



**COPTIC MONASTERY OF ST. SHENOUDA  
ROCHESTER-NEW YORK**

Dear Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray that you are all living in the grace, peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. I would like to give you some updates on the monastery:

**FINANCIAL SITUATION**

**The construction of the monastery is currently on hold. This is because our expenses have unexpectedly far outweighed the donations and loans that we have been receiving. The recent donations and loans have just covered paying back personal loans that were due and the regular monthly and maintenance expenses. Thus we were unable to pay our debts to the contractor.**

**The current plan is to make preparations of the building for the winter in order to preserve what has already been done (i.e. siding and stucco). However, the expenses for this will only add to the current debt that we owe to the contractor which will need to be paid before resuming construction.**

**Our expenses for the next THREE MONTHS are:**

**\$400,000 – unpaid bills from contractor for completed work  
+\$374,000 – repayment of personal loans  
\$774,000 TOTAL (seven hundred and seventy-four thousand dollars)**

**There is still another \$859,000 that will need to be paid to the contractor after these three months for the completion of the monastery building. This is besides the repayment of \$655,000 in personal loans that are due over the next two years. In addition to all of this, we still have our monthly expenses for the monastery which include the maintenance and monthly expenses of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, the Coptic Mission Center.**

**Although we are now repaying the personal loans given to us from approximately one year ago or more, it was mainly these loans that have allowed us to proceed forward with the monastery's projects. So for those who would like to take the blessing of DONATING OR GIVING LOANS 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  
Priest, St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church  
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**NB: We are in urgent need for loans and donations. Our tax exemption receipts are valid for BOTH CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES. Donors are prayed for by name on the altar in secret at liturgies.**

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