

***All That You Need to Know About the Online Evangelism Class***  
***(Class Syllabus)***

- 1- The objective of this class is to prepare a person to work on evangelism and mission in the Coptic Orthodox Church. This preparation will include: the study of the principles of Orthodox evangelism and mission, history of mission in the Orthodox Church, methods of evangelism and mission, understanding of basic theology, understanding the role of the Church in salvation, and how to reach out to atheists, agnostics, people from other religions, and other people from various Christian denominations.
- 2- The class is under the auspices of H.G. Bishop Youssef, bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States.
- 3- Class starts March 2, 2012 and ends April 11, 2014
- 4- Last date to join the class is March 23, 2012
- 5- A lecture is posted online every other Friday (See [Lectures of the Online Evangelism Class](#))
- 6- A video is posted every other Friday (See [Videos of the Online Evangelism Class](#))
- 7- The videos concentrate on the practical side of evangelism, while lectures prepare you for evangelism and mission.
- 8- All the materials for the class will be available on time for the scheduled lectures and videos on the class web site: [www.evangelismcopticorthodox.org/onlineevangelismclass.html](http://www.evangelismcopticorthodox.org/onlineevangelismclass.html)
- 9- The teachers of the class are:
  - a- Brother Antonius the Shenoudian: He will teach theology. His e-mail is [br\\_antonious@frontiernet.net](mailto:br_antonious@frontiernet.net)
  - b- Victor Beshir: He will teach the basics of evangelism and mission. His e-mail is [beshirv@gmail.com](mailto:beshirv@gmail.com)
  - c- Mena Mirhon: He will teach practical evangelism using videos and other methods. His e-mail is [menamirhom@gmail.com](mailto:menamirhom@gmail.com)

- d- Others who could teach a few lessons, as needed
- 10- As an additional component of learning, all the students will be asked to join the **Coptic Evangelism Fellowship of North America**. Please visit the link of the group and request to join the group:
- <http://groups.google.com/group/coptic-evangelism-in-north-america/>
- 11- The group's web page objective is to become "One Stop" for all of the needs of people who work in evangelism and for people who need to explore evangelism. So, plan to visit it from time to time. It's address is: [www.evangelismcopticorthodox.org](http://www.evangelismcopticorthodox.org)
- 12- The group has a Facebook Page called, "**Looking For a Church As Old As Christianity**," to reach out to non-Orthodox people. We encourage you to read the materials there and to invite all non-Orthodox to visit this page. You are also welcome to post on it, keeping in mind that materials should be evangelistic in nature.
- 13- Although it is not required, we encourage you to help in the efforts of the group by assisting in one of the following areas: editing, web page maintenance, brochure design, "My College Mission (see its tab on the web page), writing, starting and/or supporting evangelism group in your local church.

### **Enrollment:**

Minimum qualifications: Successfully graduated from high school and enrolled in undergraduate program. A student should be committed to work hard, do all assignments, and complete the two-year class.

To enroll in the class, a student should complete the registration form found on:

<http://evangelismcopticorthodox.org/onlineevangelismclass.html>

### **Assignments & Homework:**

- 1- Assignments and homework are part of the curriculum and form 40% of grading. Assignments and homework are due

on the following Friday. In other words, you have eight days to complete them, from Friday to Friday.

- 2- All assignments and homework will be graded
- 3- Late assignments and homework will be accepted but with a 10% penalty
- 4- Send your answer as MS Word attachment to your e-mail.
- 5- Do not expect a confirming e-mail of receiving the assignment by a teacher. Instead, a monthly grade, based on your assignments and homework, will be issued and e-mailed to individual students.
- 6- **How long is the assignment?** It depends on the question. First, meditate on the question. Second, if you can check out books or articles to help you answer the question, please do. Then send your answer. Unless I specifically say that this is an essay and ask for a minimum number of pages, then there is no required number of pages. Obviously, I do not want an answer in two sentences. I need to feel that you read the lesson, thought about the question, meditate on the topic, and tried to get the best answer. Meanwhile, I am not asking you to answer the question by writing a search paper. **Consider the assignment as a spiritual journey and for your spiritual enlightenment and fulfillment. This is main objective of the questions.** Please remember what we say in the Orthodox Church, "A theologian is a person who prays." Spiritual life is a very important component of this class, though we do not necessarily send spiritual lessons.

### **Grading:**

Excellent	90 and above	A
Very Good	80 and above	B
Good	70 and above	C
Below Average	less than 70	D

The above grading will be applied to assignments and homework, tests, projects, and the final exam.

## **Final Grade:**

Final grade will be calculated as follows:

10%	Project
30%	Tests (3 tests, each is 10 %)
20%	Final Test
40%	Assignments & Homework

## **Testing:**

Three written tests will be administered throughout the course, one every six months covering the topics taught during those six months. Testing Schedule:

1- September 7, 2012

2- March 8, 2013

3- September 6, 2013

## **Final Exam:**

A final written exam will be given on

April 4, 2014

## **Project:**

A project will be announced towards the end of the class.

## **Graduation:**

A certificate of graduation will be signed by H.G. Bishop Youssef, stating that the person successfully completed a two-year evangelism and mission course.

Please remember that: Every week we commit ourselves to evangelize when we sing in the Church "Amen. Amen. Amen. Your death O' Lord we proclaim."

As we strive to fulfill this promise, we need to work diligently on preparing ourselves for evangelism.

Consider this class as a part of preparing yourself for His work that you offer in love for God.

In Christ,

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