

St. Mary Coptic Orthodox Church Presents

# BOOK FAIR 2022!

December 4, 2022



## GUEST SPEAKER 2022: DR. JOSEPH FALTAS

We are blessed to have Professor Dr. Joseph Faltas as our guest speaker for this year's book fair. Dr. Faltas is an immense wealth of knowledge when it comes to theology and the foundations of our faith. He obtained his Ph.D. in philosophy, faculty of theology, in Athens University in Greece in 1994. Since then, he has been an extremely active member in the Church, having served in multiple advisory boards over the years. Currently, he is the president of St. Athanasios Fellowship for Patristic Studies and the founder of Panarion Center for Patristic Heritage, by which he has published a number of patristic works in both English and Arabic.



**BOOK FAIR THEME:  
THE NICENE CREED, AND  
HOW READING CAN HELP  
US LEARN MORE ABOUT  
OUR FAITH.**

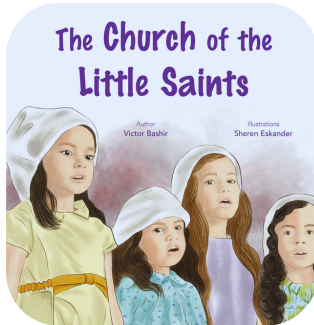
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SATURDAY AFTER VESPERS  
SUNDAY DURING THE DIVING LITURGY  
SUNDAY AFTER THE BOOK FAIR

**AS ALWAYS:**

- 1) LOTS OF  
GREAT BOOKS**
- 2) GAMES FOR  
CHILDREN**
- 3) FREE FOOD!**

# NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS!

All at a great discounted price!



## THE CHURCH OF THE LITTLE SAINTS

BY VICTOR BASHIR

RETAIL PRICE: \$7.99

OUR PRICE: \$6.00

Come along for the journey as a young boy is whisked away during his sleep to The Church of the Little Saints, and observe the lessons he learned from his heavenly experiences that forever changed him.

## ST. MARINA BY RADMILA VESKOVA

RETAIL PRICE: \$12.00

OUR PRICE: \$10.00

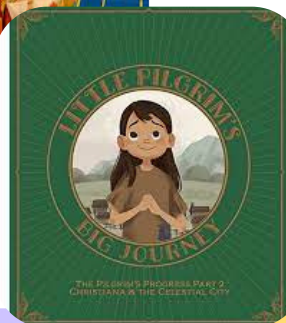
The life of Saint Marina is a perfect example of obedience, humility and courage as she followed God's commands every step of the way. Saint Marina actions teach us that to be obedient to God and our parents is not a weakness, it is to follow in Jesus' footsteps.



## LITTLE PILGRIM'S BIG JOURNEY BY TYLER VAN HALTEREN

RETAIL PRICE: \$30.00/BOOK

OUR PRICE: \$20.00/BOOK



A beautifully illustrated version of the Pilgrim's Progress designed for children ages 4 to 10, with beautiful artwork on every page and engaging text. Follow Christian on his unforgettable journey and help equip your kids to lead a life of faith as they follow the King's path to the Celestial City.

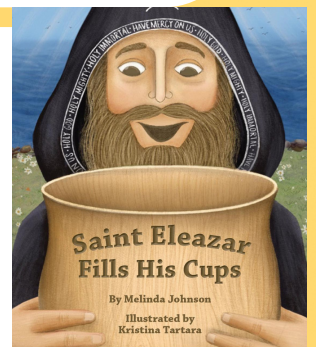
## SAINT ELEAZAR FILLS HIS CUPS

BY MELINDA JOHNSON

RETAIL PRICE: \$12.00

OUR PRICE: \$10.00

In this book, young readers encounter a Russian hermit who has to solve a problem: he has run out of food. In the end, and with a little help from some friendly fishermen, he manages to fill his cups.





BRAND NEW FEATURE:

# NEW KIDS' ORTHODOX TOYS/ACTIVITIES!



## SNUGGLY SAINTS PLUSH TOYS

RETAIL PRICE: \$18.00

OUR PRICE: \$15.00

Choose between St. Mary, St. George, or Archangel Michael, these snuggly saints make a great addition to any small child's bedroom. Teach your child the practice of intercession when they are scared at night, or are in need of a saintly friend to get through any tough situation.

## GREAT LENT CRAFT KIT

RETAIL PRICE: \$18.95

OUR PRICE: \$15.00

Each kit comes with 6 Lenten crafts.



## ADVENT/GREAT LENT COUNTDOWN CALENDAR

RETAIL PRICE: \$60.00/CALENDAR

OUR PRICE: \$50.00/CALENDAR

Help your child countdown the days of the great fasts with these spiritual felt calendars. Use it in conjunction with the Advent/Great Lent countdown cards (sold separately).



## SAINTLY AIDS

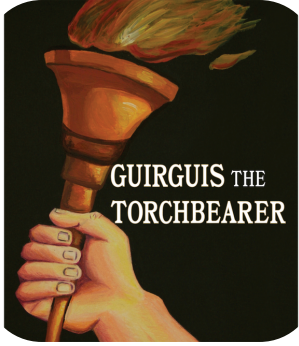
\$30.00/PACK OF 56 BAND-AIDS

Are you tired of your child using Spider-Man and Cinderella band-aids to help their "booboo" go away? Wanting to teach your child the power of the intercession of the saints in healing? Then try these "saintly aids," which are band-aids brilliantly designed with pictures of our great Coptic saints. Time to replace fake Disney characters with real-life heroes, our beloved saints.



# PLUS MUCH MUCH MORE!!

# NEW BOOKS FOR OLDER KIDS, TEENS, AND YOUTH



## GUIRGUIS THE TORCHBEARER BY IRIS HABIB EL-MASRY

RETAIL PRICE: \$18.99

OUR PRICE: \$12.00

This historical fiction novel is being published posthumously, from the Egyptian author Iris Habib El-Masry (1910-1994), known for her "Story of the Coptic Church." This novel follows Guirguis, the protagonist of this novel, who was commanded by his brother to be a "torchbearer" in the community he lived in, thus fulfilling Christ's commandment to be a "light unto the world." The setting of this novel, as well as the historical circumstances, are based on real facts.

El-Masry brilliantly portrays all of the monumental scenes and brings to life names that would have long been forgotten in history.

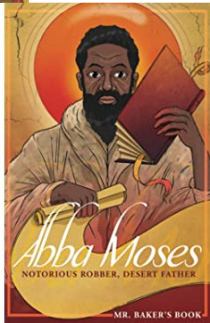
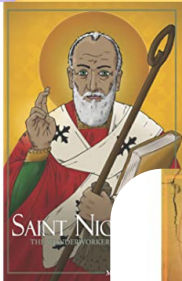
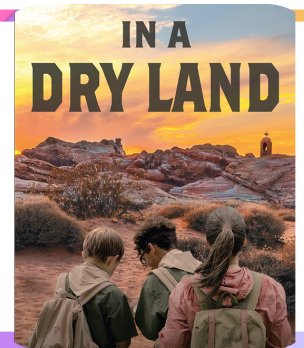
## IN A DRY LAND

### BY SOPHIA AND SONIA SAMANTAROY

RETAIL PRICE: \$12.99

OUR PRICE: \$10.00

Finn, Theodore, and Toni dreaded spending their summer vacation at a Coptic monastery in the Mojave Desert. When their Sunday school teacher takes a shortcut off road and their bus splutters to a stop, the three kids are left stranded in the unforgiving desert. Join them on their journey as they struggle to survive and realize that help is just a prayer away!



## MR. BAKER'S BOOK SERIES BY ANDREW VOTIPKA

OUR PRICE: \$6.00 EACH

Chris, Theo, and Laura have been forced to attend Sunday school classes for seven years. They get it! Read the Bible, go to church. But now their long tenured teacher has moved to Florida. Roger Baker is an oddball, but when no one else steps up, the pastor reluctantly lets him teach. Mr. Baker shows up to class with a thick book. This book isn't just full of adventures, it transports the class into the adventures!

## THE FULLNESS OF JOY BY GEORGIA BRIGGS

RETAIL PRICE: \$19.95

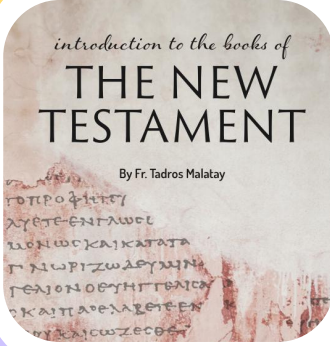
OUR PRICE: \$12.00

In this beautifully illustrated novel, readers will be immersed in the day-to-day world of Joy the bear and her journey alongside the beloved monk who later became known as Saint Seraphim of Sarov. Young teen readers will be drawn to Seraphim's life with his animal companions. More mature readers, especially parents, will resonate with the strong undercurrents of love, fear, and faith made real in this lyrical tale by author Georgia Briggs, who also wrote the award-winning novel, Icon.





# NEW BOOKS FOR ADULTS



## INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT BY FR. TADROS MALATAY

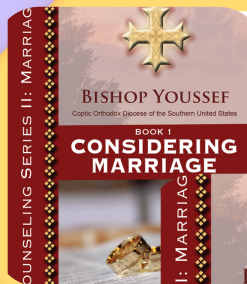
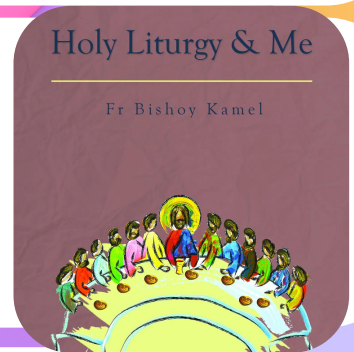
RETAIL PRICE: \$15.00  
OUR PRICE: \$12.00

Fr Tadros Malatay, the author of this book, is the twentieth century's foremost biblical scholar. He wrote commentaries on all the books of the bible in multiple formats. This book is a collection of the introductions of New Testament books.

## HOLY LITURGY AND ME BY FR. BISHOY KAMEL

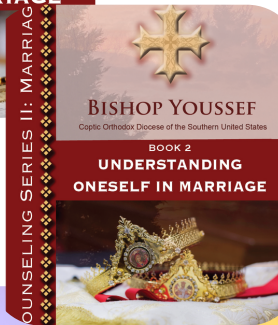
RETAIL PRICE: \$12.99  
OUR PRICE: \$10.00

In this book Fr Bishoy Kamel teaches what the Divine Liturgy means to us and how we as Orthodox Christians should approach it and be united to Christ and one another.



## COUNSELING SERIES BY H.G. BISHOP YOUSSEF

OUR PRICE: \$12.00 EACH

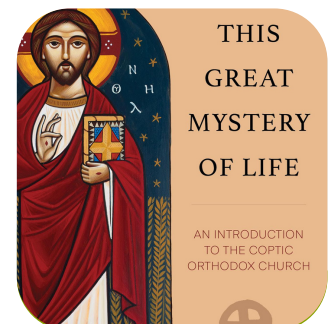


This counseling series is composed of several homilies and lectures by His Grace Bishop Youssef, the Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States, over a period of twenty-eight years (1989-2017). Counseling Series I focused on Raising Children. This Counseling Series II focuses on the topic of Marriage.

## THIS GREAT MYSTERY OF LIFE BY FR. ANTONIOS KALDAS

RETAIL PRICE: \$20.00  
OUR PRICE: \$18.00

For most of us, life is a mystery. Coptic Orthodox Church Christianity provides a distinctly Eastern approach to that mystery, one that helps us navigate the mysteries of life by focusing our attention on the far more profound mystery of God that lies beneath, behind, and beyond the world we see before us. This is a book for those who are interested in life's Big Questions, or in knowing more about a little known two-thousand year old Christian Church, or in knowing more about their own Church.



# DR. FALTAS RECOMMENDS...

## SOJOURNERS

MONASTIC LETTERS AND SPIRITUAL  
TEACHINGS FROM THE DESERT

Foreword by Samuel Rubenson

DESERT WISDOM SERIES



## SOJOURNERS

BY FR. MATTHEW THE POOR

BOOK FAIR PRICE: \$18.00

The secrets of the journey stipulate certain rules. We should always feel that we are sojourners, pilgrims seeking their eternal homeland. This feeling should not disappear from our heart, mind, or body for a single moment. We should cherish it both inwardly and outwardly, lest we inadvertently forget the state of our exile, an exile in which we feed on the inextinguishable love of God. For fire can be quenched with a little water, but love, if it really burns within one's heart, nothing can quench it; – neither disdain, nor contempt, nor hostility, nor humiliation, nor indifference. If these negative feelings found a place in an enemy's heart and death itself embodied in a hostile person, even this would not quench love!

## CHURCH LIFE IN A CORONAVIRUS WORLD

BY REV. MICHAEL PETER SORIAL

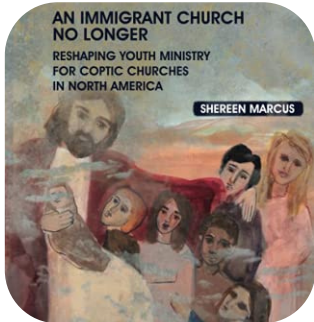
In the winter of 2019, at the dawn of a new decade and the height of an economic global boom, COVID-19 emerged from Wuhan, China and ravaged the entire globe within the matter of 100 days. In addition to world governments being brought to their knees, faith communities were forced to quickly respond to the rapidly changing nature of the pandemic. Rather than attempting to solve problems in a vacuum, Church Life in a Coronavirus World takes a deep dive through history and draws out wisdom for today. By looking at Church responses from numerous plagues, famines, and periods of persecution, Rev. Fr. Michael Sorial unearths valuable insights that reflect a creativity from the ancient world and a willingness to make difficult decisions for the sake of God's glory to serve humanity. These lessons help the Church respond to theological and spiritual questions, liturgical considerations, and social necessities in a Coronavirus world.



## AN IMMIGRANT CHURCH NO LONGER

BY SHEREEN MARCUS

BOOK FAIR PRICE: \$15.00



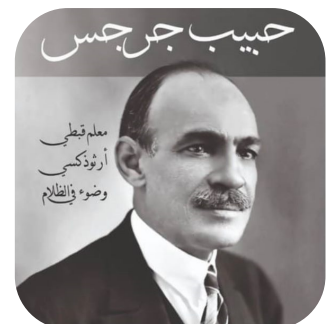
It seems to reason that the Orthodox Church is the perfect place where youth feel a sense of identity, direction, and belonging. All too often, in North American Orthodox Churches, the youth do not. What is seen instead is when a youth graduates high school they "graduate" the Sunday school program and they fall away from Church because it was never more than a place where they were served. What the North American Coptic Orthodox Churches must come to realize is that Sunday school curriculum is a valuable tool and a valuable part of a Youth Ministry effort, but it is not and should not be the only part. The Coptic Church is no longer an immigrant Church in the United States and Canada. Its growth calls for reshaping Youth Ministry into a multi-tiered approach; one that allows a place for spiritual identity, role models, meaningful friendships, and most importantly, their own identity in the Body of Christ. Otherwise, the fall-away will continue. The youth need to grow to understand that being a child of God is not a compartment reserved for Sunday, but an innate part of who they are for eternity.

## HABIB GUIRGUIS (ARABIC)

BY H.G. BISHOP SURIEL

OUR PRICE: \$25.00

For the first time in Arabic: This is the first comprehensive work published on the life of Habib Girgis. By the mid-nineteenth century, the Coptic Orthodox Church was in a state of deep vulnerability that tore at the very fabric of Coptic identity. In response, Girgis dedicated his life to advancing religious and theological education.





# NEW BOOK FAIR FEATURE: BOOK BUNDLES!

## Basic Spirituality

### Titles Include:

- 1) Mere Christianity
- 2) The Imitation of Christ
- 3) Confessions of St. Augustine
- 4) The Orthodox Way
- 5) At the Corner of East and Now
- 6) My Utmost for His Highest

## For Those Who are Grieving

### Titles Include:

- 1) In Thy Presence
- 2) Interior Freedom
- 3) A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23
- 4) The Joy of Full Surrender
- 5) The Problem of Pain
- 6) The Inner Voice of Love
- 7) Where is God When it Hurts?

## Books for Mothers

### Titles Include:

- 1) Parenting Toward the Kingdom
- 2) Boundaries with Kids
- 3) The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families
- 4) Atomic Habits
- 5) Messy Minimalism
- 6) Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World

## Engagement/Marriage

### Titles Include:

- 1) The Sacred Search
- 2) Things I Wish I'd Known Before We Got Married
- 3) On Marriage and Family Life
- 4) Sacred Marriage
- 5) Sacred Parenting
- 6) A Lifelong Love

## Books for Youth

### Titles Include:

- 1) The Strong Saint Abba Moses
- 2) Stories from the Egyptian Desert
- 3) On the Incarnation for Teens
- 4) Nicene Creed for Young People
- 5) The Way of the Pilgrim
- 6) A Cloud of Witness: Father Arseny
- 7) Elements: Volume 1

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(BOOK FAIR PRICE \$15), GET THE THIRD 50% OFF**

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WITH ANY PURCHASE!**

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