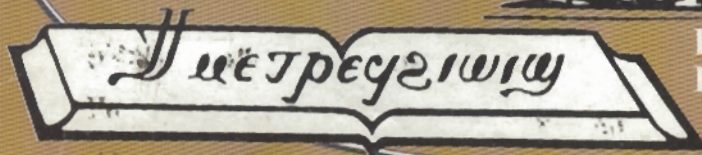


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Eritrea's Holy Synod



The Feast of Pentecost this year was a historic one, in which began the establishment of a Holy Synod for the Eritrean Orthodox Church.

His Holiness Pope Shenouda III, accompanied by sixty metropolitans and bishops, consecrated five Eritrean bishops, and they are Their Grace:

1. Bishop Antonius of Hemasiyen.
2. Bishop Dioscorus of Seraye.
3. Bishop Kyrillos of Akele-Guzai.
4. Bishop Youannes of Senhit, Sahil, Barkann and Gashin.
5. Bishop Salama of Semharn and Dankelnn.

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NEWS IN PHOTOS



On the Feast of Pentecost, His Holiness stands between H.G. Metropolitan Marcos of Toulon, metropolitan of the French Coptic Church, which will serve French nationals, and H.G. Metropolitan Seraphim of the Diocese of the British Orthodox in the Coptic Orthodox Church.

Both of these new metropolitans are members of our Holy Synod.



A view of the crowded Saint Mark' Cathedral in Cairo on the day of the consecrations and ordinations of the new bishops and priests. The cathedral was filled during both the vespers service and the liturgy- the number of people who were in attendance exceeded five thousand. Besides those who went to attend the consecrations of the new bishops, many went to share the joy of the occasion and show their approval for the ordinations of the new priests.

Photographs by Emad Nassry

His Holiness Pope Shenouda III greeted the Eritrean delegation, headed by H.G. Bishop Phillopos of Eritrea, which arrived in Cairo to attend the consecration the five new bishops for the Eritrean Orthodox Church.

Appearing in the front row are the five Eritrean monks who were selected for the episcopate. Their Grace Bishop Makarius and Bishop Marcos, the Eritrean bishops, also appear in the photograph.



The eleven new priests who were ordained during the Pentecost Liturgy surround Pope Shenouda directly after their ordination.

Two of these priests have been ordained for the service of the U.S.A. and nine for Cairo, for which His Holiness is expected to ordain more priests in the near future due to the expansion of the service of its churches.



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His Grace Bishop Phillipos of Eritrea participated in the consecration prayers, as did Their Grace Bishop Makarius and Bishop Marcos.

His Holiness handed to the new bishops their pastoral staffs and crosses, and had previously attired them with the monastic 'kolonsowa' which is worn by our monks.

On the same day, the consecration and subsequent promotion of Metropolitan Seraphim of the British Coptic Orthodox Church took place.

In this way, a new diocese of British-born members in Britain has been added to the Coptic Church. His Holiness had attired H.G. Metropolitan Seraphim with the monastic vestments and made him a member of the monastery of the Virgin Saint Mary ('El-Syrian Monastery').

Pope Shenouda also promoted H.G. Bishop Marcos of Toulon to metropolitan, and his assistant Chorepiscopus Athanasius to bishop.

His Holiness set them in charge of the branch of the Coptic Church in France specifically for French nationals and other foreign nationals who may become its members, and a protocol was signed regarding this matter.

The consecration and ordination prayers were conducted in five languages, namely: Arabic, Coptic, English, French and Tegrinian (the language of Eritrea).

The blessing and the pronouncement over the Eritrean bishops was said in the Tegrinian language.

It was a day that resembled the day of Pentecost in the number of languages which were used, and in the establishment of a new Church.

On the evening of the same day, the Bishopric of Public, Ecumenical and Social Services prepared a celebratory dinner for the new bishops.

This occasion was attended by His Holiness and a great number of the Church's bishops. Words of love were exchanged and gifts were presented.

On the morning of Friday 16 June, His Holiness met the Eritrean delegation who attended the ordinations and participated in its hymns. It was a meeting full of love and warmth.



Experiences in Life



STAGES

In life, we pass through stages; the heart, thoughts, feelings and spirit all pass through them. Each stage has its impact and effect. It has a duration of time beyond which it does not go.

Golgotha is a stage, so is the Resurrection. The ascent to heaven is a stage that extends to the sitting on the right hand of the Father, where there is final rest.

'Golgotha', as a stage in life, does not last for ever.

It passes as we rejoice in the resurrection. Our situation improves and the cross turns to a crown and glory.

Happy is the person who continually looks to the next stage with hope.

Happy is the person whom difficulties do not send to the other extreme, for a difficulty is only a stage in life and the solution to that difficulty is yet another stage.

Live with faith that there will be a solution and rejoice as you look forward to what cannot be seen.

The world itself is only a stage in life which leads to another stage, that of eternity.