



COPTIC MONASTERY OF ST. SHENOUDA
ROCHESTER-NEW YORK

Dear Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to congratulate you for the beginning of the Fast of the Nativity. May God grant us that this be an acceptable fast full of repentance, spiritual fruits, and good works.

We thank God that while the construction of the new monastery building is underway, we now have space to house those who would like to come and have a spiritual retreat here. Through the personal loan of someone interested in the monastery, the monastery has purchased a house with its 5 acres of land to the east of St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church (which is at a corner across the street from the new monastery building under construction). This house can accommodate up to 20 people, however, they must be either all male or all female at the same time, unless they are all of the same family coming for a retreat. There are rules and guidelines as well as forms that need to be filled out and sent here on the monastery website: stshenouda.rochcopts.org.

For further questions or information, please contact Brother Antonios the Shenoudian at Br_Antonious@frontiernet.net or (585) 755-7220.

As a further update, the purchase of Sts. Peter and Paul Church has been delayed for a few more weeks until the old boiler in the church is replaced. By the grace of God, the closing should be around the time of the beginning of the New Year.

As you are aware of, we are in need of a great amount of financial support, especially in the setting of the construction of the new monastery building in West Henrietta, paying off the rest of the price of the Coptic Mission Center, and paying off the loans that people have been given to build the new monastery building and pay for the purchase of the Coptic Mission Center.

Therefore, we are still in need of your donations and participation for the sake of establishing these important services. For those who would like to take the blessing of donating to these services, please send them to:

St. Shenouda Monastery
P.O. Box 20433
Rochester, NY 14602

May God accept your gifts and offerings as a delightful aroma and reward you with heavenly and earthly blessings.

Your servant in Christ,

Shenouda Maher Ishak

Fr. Shenouda Maher Ishak
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