

Coptic Orthodox Church

The Coptic Orthodox Church is an Apostolic, biblical and sacramental Christian church. The word Coptic is derived from the Greek word meaning Egyptian. The Coptic Church is one of the most ancient churches in the world, having been founded in the first century by St. Mark the Apostle, the writer of the second Gospel. Throughout the years, the Coptic Orthodox Church has stood firm and remained faithful to the Lord through Her Apostolic traditions and Orthodox faith. She is noted for Her profound spirituality and many contributions to the Christian faith, including the Theological School of Alexandria, Monasticism and Martyrdom, as well as Her pivotal role in the Ecumenical Councils. Today, there are thousands of Coptic churches throughout the world, in Egypt, the United States, Canada, South America, Europe, Africa and Australia. The Coptic Orthodox Church is also the largest church in the Middle East and Africa. She continues Her Orthodox heritage under the leadership and care of His Holiness Pope Tawadros II, 118th Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of Saint Mark.