

4th International Symposium on Coptic Culture: Past, Present, and Future
Advocacy, Activism, and Freedom: Historical Perspectives
29 June- 2 July 2017

Preliminary Program

Friday June 30

8:30-9:30 **Conference Registration (Coffee & snacks)**

9:30-9:45 H.G. Bishop Angaelos, Welcome Address

9:45-10:00 Introductory Remarks

10:00-10:30 Mariam Ayad, Labor Activism in Ancient Egypt

10:30-11:00 Ash Melika, Poverty and Subsistence in Ancient Egyptian and Biblical Wisdom Literature

11:00-11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30-12:00 Nicola Aravecchia, Christian Identity in the Archaeological Record: A Case Study from Egypt's Western Desert

12:00-12:30 Alanna Nobbs, A Coptic family from Late Antique Egypt and Women's Freedom

12:30-13:00 Renate Dekker, Combatting social injustice in the early seventh century: The case studies of Bishop Abraham, Bishop Pesynthius and the holy man Epiphanius

13:00-13:30 Y. N. Youssef, Severus of Antioch as an advocate of Orthodoxy

13:30-14:30 **Lunch Break**

14:30-15:00 John Gee, Historicity of Coptic Martyrdoms and Its Implications

15:00-15:30 Sherin Sadek, The Reform of Pope Cyril IV and its influences in the life of the Coptic Community

15:30-16:00 Bishoy Dawood, Let My People Go: Is There a Place for Liberation Theology in the Coptic Orthodox Church?

16:00-16:30 Tea Break

16:30-17:00 Ihab Khalil, *"There is no authority except that which God has established"* (Romans 13:1): An Exploration of Power Distance in the Early Church and the Modern Coptic Diaspora

17:00-17:30 Candace Lukasik, The Transnationalism of Coptic Political Activism

17:30-16:00 Magda Shahin, The fate of the Christians in the Middle East Region and the Dangers of Religious Fanaticism in Political Conflicts

19:00-21:00 Speakers' Dinner

Saturday July 1

8:30-9:30 Conference Registration (Coffee & snacks)

9:30-10:00 Engy Hanna, *Male and female He created them*: Gender equality as reflected through Coptic Art

10:00-10:30 Alaa Awad, On National Identity & Unity

10:30-11:00 Helene Moussa, Victor Fakhoury: Iconographer, Theologian and Historian

11:00-11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30-12:00 Carolyn Ramzy, After Ragheb Moftah: Repatriating Coptic Music Transcriptions as Modern Pedagogies of Female Piety

12:00-12:30 Michael Henein The St Kyrel Choir in Europe

12:30-13:00 Vera Saad, Roots and Wings

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-14:30 Amr Talaat, If These Walls Could Talk! The Story of Three Cairo Palaces

14:30-15:00 Monica Hanna, Heritage Advocacy and the Political Boundaries of Archaeological Work in Egypt

15:00-15:30 Michael Jones, Heritage Activists or Surrogate Civil Servants

15:30-16:00 Fekri A. Hassan, Coptic Heritage for a Better Future- Social Memory, Historicity and Current affairs

16:00-16:15 Tea Break

16:15-17:00 Panel Discussion

17:00-17:30 Concluding Remarks

18:00-19:30 Dinner @ the Center w/Community Members