



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of August 17



Liturgies

Tuesday:	9:00 - 11:00 am
Wednesday:	9:00 - 11:00 am
Thursday:	9:00 - 11:00 am
Friday:	9:00 - 11:00 am
Saturday:	8:00 - 10:15 am
Sunday:	7:30 – 10:45 am

**Distribution of Summer Festival prizes on Tuesday
night after Vespers and before sermon**

Growing in Virtue

*""But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.""
(2 Peter 1:5–7)"*

Day	Speaker	Language	Topic
Tuesday, August 11th	Fr. Reweis Salidis	English	Woven Together: Growing in the Path of Virtue
Wednesday, August 12th	Fr. Matthew Morgan	English	Faith: The Foundation of the Path
Thursday, August 13th	Fr. Ghobrial Samaan	Arabic	Humility: The Root of All Virtue
Friday, August 14th	Fr. Lazarus Yassa	English	Obedience: Walking in the Father's Will
Saturday, August 15th	Fr. Tobia Manoli	English	Watchfulness: Guarding the Heart
Monday, August 17th	Fr. Boulos Mikhail	Arabic	Patience: Waiting on the Fruit
Tuesday, August 18th	Fr. Athanasius Kaldas	Arabic	Purity of Heart: Seeing God
Wednesday, August 19th	Fr. Barnabas Melek	English	Mercy: Becoming Like the Father
Thursday, August 20th	Fr. Abraam Kamal	Arabic	Joy: The Strength of the Faithful
Friday, August 21st	Fr. Matthias Shehad	English	Love: The Crown of the Virtues



Volunteers drivers for St. Mary Revival

If you are available and willing to help transfer a visiting priest, please contact:

Yohana Eissa (832) 605-5692



Saturday Vespers and Praises

1. **Vesper Praises:** 6:30 – 7:00 pm
2. **Vespers:** 7:00 – 7:30 pm
3. **Midnight Prayers & Praises:** 7:30 – 10:00 pm





Confessions

Fr. Younan:

- Open Confession (no appointment necessary)
 - Friday: **CANCELLED**
- Appointments: <https://fryounan.youcanbook.me/>

Fr. James:

- Open Confession (no appointment necessary)
 - Saturday: **CANCELLED**
- Appointments: <https://confessions.frjames.org>



Bible Studies



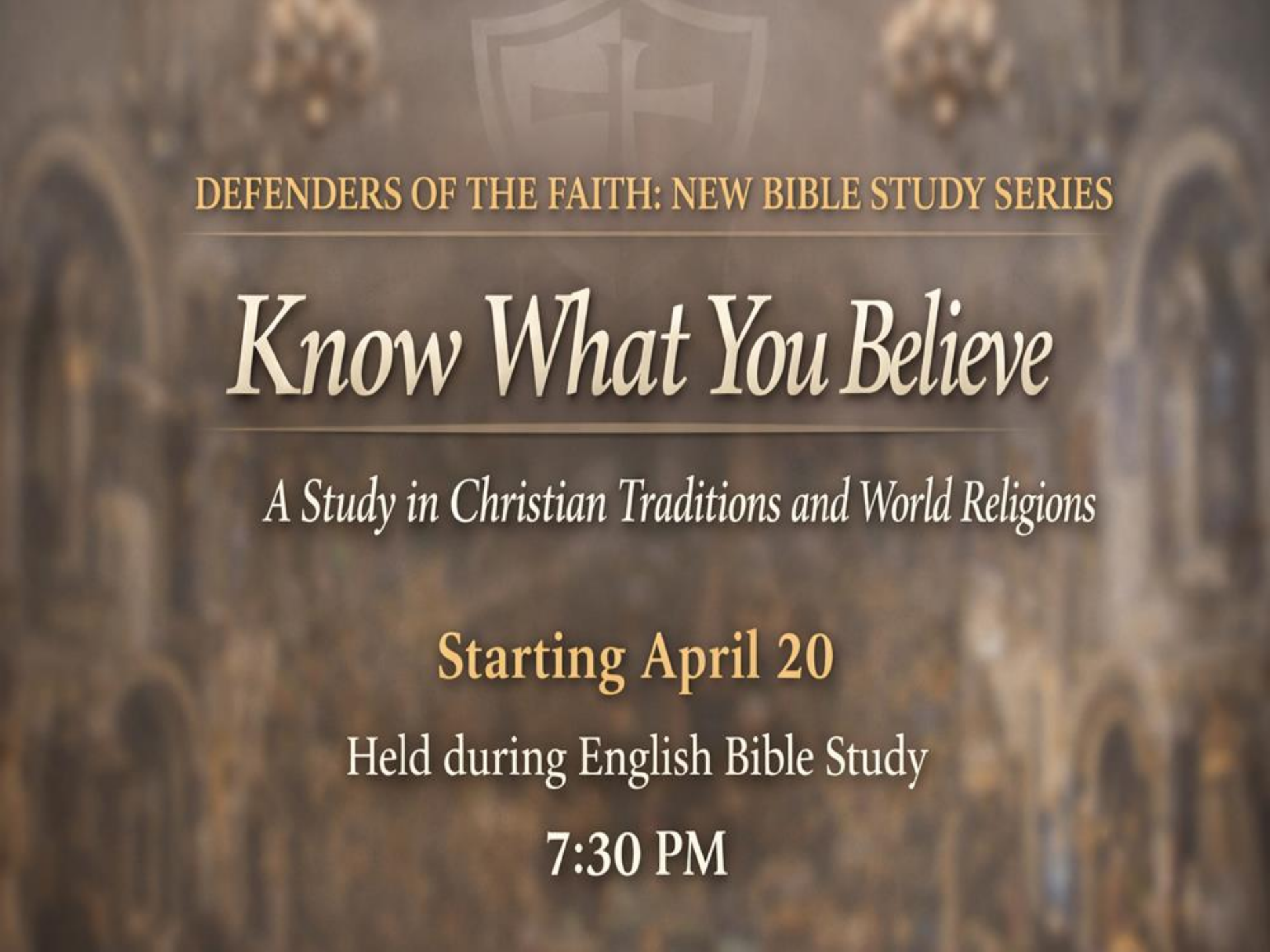
1. English: **CANCELLED**

☐ **Monday**: 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the CYC

☐ **NO Gym activities**

2. Arabic: **CANCELLED**

☐ **Monday** 7:30 – 9:00 pm in the main sanctuary



DEFENDERS OF THE FAITH: NEW BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Know What You Believe

A Study in Christian Traditions and World Religions

Starting April 20

Held during English Bible Study

7:30 PM



Other Meetings

1. Arabic Prayer Meeting: **CANCELLED**

- Friday: 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the Cry Room

2. St. Timothy Servants Preparation Class: **CANCELLED**

- Friday: 7:00 – 8:30 pm on second floor of SS bldg

3. St. Augustine Youth Fellowship: **CANCELLED**

- Friday: 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the CYC/main sanctuary



Hymnology Academy Children

Class	Purpose	Grades	Day	Time
Archdeacon Habib Girgis	Rites	4 th & 5 th	Fridays	6:30 - 7:30
Children of Light	Praises	Middle School	Saturdays	5:00 – 6:30
King David Hymnology	Hymns	3 rd & 4 th 5 th 6 th 7 th & 8 th	Fridays	7:30 – 8:30
St. Stephen Chorus (Advanced Hymns)	Group B Chorus (years & 2) - Learning Group A Chorus (>2 years) - Review	High School and Above	Sundays	2:00 - 3:00 As needed before special occasions



Hymnology Academy

Adults

Class	Purpose	Grades	Day	Time
Three Saintly Children	Beginners Hymns	Adult	Saturdays	11:30 – 1:00
	Intermediate Hymns		Fridays	6:30 – 7:30

ONLINE CLASSES

Class	Purpose	Grades	Day	Time
Ti-tchrompi	Coptic Lang. & Hymns	Ladies	Tuesdays	8:00 - 9:00
Coptic Rites	Coptic Lang. & Rites	Open: 4 th and up	Tuesdays	6:30 – 7:30

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
**THE FEAST OF THE
HOLY VIRGIN
SAINT MARY**



Saint Mary Coptic Orthodox Church

7030 Lakeview Haven Dr,
Houston, TX 77095

August 21 at 8 PM

PRE-K & KG CHOIR

CHERUBIM CHOIR

JOIN US AS WE PRAISE

St. Mary

THE MOTHER OF GOD



AUGUST
19TH



8:00PM



IN THE
CHURCH



Kingdom Kids

MCP!



Saturday,
September 5th
10:30 AM – 3:00 PM

REGISTRATION OPENS



Sunday,
August 16th
at 6:00 PM



Registration Ends
**Monday,
August 24th**
at 6:00 PM



Bible Lessons



Fun Activities



Songs & Games



Faith & Fellowship



St. Mary & Archangel Michael
Coptic Orthodox Church





CHAPERONE REGISTRATION

"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" 1 Peter 4:10

Join us in serving our precious kids.



Eligibility:

Open to 10th graders
through adults



Ready to serve?

Scan the QR code below
to register!



St. Mary & Archangel Michael
Coptic Orthodox Church



CYC CLOSURE

- From 8/4 – 8/31.
- Servants Meeting will be at the church on 8/9, 8/16, and 8/23.
- No Sports activities for all groups during the closure time.
- No admittance after Sunday Liturgy till 8/30.



VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS

CVL Fall 2026
From Sep 13th to Dec 6th

Registration on
the church
website opens:
July 25th at 6pm

- HS Boys
- Girls: 8th grade & up
- Adults Men

Registration fees:
\$25 per player

Please call Sameh Tadros
for any questions:
832-766-0948



SAINT MARY AND ARCHANGEL MICHAEL
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

PRESENTED BY

والله The Seraphim Team

حنانك يا امي

YOUR KINDNESS,
O MY MOTHER

Join us as we honor the blessed
Saint Mary, Mother of God,
through heartfelt spiritual songs,
praises and hymns.



THURSDAY,
AUGUST 20, 2026



CHURCH
MAIN SANCTUARY



7:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

We look forward to celebrating with you!



H.O.P.E. EGYPT CONTAINER DONATION DRIVE



HELPING FAMILIES. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES. SHARING HOPE.



**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 8, 2026**



**DONATION
DROP-OFF
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM**



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM**



QUESTIONS?
Text Nabil Soliman
(281) 455-5263

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES



New or gently used
items in very good
condition



Clean
and folded



Place items
in plastic bags



Label each bag
with its contents



*Thank you for your
love & generosity!*



ACCEPTED ITEMS



Clothing for all ages



Wedding dresses & formal wear



Purses & accessories



New shoes only



Bedding, blankets & towels



Toys



Household items



Backpacks



Baby items

ADDITIONAL ACCEPTED ITEMS:



Bicycles



Walkers



Wheelchairs



Adult Diapers



Empty Shoe Boxes



WE CANNOT ACCEPT



Used shoes



Used undergarments
or socks



Medications



CONTAINER DROP-OFF LOCATION:

Saint Mark Coptic Church
424 Mulberry Ln
Bellaire, TX 77401



HS Boys & Men CSL – Fall 2026

- ❖ Every Sunday Starting Sep. 13th
- ❖ From 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- ❖ 40 Spots for Each Tournament
- ❖ \$30 Registration Fee

Registration Opens
08/01/2026 @5:00 pm
Registration Closes
08/23/2026 @10:00 pm



MS Boys CSL – Fall 2026

- ❖ **Three Sundays (08/09 – 08/22)**
- ❖ **From 3:30 pm to 06:30 pm**
- ❖ **Paris Saint-Germain Academy Houston**
- ❖ **\$30 Registration Fee**
- ❖ **40 Spots**

Registration Opens

07/18/2026 @5:00 pm

Registration Closes

08/02/2026 @10:00 pm



VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND



On June 24, Venezuela was hit by two magnitude 7.2 & 7.5 **earthquakes**. The death toll claimed more 1,450+ lives with thousands still missing. Over 70% of the country is in desperate need of **shelter, food, clean**

water, healthcare & essential supplies. H.O.P.E. is opening a fund to provide emergency relief to those impacted by these tragic events!

hope.suscopts.org



"And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it"

- 1 Corinthians 12:26





Egypt 12%- August St. Mary's Feast Bags



In honor of *St. Mary's Feast*, H.O.P.E., in partnership with the Papal Office, is blessing families across six dioceses with more than **17,000 food bags** - bringing love, nourishment & hope to our brethren in need!

This year, these food blessings will reach families throughout the Dioceses of *Aswan, Assiut, Deirout, Shebeen El-Kanater, North Giza & Naga Hammadi*, as well as other churches & communities across Egypt.

Each **food bag** includes the following:

- rice (1 kilo)
- oil (1 liter)
- chicken

For just **\$6**, you can provide a hungry family with a nourishing food bag. Help us give the gift of nutrition & feed an entire family!



"For I was hungry and you gave Me food"- Matthew 25:35



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Container from Houston
benefitting the Coptic
Orthodox Church in
Kenya!



KENYA



Contact to donate
Magdy Hanna
(713) 299-9887
mag8834@yahoo.com

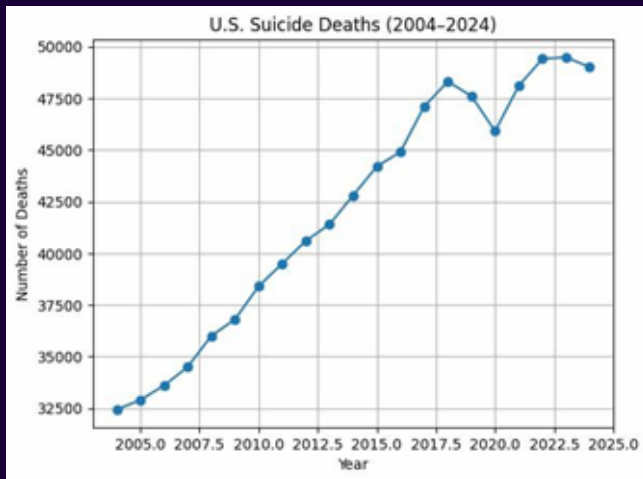


24/7 PRAYER
for LIFE



God's plan for mankind is to live and have an abundant life. However, Satan deceives many people, causes them to drift from God's plan, and takes them to very dark places until they choose death over life (decide to commit suicide).

See ***John 10:10***



The increasing number of suicidal death year over year is very alarming. In 2023, almost 50,000 individuals committed suicide in USA.

One life is lost every 10 minutes, non-stop, 24/7, for an entire year.



As a church, “God’s people” are salt and light to the world, we cannot be passive while Satan steals and kills our brothers and sisters!

We believe prayer opens heaven, bringing help and turning hearts from death to life, from darkness to light. Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life.

John 14:6

So, our church by God’s grace, will be starting a prayer ministry: **“24/7 PRAYER FOR LIFE”**

It is 100% based on His word that men ought always to pray and not lose heart. ***Luke 18:1***

If 144 people pray for 10 minutes a day, we will have a non-stop 24/7 prayer for those struggling with suicidal thoughts.

The service will start on Lazarus Saturday (April 4) to get the blessing of that day when Jesus ordered Lazarus to come out to life after being dead for three days!

Please BOOK your 10-minute prayer time through the booking link on the website below.



www.Prayerforlives.org



Please Join us!

St. Monica's Ladies' Study & Fellowship Meeting



Qs? Contact:
Bassma:
832-715-9547



Where?

Women's Communion Room

When?

Sunday: 11am to 12pm
(During Sunday School)

JOIN *St. Mary Choir* HIGH SCHOOL & ABOVE

I WILL SING A NEW SONG TO YOU, O GOD;
ON A HARP OF TEN STRINGS I WILL SING PRAISES TO YOU
PSALMS 144:9

Weekly Choir Rehearsals on
Sundays: 1:45-3:00 pm in the
Sunday School Building



SCAN TO REGISTER



Join us for: Fellowship, Food, and
Praising the name of our Lord
together in Unity!

For further questions,
contact Maria Benjamin: 832-997-7050



Deacon Habib Guirgis Deacon's Class for 4th and 5th Grade Deacons



Registration is now open. Parents of interested children should register using this form:

<https://forms.gle/5SUorr3k6efkVGRV6>

Class will meet every Friday from 6:30-7:30 P.M. in the Sunday School Portables.

Children will learn liturgical rites, Coptic language, and deacon responses.

Volunteers needed for St. Verena's Service



- St. Verena's cleaning service needs volunteers to help clean the Church and the CYC
- The service is every Sunday starting at 3:00 PM
- Please Contact Mrs. Mervat Tedross at 832-590-9084



Donations via Zelle for Egypt 12%



Donate Here

We hope to find you and your families all well.

If you would like to donate, there are 4 options outlined below:

Please note that the last option has fees associated with it.

NO TRANSACTION FEES DONATION

Option 1: Zelle Online Banking (Preferred)

Zelle Donations to the Church

- Locate the option to send money using Zelle within your online banking account.
- For recipient, enter the church's Zelle email address: zelle@saintmaryhouston.org
- You may setup one-time or recurring donations and can cancel at any time.

Zelle Donations to the Egypt 12% Project:

- Locate the option to send money using Zelle within your online banking account.
- For recipient, enter the email address: Egypt12@saintmaryhouston.org
- You may setup one-time or recurring donations and can cancel at any time.

At St. Mary's

- Service Schedule
- Online Broadcast
- **Donate Online**
- Join E-Mail List
- Job Postings

Downloads

The Good Shepherded recreation center

Once a Month

**Together, we can make
a difference**

**We need your hands,
heart, and strength to
make the Good
Shepherded a
welcoming place for all.
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make it better, your
time and effort will
make a lasting impact**

**Sign up now with
Moheb Attalla
(281) 919-6117**



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مع بعض هنقدر نعمل
تغير, محتاجين مساعدتكم
و مجهودكم معانا في
مركز خدمات الراعى
الصالح علشان عائلتنا
تستفاد و تستمتع روحيا
و ترفيهياً.
وقتكم و مجهوداتكم
بالتاكيد هتعمل تأثير دائم

**للمشاركة يرجى الاتصال ب
مهيب عطالله
(281) 919-6117**



The goal of the Service

1. Helping with moving from/to a new house/apartment
2. Helping with simple handy work that don't require license (Plumbing, carpentry, electrical, etc.)

الهدف من الخدمة

- ١- المساعدة في النقل (العزال) من مكان لآخر
- ٢- المساعدة في الأعمال اليدوية البسيطة التي لا تحتاج رخصة (نجارة، سباكة، كهرباء، الخ)



**HAND
in HAND**

If you need any help or you would like to join the service, contact
John Iskandar (925)435-3850



ANGELS Sunday

School class

—
St. Didymus Class

For Children and Adults with Special Needs

For new members please register with Mary Maher Youssif

732- 484-6354

Email :maryyousif33@yahoo.com

ΔΑΥΙΔ
ΠΙΕΡΟΨΑΛΤΗΣ



King David Hymnology School

- Every Friday 7:30 – 8:30 pm
- Six Classes (in the portable buildings)
 - 2nd & 3rd Grades → First Class on Right
 - 4th Grade → Second Class on Right
 - 5th Grade → Third Class on Right
 - 6th Grade → Third Class on Left
 - 7th Grade → Second Class on Left
 - 8th Grade → 3rd Gr Classroom in SS Building
- Midterm and Final Examination
- 70% Attendance Required
- Use the Link Below to Register Now:

<https://forms.gle/wiFEo9SXZBX2VGZA7>

Deacon Habib Guirgis Deacon's Class for 4th and 5th Grade Deacons

- Registration is now open. Parents of interested children should register using this form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Q4N91NYjuQu4RU98Br0_Y8U2vAW3KTad0s2-RQcZ5XI
- Class will meet every Friday from 6:30-7:30 P.M. in the Sunday School Portables.
- Children will learn
 - liturgical rites
 - deacon responses



**Registration QR code
for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade**



**Deadline for the registration
on October 5th**



Children
of Light



ABC Sports Registration

ABC sports for Middle and High School (BOYS):

- During summer ABC Sports is every **Tuesday from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM** (Alternating Weeks)
- To register contact Basim Bacenty at 646-286-3352 (Text Only) or Scan----->

ABC Sports M&H Boys



ABC sports for Middle and High School (GIRLS):

- During summer ABC Sports is every **Tuesday from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM** (Alternating Weeks)
- To register contact Basim Bacenty at 646-286-3352 (Text Only) or Scan----->

ABC Sports M&H Girls





ABC Sports Registration

ABC sports for Elementary School

- Every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm
- One week for 3rd grade to 5th grade, and another week for 2nd grade and below
- To register contact Sahay Eskandr at 832-419-3782 (Text Only)

CANCELLED



Weekly Sports Activities

	Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Elem. ABC (KG-2nd) <i>Alternating weeks</i>		6:30 – 8:30 pm	
Elem. ABC (3rd-5th) <i>Alternating weeks</i>		6:30 – 8:30 pm	
MS & HS Boys ABC <i>Alternating weeks</i>		8:00– 10:00 PM During Summer	
MS & HS Girls ABC <i>Alternating weeks</i>		8:00– 10:00 PM During Summer	
Soccer (HS & above)	7:30 – 10:00 pm		8:30 pm – 10:00 PM
HS Boys Basketball			8:30 pm – 10:00 PM Canceled Due to CBA
Ping Pong (College & above)	7:30 – 10:30 pm	6:30 – 10:00 pm	
Volleyball (College & above)	6:00 – 10:30 pm		

ST. VERENA CLINIC

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**SERVING
EVERY
2ND
SATURDAY**

**OF THE MONTH
FROM 1:00pm
TO 4:00pm**

**WE ARE LOCATED AT
2615 FANNIN ST
HOUSTON, TX 77002**

✓ **ELIGIBILITY**
713-490-2610

✓ **APPOINTMENTS**
713-228-9411

✓ **VOLUNTEERING**
inquire@stverenaclinic.org

✓ **DONATION**
P.O. BOX 562, BELLAIRE, TX 77402-0562



For more information, visit our website

**SERVICES ARE OFFERED AT AND IN
COLLABORATION WITH SAN JOSE CLINIC**

www.stverenaclinic.org

Church's reverence and respect – guidelines ⁽¹⁾



1. Attending early is a mandate for communion
2. Deacons must arrive by 8:00 am to serve
3. No talking inside the church during the service
4. Cell phones are to be turned off or set on Silent Mode
5. Men and women are to be seated on their respective side
(north side for the men and south side for women)

Church's reverence and respect – guidelines ⁽²⁾



6. Children are not to be permitted to roam inside the church
– no running or talking
7. No eating or drinking inside the sanctuary or the cry room
8. Decent dress code is to be strictly observed – ladies are to
refrain from using lipsticks

Church's reverence and respect – guidelines ⁽³⁾



9. Cooperation with the church ushers is expected from all parishioners.
10. No gathering in the foyer during the service or the announcements
11. Deacons are asked to kindly join the chorus outside

"GOD OF ORDER" POLICY

- No disruptions to Sunday School classes will be tolerated.
- After 2 warnings, the student will continue the class's time in meeting with one of the fathers or the SS Coordinator.
- For other voluntarily activities (Hymns – Bible study – Choir), after 2 warnings, the student will be dismissed.

