



Festival of the See of Saint Mark 2010 Northern California Coptic Churches

OFFICIAL EXAMINATION GUIDELINES

General Instructions

Thank you for participating in this summer's Festival of the See of Saint Mark, *Mahragan Alkeraza, 2010*. The goal of our studies this summer is to remain 'Always Faithful.' We pray that everyone learned more about the rich teachings of the Coptic Orthodox Church and that everyone grew in his or her relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ through prayer, fellowship, and reading the Holy Scriptures.

Testing will take place on Saturday, August 14, 2010 at Saint Antonius Coptic Orthodox Church, 2500 Hansen Road, Hayward, CA 94541. The Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:00 a.m. Check-in will begin at 11:00 a.m. The written exams will begin at noon. All registrants must take the written exam before participating in any of the other activities.

Students who are not present because of circumstances beyond their control will be allowed to take a make-up exam in their respective churches on the weekend of August 21-22 or August 29-30. We kindly ask that no one discusses any of the material on this exam until after Sunday, August 30. All exams must be turned in by Sunday, August 30.

Specific rules for each age group are outlined below.

PRESCHOOL - GRADE 2

Spiritual Lessons

The participants in this age group will not take a written exam. Instead, they will enjoy games and activities that will review the material they learned this summer. This review will include the following topics:

- Saint Peter in Prison (Acts 12:1-9)
- The Use of Candles and Incense in the Divine Liturgy
- The Tabernacle
- Ruth
- King David and Mephibosheth

Hymns

The required hymns are mandatory for all participants and will be presented as a group. The presentation of the required hymns will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- How well they learned the hymn (15 pts)
- Consistency in speed and rhythm (5 pts)
- Proper articulation and pronunciation (5 pts)
- Spirituality of the Presentation (5 pts)

Participants may use their booklets or any other materials when presenting the hymn, including Divine Liturgy books or the Holy Psalmody. All hymns must be presented in the Coptic language. Presenting the Advanced Level Hymns is optional. These hymns may be presented as an individual or as a group.

Memorization

Memorization is optional, but strongly encouraged. This subject is tested individually and not as a group.

The memorization passages for this age group (Psalm 22 and Psalm 121) may be presented orally or written. Students will be rewarded for how many passages they memorize and the accuracy of their memorization.

The participants may recite these passages as presented in their lesson book or in the Agpeya. Memorization passages may be presented in either English or Arabic.

Coptic Language Studies

Learning the Coptic language is optional, but strongly encouraged. This subject is tested individually and not as a group.

The participants in this age group will be asked to make the Sign of the Cross in Coptic. Then they will be asked to translate ten Coptic words orally. For example, the servant administering the exam might ask the student, "How do you say, 'my God' in Coptic?" or "What does ⲡⲁⲛⲟⲩⲧⲓ (*pa nooti*) mean?" Each participant will receive a different set of ten words. Each set of words will be of comparable difficulty.

Participants in this age group can recite the Lord's Prayer in Coptic in order to receive five bonus points.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (GRADES 3 - 5)

Spiritual Lessons

Each individual participant must take a written exam covering this summer's lessons. This exam consists of 25 questions. These questions are either multiple choice, true-false, or matching. Participants will have one hour to complete the exam.

Questions have been selected from the following lessons, as well as their relevant passages from the Holy Bible:

- Ezra
- Saint Athanasius
- Saint Timothy the Deacon and his wife, Saint Maura
- King Josiah
- The Parable of the Ten Virgins
- Prophet David and His Brothers in Battle
- Tobit and Tobias
- The Prophet Daniel

Hymns

The required hymns are mandatory for all participants and will be presented as a group. The presentation of the required hymns will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- How well they learned the hymn (15 pts)
- Answering a question correctly about the description of the hymn (5 pts)
- Consistency in speed and rhythm (5 pts)
- Proper articulation and pronunciation (5 pts)
- Spirituality of the Presentation (5 pts)

Participants may use their booklets or any other materials when presenting the hymn, including Divine Liturgy books or the Holy Psalmody. However, the participants will be asked to close their booklets and put away their notes when the committee asks them a

question about the description of a hymn. All hymns must be presented in the Coptic language.

Presenting the Advanced Level Hymns is optional. These hymns may be presented as an individual or as a group.

Memorization

Memorization is optional, but strongly encouraged. This subject is tested individually and not as a group.

The memorization passages for this age group (1 Thessalonians 5:14-26, Matthew 25:1-13, Psalm 46, and Psalm 50) may be presented orally or written.

Students will be rewarded for how many passages they memorize and the accuracy of their memorization.

The participants may recite these passages as presented in their lesson book or in the Agpeya. Memorization passages may be presented in either English or Arabic.

Coptic Language Studies

Learning the Coptic language is optional, but strongly encouraged. This subject is tested individually and not as a group.

After turning in the required written exam, students who have registered for the Coptic Language Studies will take a written exam in this subject area.

The Coptic Language Studies written exam consists of 15 questions in either multiple choice or matching format. Students will have 40 minutes to complete this exam.

The exam consists of the following parts: 1) Matching Coptic words with their English translation, 2) Multiple choice questions matching the psalm response with its occasion, and 3) filling in missing words in the Lord's prayer from a Coptic word bank.

A copy of the Coptic Alphabet will be provided to assist the participants.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 - 8)

Spiritual Lessons

Each individual participant must take a written exam covering this summer's lessons. This exam consists of 30 questions. These questions are either multiple choice, true-false, or matching. Participants will have one hour to complete the exam.

Questions have been selected from the following lessons, as well as their relevant passages from the Holy Bible:

- 1 Samuel
- Saint Paul's Epistle to Philemon
- Saint John's Third Epistle
- Saint Paul and Saint Silas in Prison
- The Story of Salvation
- The Midnight Praise
- Comparative Theology

Hymns

The required hymns are mandatory for all participants and will be presented as a group. The presentation of the required hymns will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- How well they learned the hymn (15 pts)
- Answering a question correctly about the description of the hymn (5 pts)
- Consistency in speed and rhythm (5 pts)
- Proper articulation and pronunciation (5 pts)
- Spirituality of the Presentation (5 pts)

Participants may use their booklets or any other materials when presenting the hymn, including Divine Liturgy books or the Holy Psalms. However, the participants will be asked to close their booklets and put away their notes when the committee asks them a

question about the description of a hymn. All hymns must be presented in the Coptic language.

Presenting the Advanced Level Hymns is optional. These hymns may be presented as an individual or as a group.

Memorization

Memorization is optional, but strongly encouraged. This subject is tested individually and not as a group.

The memorization passages for this age group (Psalm 129, Psalm 133, Psalm 147, the Twelfth Hour Gospel, Litanies and Absolution) may be presented orally or written.

Students will be rewarded for how many passages they memorize and the accuracy of their memorization.

The participants may recite these passages as presented in their lesson book or in the Agpeya. Memorization passages may be presented in either English or Arabic.

Coptic Language Studies

Learning the Coptic language is optional, but strongly encouraged. This subject is tested individually and not as a group.

After turning in the required written exam, students who have registered for the Coptic Language Studies will take a written exam in this subject area.

The Coptic Language Studies written exam consists of 20 questions in either multiple choice or matching format. Students will have 40 minutes to complete this exam.

The exam consists of the following parts: 1) Matching Coptic words with their English translation, 2) Multiple choice questions matching the psalm response with its occasion, and 3) filling in missing words in the Lord's prayer from a Coptic word bank.

A copy of the Coptic Alphabet will be provided to assist the participants.

HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, GRADUATES, AND ENGLISH SPEAKING ADULTS

Spiritual Lessons

Each individual participant must take a written exam covering this summer's lessons. This exam consists of 30 questions. These questions are either multiple choice, true-false, or matching. Participants will have one hour to complete the exam.

Questions have been selected from the following lessons, as well as their relevant passages from the Holy Bible:

- Saint Polycarp
- The Prophet Daniel
- The Story of Achan
- Prayer
- Self-Control
- The Divine Liturgy
- Repentance and Confession
- Saint Paul's Epistle to Philemon

Hymns

The required hymns are mandatory for all participants and will be presented as a group. The presentation of the required hymns will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- How well they learned the hymn (15 pts)
- Answering a question correctly about the description of the hymn (5 pts)
- Consistency in speed and rhythm (5 pts)
- Proper articulation and pronunciation (5 pts)
- Spirituality of the Presentation (5 pts)

Participants may use their booklets or any other materials when presenting the hymn, including Divine Liturgy books or the Holy Psalms. However, the participants will be

asked to close their booklets and put away their notes when the committee asks them a question about the description of a hymn. All hymns must be presented in the Coptic language.

Presenting the Advanced Level Hymns is optional. These hymns may be presented as an individual or as a group.

Memorization

Memorization is optional, but strongly encouraged. This subject is tested individually and not as a group.

The memorization passages for this age group (the Introduction to the Midnight Hour, Psalm 3, Psalm 6, Psalm 12, the Gospel and Litanies of the First Watch of the Midnight Hour) may be presented orally or written.

Students will be rewarded for how many passages they memorize and the accuracy of their memorization.

The participants may recite these passages as presented in their lesson book or in the Agpeya. Memorization passages may be presented in either English or Arabic.

Coptic Language Studies

Learning the Coptic language is optional, but strongly encouraged. This subject is tested individually and not as a group.

After turning in the required written exam, students who have registered for the Coptic Language Studies will take a written exam in this subject area.

The Coptic Language Studies written exam consists of 25 questions in either multiple choice or matching format. Students will have 40 minutes to complete this exam.

The exam consists of the following parts: 1) Matching Coptic words with their English translation, 2) Multiple choice questions matching the psalm response with its occasion, 3) Multiple choice questions matching personal pronouns and the conjugation of the

verb “to be” with their translations, and 4) filling in missing words in the Lord’s prayer from a Coptic word bank.

A copy of the Coptic Alphabet will be provided to assist the participants.