



Introduction to Coptic Language Beginners Level Course

Coptic 101

Summer 2014

Sunday 6:30-7:30pm

Course overview and Objectives

Overview. The study of the Coptic Language is important for the Coptic Orthodox Believer who wishes to benefit from the experience of the liturgical services of the Church. The Coptic Language is a part of the heritage of the Coptic Orthodox Church and can serve as the link among the numerous Coptic Orthodox Churches worldwide. It was under the reign of His Holiness Pope Shenouda III, of thrice blessed memory, that the world has witnessed an unprecedented growth of the Church and its expansion throughout all continents of earth. As the Church spreads to the four corners of the earth, it preaches its ancient faith to all the lands of immigration and witnesses faithfully to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in the language of the land. The Coptic Language will be the needed unifying factor that links all Coptic Orthodox Churches throughout the world.

Objectives. The objectives of this class are as follows:

1. To recognize the letters of the Coptic Alphabet.
2. To obtain the skills to read and write Coptic proficiently.
3. To learn some simple, but useful vocabulary words and expressions of the Coptic Language.
4. To learn common church vocabulary words used in the liturgical services of the Church.

Course Format, Grading/Evaluation, Policies, and Requirements

Format. The format of the course is a standard mix of lecture and discussion. Class time discussion will center on learning the letters of the Coptic Alphabet and answering questions.

Course Resources. The text book for this course will be "Coptic Language Made Easy Self-Teaching Program" published by St. George & St. Rueiss Church Toronto Canada. An audio Cd will be provided with the text book along with some handouts for your use.

Evaluation. The student will be evaluated based on the written and oral examinations. Also, the student will be expected to complete one class project in order to successfully complete the course.

Policies. The attendance policy is a strict one which requires that all students are expected to attend all class sessions. The student is also expected to be on time to each class session. We start promptly at 6:30pm every Sunday, unless otherwise indicated. Absence or persistent tardiness may result in the unsuccessful completion of this course.

Requirements. A. All homework assignments to be completed proficiently.
B. Passing grade of 70 on all quizzes and projects
C. Project: all students are required to prepare a "Personal Dictionary" of common Coptic vocabulary words and their meaning in alphabetical order to be handed in on the last day of class.

Class Schedule: Sunday 6:30pm-7:30

1. July 6 – Welcome, review syllabus, hand out books and CD's, fill out information sheet, Lesson 1 & 2.
2. July 13 – Quick review of lesson 1 & 2 letters. Lesson 3 & 4
3. July 20 – Quick review of lesson 3 & 4 letters. QUIZ. Lesson 5 & 6
4. July 27 – Quick review of lesson 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6. Lesson 7
5. Aug 3 – Lesson 9 & 10
6. Aug 10 – Lesson 11 & 12
7. Aug 17 – Final Exam *** STARTING at 5pm***
8. Aug 25 – Congratulations!! Certificates of completion to be given out on **Sunday after 2nd Liturgy**

Suggested Donation to cover the expense of Book and CD's \$10 DONATION