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My Salvation (Psalm 27:1)



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In Christ,

SF Melbourne Central Committee.

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My Lord is My Salvation

The Miracle of St. Athanasius in the Boat

Word Bank

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| Teachings |  |
| Church |  |
| Council |  |
| King |  |
| Soldiers |  |
| Boat |  |
| Protect |  |

The Lord is My Salvation

The Miracle of St. Athanasius in the Boat

The Synaxarion of the 30th day of the Coptic Month of Thoout (October 10)

Learning about how the Lord Jesus Christ was with St. Athanasius teaches us that the Lord is our salvation.

Long ago, there was a man named Arius. Arius used to teach wrong things about our Lord Jesus Christ in the church. He said that our Lord Jesus Christ is not God.

The church did not like his teachings and had a council, or big meeting about it. Many bishops from all around the world came to the council. At the council, there was a deacon named **St. Athanasius**.

St. Athanasius gave the correct teaching that our Lord Jesus Christ is God and He was born from the Virgin St. Mary to save us all.



St. Athanasius fought for the right faith strongly, and God chose him to become the 20th Pope of the Coptic Orthodox Church. He taught people about God everywhere he went. One day, St. Athanasius heard about a king who believed the wrong teachings of Arius. St. Athanasius went to see that king and taught him the right faith, teaching him that our Lord Jesus Christ was born to save us.

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When the king heard the right teachings, he was very angry and told his soldiers to put St. Athanasius on a small boat with no food or water and to leave him in the sea.



God sent angels to keep the boat safe, and it sailed smoothly on the sea. The angels protected St. Athanasius until he came safely to Alexandria (a city in Egypt).

The Christian people were so happy and welcomed his safe return, holding candles and singing hymns praising God.



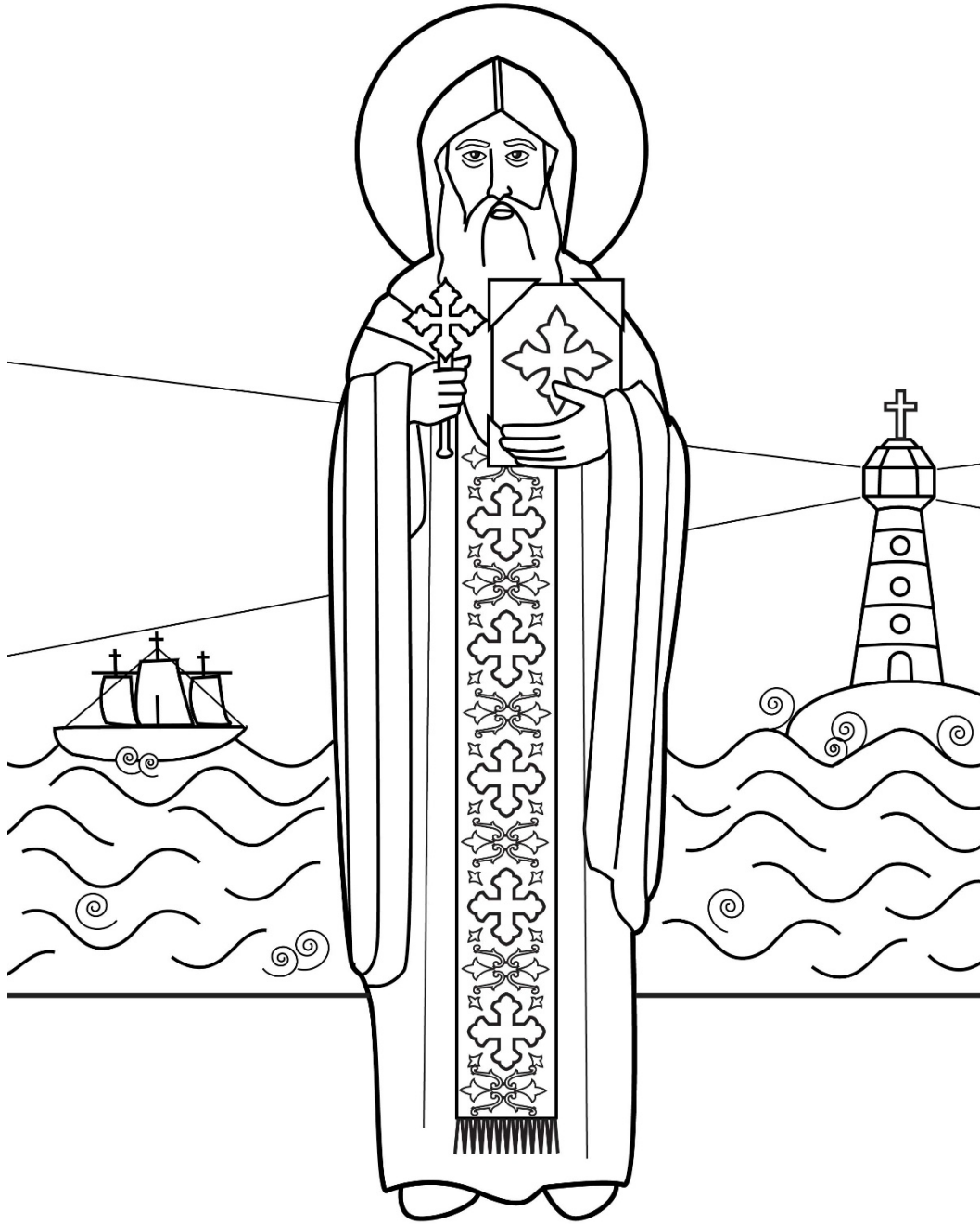
The Church celebrates this miracle on the 30th day of the Coptic month of Thoout (October 10).

"a Savior who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11)



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The Miracle of St. Athanasius in the Boat



"a Savior who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11)

My Lord is My Refuge

The Church Prays for St. Peter

Word Bank

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| Jail |  |
| Guarded |  |
| Praying |  |
| Chains |  |
| Dreaming |  |
| Surprised |  |

The Lord is My Refuge

The Church Prays for St. Peter

Acts 12:1-17

This story teaches us that praying together is a refuge in our lives and protects us.

After our Lord Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven, King Herod took St. Peter and put him in jail. He was tied with a chain on each of his hands. Each chain was attached to a soldier, and the room was locked and guarded by 2 more soldiers. The king wanted to make sure that St. Peter could not leave.

St. Peter was not afraid in the jail. He was very calm and fell asleep.



While St. Peter was in jail, the believers came together in the house of Mary, the mother of St. Mark. They spent the entire night praying for St. Peter.



“ THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION ”

God sent an angel to the jail and the dark room became very bright. The angel touched St. Peter and said, "Arise quickly". The chains fell off St. Peter's hands, and the angel told him to put on his shoes, belt, and clothes and follow him out of the prison.

St. Peter thought he was dreaming. He followed the angel out of the jail. St. Peter and the angel went out of the jail, and once they were down the road, the angel went away. St. Peter knew that he was not dreaming, and that God had sent the angel to save him.

St. Peter went to the house of Mary (the mother of St. Mark). When he knocked on the door, a girl named Rhoda came to the door. She was so happy to know that St. Peter was standing outside, but she didn't open the door for him.

She went back inside to tell everyone that St. Peter was at the door. St. Peter kept on knocking on the door. When they opened the door, they were very surprised to see him. St. Peter told them how the Lord saved him.



By the prayers of all the believers praying together, our Lord Jesus Christ returned St. Peter home from jail, and the people were very happy and thanked the Lord.

"They called upon the Lord, and He answered them" (Psalm 99:6)

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The Church Prays for St. Peter









**"They called upon the Lord, and He answered them"
(Psalm 99:6)**

The Lord is My Peace

David and the Lion and the Bear

Word Bank

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| Harp |  |
| Shepherd |  |
| Staff |  |
| Scared |  |
| Strength |  |
| Bravery |  |

My Lord is My Peace

David and the Lion and the Bear

1 Samuel 17:34-36

This story teaches us that those who love God always have peace even in hard times.

David was the son of Jesse. He had 7 brothers and 2 sisters. (1 Chronicles 2:13-17) and his name means “the beloved”. David loved to pray and praise the name of God while playing on his harp.

David was a good shepherd; he took very good care of his father’s sheep and fed them. He made sure the sheep were safe and used his staff to push away any animal that tried to hurt the sheep.

He was not scared because he knew that God was with him.
God always gives us strength and bravery.



“ THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION ”

One day, while David was feeding the sheep, a lion and a bear tried to hurt his sheep. They took one of his sheep and ran away.

Because David knew God was with him, he was not scared of the lion and the bear, and he ran after them. When the lion tried to hurt David, he stopped the lion and hit it.

With God’s power, David was able to save his sheep without being scared.



**"The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?"
(Psalm 27:1)**

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David and the Lion and the Bear



**"The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?"
(Psalm 27:1)**

The Lord is My God

Our Lord the Great Creator

Word Bank

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| Dust |  |
| Nostrils |  |
| Rib |  |
| Wash |  |
| Fight |  |
| Hailstones |  |

The Lord is My God

Our Lord the Great Creator

God the Creator

Learning about God teaches us about the Lord of Heaven and Earth.

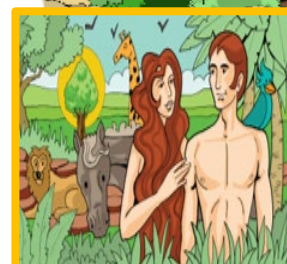
God the Creator

- God made light
- God divided the light from the darkness
- God made heaven with its beautiful colors
- God made trees and plants
- God made the sun, the moon, and the stars
- God made fish and birds
- God made animals and humans



God made man in His own image. He made man in the image of God. He made man from the dust of the ground and put into his nostrils the breath of life. Then God took one of Adam's ribs and made Eve. God is the only Creator. He made everything and He is the giver of life.

**"Who is God, who formed the earth and made it,
Who has established it" (Isaiah 45:18)**



“ THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION ”

The Man Born Blind (John 9)

One day our Lord Jesus Christ was walking with His disciples. He saw a man who was born blind. The blind man was sitting at the gates asking for money. Our Lord Jesus Christ spat on the ground and made clay, then He put it in the place of the eyes of the man and asked him to wash in the pool of Siloam. He went to the pool, washed his eyes, and came back seeing. God made eyes for him from the dust of the ground, just like He made Adam.



Our Lord Jesus Christ is the **Creator of everything**.

God made everything perfectly;
no one can ever change anything God made.



The year has 4 seasons, and they come in a certain order: first comes winter, then spring, then summer, and then fall.



Nighttime is always followed by daylight.

“ THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION ”

Only God can control everything.

The Miracle of Stopping the Sun (Joshua 10)

Joshua led the people of God to Canaan (the Promised Land). The people of Gibeon told Joshua that 5 kings were planning to fight them. The people of Gibeon asked Joshua to help them. God told Joshua not to be scared and fight the kings.

Not only did God help Joshua to win against the kings and chase their armies away, but God also let heavy hailstones (ice) to fall from the sky on the enemies.

Joshua prayed to God to stop the sun in the sky from going down. God made the sun stay over Gibeon until the war stopped.



God is the Creator of everything.

Only God can stop the sun because He created it.

**"Who is God, who formed the earth and made it,
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The Miracle of Stopping the Sun



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The Lord is a Light to Our Path

St. Mark the Apostle

Word Bank

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| Rich |  |
| Apostles |  |
| Miracles |  |
| Communion |  |
| Healed |  |
| Baptized |  |

The Lord is a Light to Our Path

St. Mark the Apostle

The Synaxarion of the 30th day of the Coptic Month of Parmoute (May 8)

Learning how St. Mark faithfully brought the faith and knowledge of God to Egypt teaches us that God is a light to our path.

The name Mark means hammer. He was born in Cyrene from a rich Jewish family. His mother's name was Mary, and his father's name was Aristopolus. He came back to Jerusalem with his family where he met our Lord Jesus Christ. He joined the faith and became one of the 70 apostles.



St. Mark got the faith from our Lord Jesus Christ and saw many miracles. The Coptic Orthodox Church calls him:

- 1- The Beholder of God (Witness of God)
- 2- The Evangelist
- 3- The Apostle

Mary, the mother of St. Mark served our Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ had the first Holy Communion in her house, in the upper room. Her house became the first Christian church in the world.



Also, after our Lord Jesus Christ rose to Heaven, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in the house of the mother of St. Mark. Then they started teaching in Jerusalem and many other places.

“ THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION ”

St. Mark performed many miracles in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. He talked to many people about the Lord Jesus Christ, teaching them the faith, and how the Lord is the light to our life.

St. Mark went to teach in the city of Alexandria. When he came to the city, his shoe was broken. He went to a shoemaker in the city named Anianus to fix it. While he was fixing his shoe the tool hurt his finger. Anianus shouted “O, ONE GOD.” When St. Mark heard these words, he talked to him about the One God. St. Mark prayed, and his finger was healed.



Anianus believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and the faith. St. Mark baptized him and his family in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This was the start of Christianity in Egypt.



St. Mark made the first church in Egypt. He made St. Anianus a bishop as well as 3 priests and 7 deacons for the city of Alexandria in Egypt. Then the church started to grow each day.



“ THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION ”



1- St. Mark is the 1st Pope of Alexandria:

The same faith St. Mark got from the Lord Jesus Christ he gave to every pope after him.

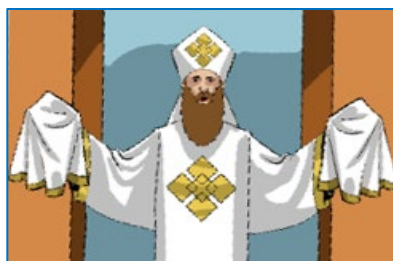
Today, **Pope Tawadros, the 118th Pope,** stays with the same faith.

That's why the Pope is named on the **See of St. Mark.**



2- He made the Theological School of Alexandria:

To teach the entire world about God.



3- He wrote the Holy Liturgy:
one of the oldest liturgies of the church.



4- He wrote one of the 4 gospels,
The Gospel of St. Mark.

St. Mark was a light to everyone around him by teaching others about God in the land of Egypt.

He is called '**The Preacher of Egypt.**'

He also taught others about the Lord Jesus Christ by writing the Gospel. This is why He is called an '**evangelist.**'

It is our turn and duty to keep the faith unchanged as we received it just like St. Mark.

May the prayers of St. Mark be with us all.



**"Keep the traditions just as I delivered them to you"
(1 Corinthians 11:2)**

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St. Mark



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(1 Corinthians 11:2)**



Memorization

1. “The Lord is my light and my salvation” (Psalm 27:1)

2. Psalm 134 (133) of the 3rd Watch of the Midnight Hour of the Agpeya

Behold, bless the LORD,

All you servants of the LORD,

Who by night stand in the house of the LORD!

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,

And bless the LORD.

The LORD who made heaven and earth

Bless you from Zion! **Alleluia.**



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(Our God is eternal
Our God is One in Three
Pantocrator, The Logos
Redeemer and Holy) x 2

All generations witness for Him
His creation gives Him praise
Tells of His might and His wonders
How this world His hands have made

We're peaceful in His promises
Guided by His teachings
We live by His commandments
We seek Him and His blessings

Our Church fathers and martyrs
Kept Tradition to this day
A life of Sacraments
My Church unique and firm in faith

My faith and my doctrine are glory
Unchanging the teachings and Holy
The Lord is my light and my salvation
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