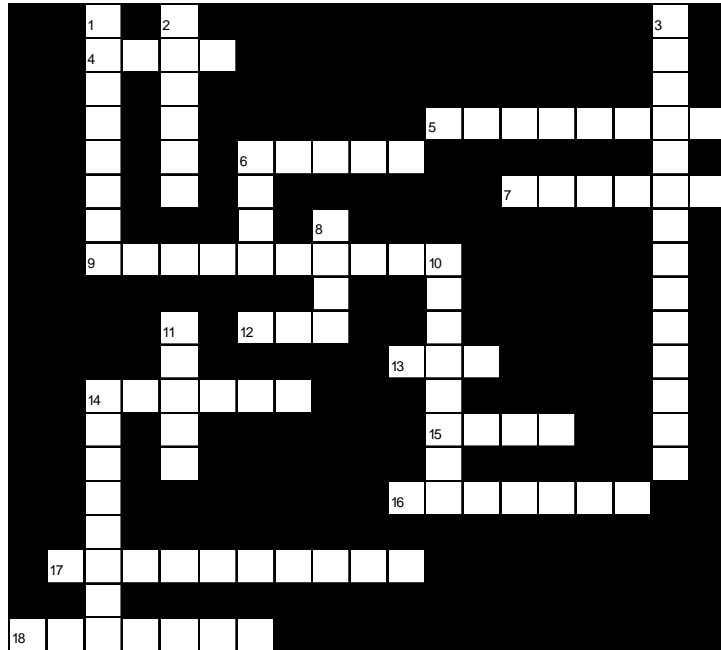
On March 9, 1971 Pope Kyrillos passed away. He was dressed in white clothes, with his crown on his head, and was seated in his chair in the old cathedral. Approximately one million people came to cast a last look at their departed pope who loved them and whom they loved. Today, the body of Pope Kyrillos VI is laid in St. Mina's Monastery (in Mariut) beside his beloved saint.

Many books were written to record the thousands of miracles and the numerous appearances by Pope Kyrillos VI before and after his departure.

May the blessings of the great Pope Kyrillos VI, and the intercession of the Wonder-worker St. Mina be with us all. Amen.

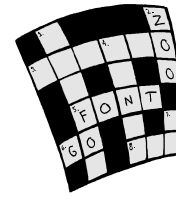


Pope Kyrollos VI Crossword



Across

- 4. Pope Kyrollos' first name before he became a monk.
- 5. Pope Kyrollos showed many worshippers the way of the Lord through his _____ love.
- 6. Pope Kyrollos departed to Paradise on this month.
- 7. Pope Kyrollos believed that problems should not be solved by human effort but instead by mass and _____.
- 9. The monastery Pope Kyrollos joined at the age of 25.
- 12. Pope Kyrollos celebrated a mass every _____.



Pope Kyrollos VI Crossword (cont'd)

- 13. The full name of the Pope is: Pope Kyrollos the _____th.
- 14. Pope Kyrollos built the monastery in this city where his body is laid.
- 15. The name of the Pope before Pope Kyrollos.
- 16. Pope Kyrollos used to return to the monastery Saturday evenings to attend these prayers.
- 17. A Coptic Orthodox pope lives in this city in Egypt.
- 18. Pope Kyrollos was a good Christian because he obeyed what Jesus said about _____ and praying.

Down

- 1. Pope Kyrollos' favourite saint's name in Arabic.
- 2. The position that Pope Kyrollos' father held at church.
- 3. During his lifetime, about how many times did Pope Kyrollos celebrate the mass?
- 6. The name Pope Kyrollos received when he was ordained a priest.
- 8. During the reign of Pope Kyrollos, many miracles occurred including the appearance of this saint in Zeitoun.
- 10. A synonym for 'living away from other people'. (Pope Kyrollos wanted to live this way and so he chose a cave as a dwelling.)
- 11. Pope Kyrollos was ordained as Pope on this month.
- 14. Pope Kyrollos was visited by many people because God had given him the gift of performing _____.