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**14** “And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.  
**15**And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. **16**And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.  
**17**And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,  
**18**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,**19**To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.**20**And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.**21**And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.**22** And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?**23**And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country. **24**And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. **25** But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; **26** But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. **27**And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian. **28**And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,  
**29**And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.**30**But he passing through the midst of them went his way,” ( Luk 4: 14-30)

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## Always Remember

**By: His Holiness Pope Shenouda III**

Remember your weakness, then you will be more cautious and you will not submit to the thoughts of pride and false glory which may attack you.

Remember the loving kindness of the Lord bestowed on you and you will always lead a life of thanksgiving. Faith will grow in your heart as well as trust in God's love and work. Your past experiences with God would encourage you in the life of faith.

Remember people's love and their past good experiences with you. Should you doubt their sincerity or find out they have wronged you, their old love will intercede and your anger will fade away.

Remember death, so all worldly temptations will disappear and you feel that, "all is vanity and grasping for the wind." (Eccl. 1:14).

Remember that you are standing before God and He is looking at you, then you cannot sin because you see Him.

Remember God's promises and you will be comforted in all your troubles. But if you forget them, say with David the Prophet, "Remember Your word to Your servant, upon which You have caused me to hope. This is my comfort in my affliction. For Your word has given me life." (Ps. 119:49-50).

Remember the Blood of Jesus which was shed for your sake and you will definitely know the value of your life; it becomes dear in your eyes, so you will not waste it with prodigal living, "for you were bought at a price." (1 Cor. 6:20).

Remember the vows you made to God at the Baptistery which your parents undertook on your behalf: to renounce the devil, all his evil deeds, all his thoughts and wiles, all his forces and power.

Remember always that you are a stranger on the earth and that you will return to your heavenly home. Then you will not put all your hopes in this world and its comforts.

Remember that the narrow gate leads to the kingdom of heaven. If you see the wide gate open before you, escape and keep away from it. As all those who went into it perished.

Remember your eternity and work for it at all times.

Remember that you are a child of God and ought to have His image. You walk as befits the Children of God, for they are apparent.

Remember that you are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God in you and always be a holy temple.

Remember all that I said to you and if you have already forgotten, please read it over again.

# Bible Studies

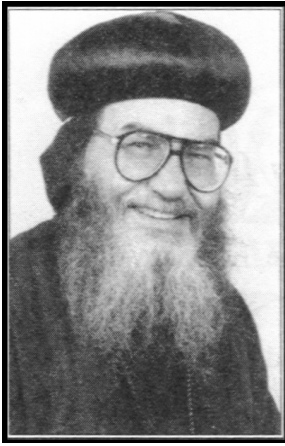


## The Second Epistle of Saint John

By: Christine Michael

THROUGHOUT THE EARLY CHURCH'S HISTORY, THERE WERE MANY PROBLEMS CONCERNING FALSE TEACHERS. FOR INSTANCE, THERE WERE THE JEWS WHO STRESSED THAT GENTILES COULD NOT CONVERT TO CHRISTIANITY BEFORE COMPLETING ALL THE JEWISH RITUALS FIRST. IN ADDITION, THERE WERE SEVERAL FALSE APOSTLES WHO ATTACKED THE CREDITABILITY OF PAUL. BESIDES SUCH TEACHERS, THERE WERE MANY HERETIC GROUPS DEVELOPING WHO TWISTED THE TRUTH INTO THEIR OWN TEACHING. THROUGH THIS LETTER, SAINT JOHN STRIVES TO ANSWER THE QUESTION, "WHO IS JESUS?" THIS HERESY OF DOCETISM TAUGHT THAT CHRIST ONLY SEEMED TO HAVE A BODY, AND THEY CLAIM HE DID NOT COME IN THE ACTUAL FLESH. THEREFORE, IN HIS SECOND LETTER, SAINT JOHN STRESSES FOR THE CHRISTIANS TO HOLD THE TRUTH AND GUARD THEMSELVES AGAINST THE MANY FALSE TEACHINGS THAT WOULD BE COMING AT THEM AS THEY LIVED DURING THE TIME OF THE EARLY CHURCH.

SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE IS CREDITED WITH BEING THE AUTHOR OF THIS EPISTLE. THEREFORE, IT WAS PROBABLY WRITTEN AFTER HIS FIRST EPISTLE. THE LETTER IS A CONTINUATION OF THE FIRST, THEREFORE THE CHURCH'S FATHERS PLACED THIS LETTER AS THE SECOND LETTER, NOT THE FIRST. IT WAS PROBABLY WRITTEN BETWEEN THE YEAR 80 AD AND 100 AD. DURING THAT TIME, THERE WERE MANY FALSE TEACHINGS SPREADING THE WRONG MESSAGE ABOUT CHRIST. THEREFORE, HISTORICALLY, THE CHURCH CHANGED ITS PRACTICE OF SUPPORTING TRAVELERS AND MISSIONARY WORK BY GIVING THEM GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY, TO SHOW JUDGMENT AND KNOW WHEN NOT TO WELCOME THE FALSE TEACHERS WHO TEACH THAT JESUS DID NOT COME IN THE FLESH. SAINT JOHN WROTE THE LETTER TO THE ENTIRE CHURCH BECAUSE THE MESSAGE TO REJECT THE FALSE TEACHINGS AND STRIVE TO LIVE IN CHRIST'S TRUTH WAS SO VITAL FOR THE EARLY CHRISTIANS.



## **Coptic youth ask His Grace Bishop Moussa**

*“ From the youth Bishopric web site”*

**Question: *What is the purpose of getting married?***

**His Grace Bishop Moussa Answers:** In our church, marriage differs from any other kind of marriage, be it civil or otherwise, because we believe it to be a holy sacrament. Marriage, in our church, has five important goals: 1. Love - in a Christian marriage you are going to experience 'agape' love which is the holy, spiritual love baptized by the Holy Spirit. It is a sacrificial love which unites the two partners through the Holy Spirit. 2. Co-operation - in marriage the couples must co-operate with each other in all aspects of life. When you share joy with your partner, your joy will be multiplied. When you share sorrow with your partner, your suffering will be divided. 3. Salvation - marriage enables the partners to satisfy their sexual instincts and instincts for parenthood in a holy, pure way. For this reason marriage helps them in the salvation process. 4. Children - children are the fruit of marriage and are essential for the continuation of the human race. 5. Increasing the Number of Saints - when these children are brought up in the fear and love of God, they will be saints, not only in the church on earth, but also in the kingdom of heaven.

**Question: *In the Bible, what is the meaning of the married couple being referred to as, "the two will become one (Matt.19:5)?"***

**His Grace Bishop Moussa Answers:**In Christianity, marriage results in the couple becoming one in many aspects : physically, through the union of their bodies, spiritually, mentally and psychologically. And it is this oneness which the Lord refers to.



## ***I WAS THERE:***

You say you will never forget where you were when you heard the news On September 11, 2001. Neither will I. I was on the 110th floor in a smoke-filled room with a man who called his wife to say "Good-Bye." I held his fingers steady as he dialed. I gave him the peace to say, "Honey, I am not going to make it, but it is OK...I am ready to go."

I was with his wife when he called as she fed breakfast to their children. I held her up as she tried to understand his words and as she realized he wasn't coming home that night.

I was in the stairwell of the 23rd floor when a woman cried out to Me for help. "I have been knocking on the door of your heart for 50 years!"

I said. "Of course I will show you the way home - only believe in Me now."

I was at the base of the building with the Priest ministering to the injured and devastated souls. I took him home to tend to his flock in Heaven. He heard my voice and answered.

I was on all four of those planes, in every seat, with every prayer. I was with the crew as they were overtaken. I was in the very hearts of the believers there, comforting and assuring them that their faith has saved them.

I was in Texas, Kansas, London. I was standing next to you when you heard the terrible news. Did you sense Me? I want you to know that I saw every face. I knew every name; though not all know Me. Some met Me for the first time on the 86th floor.

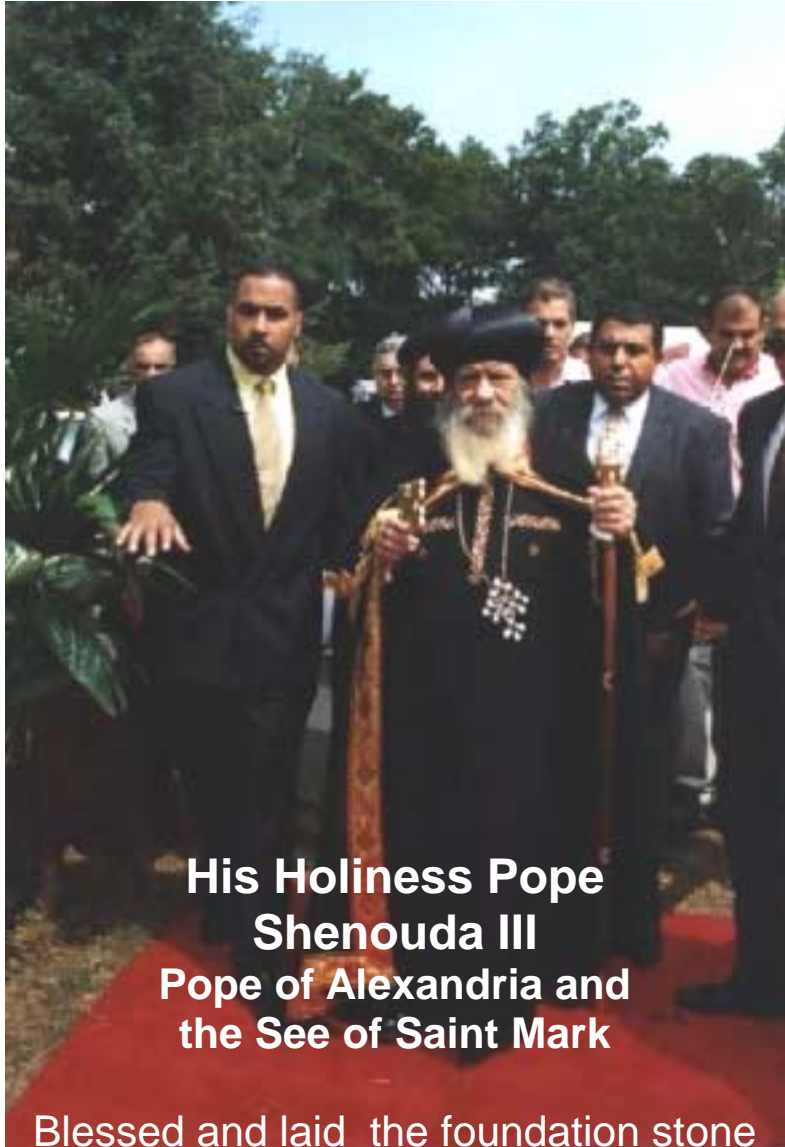
Some sought Me with their last breath. Some couldn't hear Me calling to them through the smoke and flames; Come to Me... this way...take my hand." Some chose, for the final time, to ignore Me.

But, I was there. I did not place you in the Tower that day. You may not know why, but I do.

However, if you were there in that explosive moment in time, would you have reached for Me?

September 11, 2001 was not the end of the journey for you. But someday your journey will end. And I will be there for you as well.

*God*



**His Holiness Pope  
Shenouda III  
Pope of Alexandria and  
the See of Saint Mark**

Blessed and laid the foundation stone  
of our church on the church property  
located at 7 Church Road Howell, New  
Jersey on Misra 16, 1718 AD (August  
22, 2002), at 11 AM

This is the day which the Lord made,  
let us rejoice and be glad in it



## CHURCH SERVICES

### **Fridays**

-7:30 PM-8:30 PM  
-8:30PM-10:00PM  
-8:30PM-11:00PM

Hymms Lesson  
Arabic Bible Study /Arabic Prayer Meeting  
Midnight Praises/ Midnight Prayers

### **SATURDAYS**

-8:00AM-11:30AM: Divine Liturgy  
-12:00AM-1:00PM: Sunday School & Youth group meeting





## COPTIC FEASTS

September 9 Departure of Abba

Poemen the Hermit.

September 10 Departure of St.

Barsoum the Naked.

September 11

Nayrouz Feast

September 12

Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

September 27

The Cross Feast