

25 Years since the First Mass in Perth, Western Australia

More than 1/2 a century ago, the Copts started to migrate to WA. Though few in number, but a worth mentioning story. One famous man who worked hard to establish the community was the late George Whaba (arrived to Perth 57) who assisted new migrants to settle down in their new home country.

Not before 9/2/1975, when Fr Yohanna Thabet (from Sydney) celebrated the 1st Mass at St Albans Anglican Church in Highgate.

The 1st bishop visited Perth (1976) was HG Bishop Aghathon, Bishop of Ismailia and Sinai at that time.

In 1979 the families in Perth (~26), started to voice to HH for their need to have a regular service. HH delegated HG Bishop Antonios Markos, who used to visit Perth. Bishop Antonios gave all the support to this church in forming. He organized semi-regular monthly liturgies from the Eastern States.

In one of his visits (1980), Bishop Markos accompanied Fr Mina Kamel to be the 1st resident priest for the community. They together with the community leaders managed to have St Barnabas Anglican Church in Leederville as a temporary church for Sunday services. Before that, the community used to have their prayers and meetings at homes, halls or even libraries.

Few months later, Fr Mina returned to Sydney. Perth had to be served from the Eastern States once again.

In 87, HH Pope Shenouda III, delegated the late Fr. Theodosios El-Anba Bishoy (departed 17/4/94), to establish a church in WA. Fr. Theodosios laboured greatly until a permanent church "St Mary and Archangel Michael" was purchased in 1991. Early in 93, Fr Theodosios left to Egypt.

People who lived those days tell lots of stories that can fill a book about how God performed many miracles and wonders till the church was fully established.

The visit of HH to Perth in Sept. 1993 though lasted for 2 days, crowned the achievement of establishing the church. Perth had the privilege that HH celebrated the only Mass in Australia in its church. The visit was

greatly covered by the media, as it was one of the biggest events for the Copts in WA.

From mid 93 to 4/1/97 Fr Daniel El-Antony who continued the hard work served the Church. He cared much for the youth and established good channels with other churches and ecumenical bodies. Our Church is one of the founders of The Conference of Churches of WA and The Association of The Heads of Churches of WA.

On his 25th Jubilee, (14/11/96), HH ordained the current priest for the Church of St. Mary and Archangel Michael.

From 26 families in the late 70's to almost 250 families by the end of the second millennium and is growing fast. In addition to spiritual and pastoral services to the Copts, the Church is committed to serve also the Ethiopians (220 families), Eritrians (30), Armenians, and other Australians (Lebanese, Palestinians, Russian, etc). The church also extended her mission outside Australia.

The church also established the "Anba Abram Village for new migrants". The miraculous story behind this project may need a separate article.

It was on 14/11/99 when the Copts of WA were greatly rejoiced upon hearing the good news of calling HG Bishop Suriel, Bishop on Melbourne and affiliated regions, and that Perth is part of HG diocese.

We were exceedingly happy to receive His Grace Bishop Suriel, our shepherd, master and overseer on his first apostolic visit to Perth (14-21 /1/2000).

On his second & very short visit to Perth (16/3), and only after 3 months of his enthronement, HG Bishop Suriel signed the offer for the 2nd church in Perth "St Mark & St George's" to serve the congregations of the Northern Suburbs. This church is the first of so many churches that God is planning to rise on the blessed hands of HG. The story of this church will need a separate article. HG presented to his people in Perth the best gift to commemorate the Jubilee of the first Mass. May the Lord keep for us his high priesthood and put in his hands blessings over blessings to shepherd his flock in peace. Amen.

St Mark & St George Church, In Perth: A Divine Seal and A Gift for the Jubilee

25 years ago the Copts in Perth celebrated their 1st Mass with Fr Yohana Thabet. They were less than 10 families at that time.

Their numbers increased tremendously, specially in the northern suburbs of Perth, the need arose for another church there.

Only 2 months after his arrival and to be exact on March 4, 1997, the new priest started a Bible study every Tuesday evening in a community hall (Flinders Recreation Centre) in Hillarys. The centre was not adequate for the objective, as it needed lots of preparation that was why the venue was changed on 17/5/1997 to St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in Heathridge.

A little more than a year later, and on Sept 30, 1998, the first Coptic Mass was celebrated on regular basis in the same church on Wednesdays.

The Church was then called after St Mark & St George. The people rejoiced greatly on that day as they could see another church is being formulated in their city. In addition to the Bible study and the Mass, other activities were conducted there, like deacons meetings and choir practices, etc.

Several serious attempts to buy a church or a piece of land to build a church were taken, however God has kept for us a very suitable location for His Church and waited for the His Man to establish it.

Upon knowing that the people of Perth had found a suitable place for the dream church His Grace Bishop Suriel did not hesitate for a second to fly to Perth despite all his engagements and tight schedule. HG arrived to Perth 16/3, went to check the land that was proposed to him, but God lead him to the location He selected for His new church, that was the adjoining peace of land. Everything went so smooth and

quickly and you could feel the Hand of God behind the scenario. HG put an offer, the offer was accepted in the same moment, both parties signed the agreement.

The size of the land is 5 acres (20,000 m2) with a house on it and 3 big sheds; one of them is used as horses stable. The 1st shed could be used straight ahead with few modifications as a temporary church, the middle one can be used as offices and stores and the 3rd one for camps or overnight accommodation. The suburb is a rural and very quite one with lots of future potential.

After the inspection of the land, HG went to the St Mary and Archangel Michael Church where he prayed the “Thanks-Giving Prayer” and met with the people to proclaim the good news to them who were exceedingly glad and you could hear their sounds of cheer and happiness. In that meeting HG formed the establishing committee and answered some questions. After that HG celebrated this great event with the people in the Church’s hall, and met with the new committee afterwards.

LOTS OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN SUCH A SHORT VISIT:

The visit did not last for more than 12 hours, but lots of achievements in it. Before catching the plane back to Canberra, HG spoke to his people through the “Voice of the Coptic Church in Perth” radio program to congratulate them for their new church and on some other issues. HG also recorded the introduction to the “Oriental Orthodox Passion Week” CD produced by the Church in Perth. HG met with the priest, gave him directions and blessings and left Perth leaving behind him a very high impression, great lessons to learn from and most of all, jubilation.

This church is the first of so many churches that God is planning to rise on the blessed hands of HG. The City of Perth should be very proud that the first church founded by HG is in its skirts. This church is also a special gift from God to His people in Perth in their celebration of their Jubilee of the 1st Mass. It is a Divine Seal and a Gift. May the Lord keep for us his high priesthood and put in his hands blessings over blessings to shepherd his flock in peace. Amen.

Anba Abram Village in Perth

Before buying the St Mary & Archangel Michael Church, the community acquired a parcel of land in the suburb of Beechboro in order to build a church on it. However, God had a different place for the church and a different plan for the land. His plan was to have the church where it is now and to build a huge project on that land to serve the new migrants and to be a solid asset to the church in the future. That project is the “Anba Abram Village for New Migrants”

Let's start the story from the beginning. In 1989 the Church acquired that piece of land (2737 m2) from HOMESWEST, which is a semi- governmental company for housing at a nominal price of \$45,000 to build a church on. A bounding sale condition was that they had to build the church over two years of time or else they had to relinquish it at the same price.

As the service in Perth was not settled for long time, and the late Fr Theodosios had to buy the current church out of an urgent need, they could not utilize the land till Fr Abram Abdelmalek has arrived in 1997, i.e. for 8 years.

Early in 1997, the church started to renegotiate the situation with the company on how to make use of the land, especially that we discovered a clause in the contract says that we can use the land “...for any church purpose”.

The negotiation took almost 2 years, and took very hard paths at some stages, particularly because one of the local churches in the area (Church of Christ) showed interest in the land. They agitated the media and the parliament against us claiming that we should have handed the land back to the company for the community use and we were found in breach of the contract.

They manage to get a ministerial order obliging us to either relinquish it or sell it to that church at the price of purchase. (The market value of the land at that time was well above \$400,000)

Everybody in the church fasted and prayed for this issue, and God, blessed be His Holy Name, changed every thing for the sake of His chosen church.

- ❖ The company convinced the Minister of Housing to change his decision.
- ❖ The parliamentarians, who had opposed us, had a hundred and eighty degree flip in their position and supported us later.

- ❖ That church minimized their activities in the area and their priest left the church.
- ❖ We signed a contract with the company to build residential units for the newly migrated families on part of the land (Stage 1).

Anba Abram Village - Stage 1

- ◆ The contract was signed on 18/3/1999 to build 4 residential units on a total area of 1800 m2. Each unit is around a 100m2 on 450m2 piece of land. Each unit is composed of 3 bedrooms, lounge and dining, kitchen, bathroom and toilet, a garage and a store.
- ◆ Each unit will be given the name of one of the four gospel writers.
- ◆ The duration of the project is for 25 years and at the end of this period, the project will be re-evaluated taking in consideration that the value of land appreciates while that of the buildings depreciates. The two bodies then will have to renew the contract for any period of time with the new shares and at the end of the second contract any of the parties can buy the share of the other out or renew the project for a third period and so on.
- ◆ The current share of the church at this stage is around 24% and it is expected to be over 90% by the end of the first contractual period.
- ◆ The initial total cost of the project is \$661,000 distributed as follows:
 - \$45,000 Value of the land (paid by the church 10 years ago)
 - \$40,000 paid by the church as a nominal contribution towards the construction costs (\$10,000 per unit)
 - \$271,000 paid by Homeswest that is the rest of the construction costs.
 - \$305,000 is the difference in land nominal and market values (paid by the Lord in a miraculous way, this portion is not considered as part of the cost of the project now, but will be counted for at the end of the project)
- ◆ The company has agreed to receive the \$40,000 after they finish the units and hand out the keys to us. Meanwhile they elevated the caveat to enable us to borrow these \$40.00. Complete management and administration of the project is for the Coptic Orthodox Church.
- ◆ Priority of residence is for those of our community.
- ◆ All expenditure should be covered by the rent, including the mortgage. The rest of income should be kept in a trust account till the end of

the project, then either distributed according to the shares or use it in any other joint project.

Stage I of the Project was honoured by the blessings of HG Bishop Suriel who officially opened it in his first visit to Perth on January 18,2000. The opening ceremony that was attended by some government officials, representatives from Homeswest, many of the Copts and the builder and contractors were very impressive and memorable.

Some Coptic and Ethiopian families currently occupy the units.

Anba Abram Village - Stage II

Is to build 2 new units on the rest of the land (937m²). The submission for approval was posted to Homeswest late last year (2001) and waiting for their decision May the Lord keep for us his high priesthood and put in his hands blessings over blessings to shepherd his flock in peace. Amen

1. Visit of Bishop Suriel

Our beloved Bishop Suriel visited Perth on 16/3 for a very short pastoral visit. Though the visit was very short (less than 12 hours) yet full of great achievements:

- Signing an offer to purchase a parcel of land for our new church. See next item of the news.
- Meeting with the congregation of St Mary & Archangel Michel Church
- Forming the establishing committee for the new project church and meeting with them.
- Meeting with the parish priest to give him advice and blessings
- Home-visiting some families
- Delivering a speech to "The Voice of The Coptic Church in Perth" radio program
- Recording the introduction of the new "Oriental Orthodox" CD

All this and more in only less than 12 Hours flew afterwards to Canberra accompanied by the angel of safety and peace.

It is worth mentioning that this is the second pastoral visit to Perth of HG in less than 2 months, as HG has visited Perth during the Period of 14 – 21/1 of this year. May the Lord keep for us his high priesthood and cheer us always with his joyous and fruitful visits.

2. Purchase a Piece of Land for the Church of St Mark & St George

16/3/2000 is a historic day in the church history of Perth, as Hg Bishop Suriel came especially to Perth to sign the offer to purchase a piece of land in Wanneroo area to build a church on it.

The size of the land is 5 acres (20,000 m2) with a house on it and 3 big sheds; one of them is used as horses stable. The 1st shed could be used straight ahead with few modifications as a temporary church, the middle one can be used as offices and stores and the 3rd one for camps or overnight accommodation. The suburb is a rural and very quite one with lots of future potential.

The price of the land is \$370,000. HG has a formed an establishing committee for the church formed of Dr Michael Moussa (Secretary), Dr Eng Solomon Solomon (Treasurer), Eng Mousa Bishai and Mr. Ibrahim Guirguis (members).

This church is the first among many projects that God will complete on the hands of HG Bishop Suriel in the Diocese. May the Lord strengthen him and prosper many churches on his hands.

3. Visit of Fr Mina Ibrahim

Bishop Suriel has agreed that our beloved Fr Mina travels to Perth to help Fr Abram recovering. Fr Mina stayed over the period 15/3 – 2/4 in Perth. Thank you our beloved bishop for your care and love and thank you Abouna Mina for you toil of love and service. May the Lord reward both of you in the heavenly Jerusalem.

1. زيارة الأنبا سوريال:

نالت مدينة بيرث البركة الرسولية لزيارة الحبر الجليل نيافة الأنبا سوريال أسقفنا المحبوب يوم 16/3 في زيارة رعوية قصيرة لم تزد عن 12 ساعة. وبالرغم من قصر الزيارة إلا أن نيافته أنجز إنجازات رعوية ضخمة جدا منها:

- توقيع العقد المبذني لشراء قطعة أرض تصلح لبناء كنيسة عليها. أنظر الخبر التالي للتفاصيل.
- اجتماع مع شعب كنيسة السيدة العذراء و رئيس الملائكة ميخائيل
- تكوين اللجنة التأسيسية للبدء في مشروع الكنيسة الجديدة و الاجتماع بهم
- الاجتماع بكاهن الكنيسة و تزويده بالتوجيهات و البركات
- افتقاد لبعض العائلات في منازلهم
- الإدلاء بحديث إذاعي لبرنامج صوت الكنيسة القبطية في بيرث
- تسجيل مقدمة CD الجديد الخاص بالكنائس الأرثوذكسية الشرقية

كل هذا تم في أقل من 12 ساعة عاد بعدها نيافته إلى كانبرا مصحوبا بملاك السلامة.

و من الجدير بالذكر أن هذه هي ثاني زيارة رعوية لنيافته لمدينة بيرث في أقل من شهرين ، حيث كان نيافته قد زار المدينة في الفترة من 14 – 21/1 من هذا العام. الرب يديم و يحفظ لنا رئاسته للكهنوت و يفرحنا على الدوام بزياراته المبهجة و المنتجة .

2. شراء قطعة أرض لكنيسة مارمرقس و مارجرس

يعتبر يوم 16/3/2000 يوما تاريخيا في تاريخ الحياة الكنسية في بيرث حيث حضر خصيصا حضرة صاحب النيافة الأنبا سوريال لتوقيع العقد المبذني لشراء قطعة أرض بمنطقة Wanneroo تصلح لبناء كنيسة عليها . الأرض مساحتها 5 فدان 20,000 م2 و يوجد بها منزل و 3 مخازن كبيرة واحد منها يستخدم كإسطبل للخيل . أول مخزن يصلح للاستخدام بصفة مؤقتة ككنيسة مباشرة بعد إجراء بعض التعديلات و الأوسط من الممكن أن يحول إلى مكاتب و مخازن و الثالث يصلح كمبيت للمعسكرات . المنطقة ريفية هادئة و لها مستقبل مشرق . ثمن الأرض 370,000 دولار الرب قادر أن يبني له بيتا في هذا المكان. و قد كون نيافته لجنة تأسيسية لهذا المشروع مكونة من

1. د مايكل موسى سكرتيرا
2. د سليمان سليمان أمينا للصندوق
3. م موسى بشاي عضوا
4. أ إبراهيم جرجس عضوا .

و تعتبر هذه الكنيسة هي باكورة مشاريع نيافة الأنبا سوريال في الأبرشية الرب قادر أن يعمل على يديه الكثير من المشروعات و أن يعمر به المزيد من الكنائس .

3. زيارة أبونا مينا

وافق حضرة صاحب النيافة الحبر الجليل الأنبا سوريال على سفر قدس أبينا المحبوب القمص مينا إبراهيم إلى بيرث لمعاونة كاهن الكنيسة لحين استرداد صحته في الفترة من 15/3 – 4/2. نشكر أسقفنا المحبوب على محبته و اهتمامه و أبينا مينا على تعب محبته و خدمته، الرب يعوضهما في أورشليم السماوية .

Workshops and Training Courses for the Servants

1. Workshop on Government Assistance for Carers

On 27/2 the Church together with Carers WA organized a workshop to inform the congregation of the assistance and services provided by Carers WA. Ms Luiza Hopkins conducted the workshop.

2. Servants training on Mental Illness

In conjunction with the Health Department of WA, some of the church's servants attend a training course on mental health. The course is for 8 weeks and conducted by The Multicultural Access Unit. University professors deliver the lectures.

3. 1st Term of Discipleship Course finished

The first term of the discipleship course is ended. The course is attended by about 12 of the church's youth and servants.

Ecumenical Relations

1. International Day of Prayers

Fr Abram Abdelmalek attended the International Day of Prayer hosted by the Syrian Orthodox Church on 3/3. The Theme of this year is "The Indonesian Persecuted Woman" and the verse of the day was "Talitha Kumi-Young Woman Stand Up"

2. Association of Heads of Churches of WA

Fr Abram Abdelmalek attended the meeting of the Association of the Heads of Churches of WA where he thanked them for attending the reception of HG Bishop Suriel and presented to them some gifts.

3. Conference of Churches of WA (CCWA)

Dr Eng Solomon & Eng R Sawiros attended the meetings of the CCWA representing the Coptic Church. They thanked them for attending the reception of HG Bishop Suriel and discussed our concerns in teaching Islamic Religion in Christian Schools among other issues.

4. Preliminary Meeting to Accept the Ethiopian & the Macedonian Orthodox Churches to the CCWA

In response to the effort of the Coptic Church in WA to join the Ethiopian and the Macedonian Orthodox Churches to the CCWA, the Conference held a meeting on 20/3 to discuss this matter. Ann Fox the current Chairperson, Eira Clapton the General Secretary and the Heads of the 2 new candidate churches, attended the meeting. Fr Abram Abdelmalek accompanied by Dr Solomon to facilitate attended this meeting also. Preliminary approval on their membership was reached pending on the AGM approval in May. It is to mention that the Coptic Church successfully recommended these 2 churches to the Association of the Heads of Churches in WA.

1. ندوة عن المساعدات الحكومية لمرافقي المرضى و المسنين: نظمت الكنيسة بالتعاون مع Carers WA ندوة يوم 2/27 عن المساعدات الحكومية و شبه الحكومية المتوفرة لمرافقي المرضى و المسنين و المعاقين . أدارت الندوة السيدة لويزا هوبكنز .

2. دورة تدريبية للخدام عن الأمراض العقلية بالتعاون مع وزارة الصحة بغرب أستراليا يحضر مجموعة من الخادمت دورة تدريبية عن كيفية التعامل مع مرضى الأمراض العقلية و العصبية تستمر لمدة 8 أسابيع . ينظم هذه الدورة The Multicultural Access Unit و يلقي المحاضرات أساتذة من الجامعات .

3. نهاية الفصل الأول من دورة إعداد الخدام انتهى الفصل الدراسي الأول من دورة إعداد الخدام بنجاح . يحضر هذا الفصل حوالي 12 من شباب و خدام الكنيسة .

العلاقات المسكونية

1. يوم الصلاة العالمي

حضر القس إبرام عبدالمك يوم الصلاة العالمي و التي استضافته الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية السريانية الشقيقة يوم 3/3 . و موضوع الصلاة في هذه السنة هو المرأة الإندونيسية المضطهدة. و قد اتخذت الآية "طالينا قومي" كشعار لهذا اليوم .

2. رابطة رؤساء الكنائس بغرب أستراليا

حضر القس إبرام عبدالمك اجتماع رابطة رؤساء الكنائس بغرب أستراليا حيث شكرهم على حضورهم حفل استقبال حضرة صاحب النيافة الأنبا سوريال ووزع عليهم بعض الهدايا.

3. مجلس كنائس غرب أستراليا

حضر د سليمان سليمان و م رمزي ساويرس اجتماعات مجلس كنائس غرب أستراليا ممثلين عن الكنيسة القبطية يوم و قد قدما الشكر للمجلس لحضوره حفل استقبال نيافة الأنبا سوريال و تناقشنا في مسألة تعليم الدين الإسلامي بالمدارس المسيحية و عدة موضوعات أخرى .

4. الاجتماع التمهيدي لضم الكنيستين الحبشية و المقدونية الأرثوذكسيتين لمجلس كنائس غرب أستراليا:

بناء على مساعي الكنيسة القبطية بغرب أستراليا لضم الكنيسة الحبشية و الكنيسة المقدونية للمجلس عقد المجلس اجتماعا يوم 3/20 لمناقشة هذا الموضوع . حضر هذا الاجتماع السيدة آن فوكس الرئيسة الحالية للمجلس و السيدة أيرا كلابتون السكرتيرة التنفيذية و رؤساء الكنيستين الحبشية و المقدونية . كما حضره أيضا القس إبرام عبدالمك و رفاقه د سليمان سليمان عن الكنيسة القبطية . وقد تمت الموافقة المبدئية على انضمام الكنيستين على أن يعرض هذا القرار على الجمعية العمومية للمجلس في شهر مايو القادم . و من الجدير بالذكر أن الكنيسة القبطية نجحت في تزكية الكنيستين الحبشية و المقدونية لرابطة رؤساء الكنائس بالولاية .

5. دعوة الكنيسة السريانية

بناء على دعوة الكنيسة القبطية ببيروت، حضر حضرة الخوري أسقف بطرس توما راعي الكنيسة السريانية بغرب أستراليا لإلقاء عظة عن مار بارصوم السرياني يوم السبت 3/4 بمناسبة بدء

5. Inviting the Syrian Orthodox Church

The Coptic Church invited Fr Botros Thoma from the Syrian Orthodox Church to deliver a talk on “Mar Barsom the Syrian” on Sat 4/3 on the occasion of the beginning of the Great Lent.

6. Production of the 1st CD for the Oriental Orthodox Churches

Our beloved bishop Anba Suriel recorded the introduction to the first record of its kind, i.e. a CD with the Passion Week hymns of the Oriental Orthodox Churches. This includes the Armenian, the Coptic, The Ethiopian and The Syrian each with her own language. HG praised the ecumenical work and said that this type of joint work assures, deepens and reveals the unity between our original Orthodox Church. The Album is called “The Oriental Orthodox Passion of Passover chanted in Armenian, Coptic, Ethiopian and Syrian Languages”

7. Other Ecumenical Meetings

Fr Abram Abdelmalek met with representatives of different churches in un-official friendly meetings.

- Rev Adrian Pittarello cs, Episcopal Vicar of Migrant Apostolate, Archdiocese of Perth.
- Rev Chris Ryle of the President of Churches of Christ in WA.
- Rev Fr George Litas from the Greek Orthodox Church
- Ms Eira Clapton- the General Secretary of CCWA
- Members of the Ukrainian, Russian, Serb and Greek churches.

Political Representation

1. Greece Independence Day

On 23/3 Fr Abram Abdelmalek representing the Coptic Church attended the 179th celebration of the Greek Independence Day in answering an invitation from Mr. Isakiris the consul of Greece in WA.

2. National Day of Harmony

Responding to an invitation from Hon Rob Johnson JP MLA, Minister for Works, Services, Citizenship and Multicultural Interests of WA, Fr Abram Abdelmalek attended the breakfast launch of the Western Australia celebration of the National Harmony Day on 21/3. Attended with him this occasion Dr Solomon.

3. The Minister for Multicultural Interest

Fr Abram Abdelmalek, Eng A. Shihata (Secretary), Mr. M Garas (Treasures) & Dr Solomon had a meeting with Hon Rob Johnson JP MLA, Minister for Works, Services, Citizenship and Multicultural Interests of WA on Thursday 23/3 in the Parliament House of WA. The meeting continued for about an hour, during which Fr Abram thanked him for attending the reception of HG Bishop Suriel, passed to him the greetings of HG. He talked to him about the bright history of the Coptic Church, her authenticity and her leadership role under the wise leadership of HH Pope Shenouda III and his partner in the apostolic ministry Abba Suriel. Fr Abram gave

6. إنتاج أول CD يجمع الكنائس الأرثوذكسية الشرقية

قدم حضرة صاحب النيافة الحبر الجليل الأنبا سوريال أسقفنا المحبوب لأول إنتاج من نوعه وهو عبارة عن اسطوانة ليزر تجمع ألحان الكنائس الشرقية الأرثوذكسية الخاصة بأسبوع الآلام . وقد سجل فيه كل من الكنيسة القبطية و السريانية و الأرمنية و الحبشية كل بلغته . وقد أتى نيافته على هذا العمل المسكوني و قال أن مثل هذه الأعمال تؤكد و تعمق و تظهر وحدة كنيستنا الأرثوذكسية الأصيلة . أسم الألبوم “The Oriental Orthodox Passion of Passover chanted in Armenian, Coptic, Ethiopian and Syrian Languages.”

7. لقاءات مسكونية متعددة

- التقى القس إبرام عبدالملك بممثلين لبعض الكنائس في لقاءات ودية . من هذه الشخصيات:
- القس الموقر أدريان بيطريللو ممثل الإرادة الرسولية للكنيسة الكاثوليكية ببيرث.
 - الموقر كريس رايل من كنائس المسيح
 - القس جورج ليتاس من الكنيسة اليونانية الأرثوذكسية
 - السيدة أيرا كلابتون السكرتيرة التنفيذية لمجلس كنائس غرب أستراليا
 - بعض أعضاء الكنيسة الأوكرانية و الروسية و الصربية و اليونانية

التمثيل السياسي

1. عيد استقلال اليونان

حضر القس إبرام عبدالملك ممثلاً للكنيسة القبطية العيد 179 لاستقلال اليونان يوم 3/23 بناء على دعوة وجهت له من السيد ايسيكيرس قنصل اليونان ببيرث .

2. اليوم الوطني للتألف

تلبية لدعوة من السيد Rob Johnson وزير العمل و الخدمات و المواطنة و الشؤون العرقية لغرب أستراليا حضر القس إبرام عبدالملك حفل إفطار يوم الثلاثاء 3/21 بمناسبة اليوم الوطني للتألف، و هي مبادرة من ولاية غرب أستراليا و لكنها لاقت رواجاً و قبولا في كل أنحاء أستراليا و قد كان يوماً جميلاً . و قد رافقه في هذا اليوم د سليمان سليمان .

3. لقاء مع وزير الشؤون العرقية

حضر القس إبرام عبدالملك و المهندس عادل شحاتة (سكرتير الكنيسة) و الأستاذ منير جرس (أمين الصندوق) و د سليمان سليمان اجتماعاً مع السيد Rob Jonson وزير العمل و الخدمات و المواطنة و الشؤون العرقية يوم الخميس 3/23 بالبرلمان .

استمر الاجتماع حوالي الساعة و قد شكره فيه القس إبرام على حضوره حفل استقبال أسقفنا المحبوب الأنبا سوريال و نقل إليه تحيات نيافته و عرفه بالكنيسة القبطية و تاريخها العريق و دورها الريادي بقيادة البابا شنودة الثالث و شريكه الأنبا سوريال و أعطاه بعض الهدايا عبارة عن كتاب يحكي تاريخ الكنيسة القبطية و أسطوانة كتب قداسة البابا بالإنجليزية و بعض المطبوعات الأخرى الخاصة بالكنيسة كما أهداه ألبوم الصور الخاص بحفل استقبال الأنبا سوريال .

كما تم مناقشة سبل التعاون بين الوزارة و الكنيسة القبطية

some him symbolic gifts (a book about the history of the Church, the electronic library of HH on a CD, and some other publications) He also gave the photo album of the reception of HG. They discussed ways of cooperation between the Church & the Ministry in many fields e.g. exchanging invitations in official events, preparation for the 2nd millennium of the visit of the Holy Family to Egypt and how the Ministry can help in this, the assistance of the ministry in the Church's services to the youth and multiculturalism, and the expansion of the Church service in the Northern Suburbs. The meeting was full of understanding and both parties showed good intentions of future cooperation, The Minister showed his interest in meeting again with HG Bishop Suriel in one of his next visits to Perth. The advisor of the Minister of Policy attended the meeting as well.

4. Console of Egypt to Melbourne in Perth

The Church of St Mary & Archangel Michael will receive Mr. Ali Al-Eshairy our Consul General in Melb on 2/4

5. Meeting the Deputy Mayor of City of Perth and some Councillors

Fr Abram Abdelmalek met with Mr. Michael Sutherland the Deputy Mayer for the City of Perth with some of the City Councillors. Fr Abram thanked him for receiving HG Bishop Suriel in the City of Perth, passed to him the greetings of HG & his appreciation of his role in supporting the Church. Michael showed sincere wish to meet with HG again and he praised his wisdom, reverence and humbleness.

6. Several Meetings

Fr Abram met with

- Mr. Bill Hassel – the Honorary Consul for the Federal Public of Germany
- Mr. Fred Collard Pne of the Elders of the Aborigines in WA.
- Mr. Rahim Ghauri – the President of the Aust-Asian Assoc.

He conversed with them on the Coptic Church, her tradition and leadership.

Book News

- ❖ The Church of St Mary & Archangel Michael in Perth translated the following books to the English:
 1. Contemplation on the Life of the Saints – Jacob & Joseph For HH Pope Shenouda
 2. Job the Righteous & why he was put to the test? For HH Pope Shenouda
 3. St Julius The Ekvehsian for Heg Abanoub Lewis
 4. PHINEHAS – who we should be for Fr Abram Abdelmalek
 5. Instruction Manual for Sunday School and Youth Servants For Fr Abram Abdelmalek.
- ❖ The Church of St Mary & Archangel Michael in Perth published the following booklets for the youth in English:
 1. **Anba Thomas**
 2. **St Youstina & St Kebrianos**

في عدة مجالات منها تبادل الدعوات الرسمية في المناسبات، الاستعداد للألفية الثانية لعيد دخول العائلة المقدسة أرض مصر و دور الوزارة في هذا المجال ، مساعدة الوزارة في النشاطات الكنسية الخاصة بالشباب و الشؤون العرقية و امتداد خدمة الكنيسة في المناطق الشمالية ببيروت .

كان اللقاء مملوء بالتفاهم و الود المتبادل و أبدى الوزير استعدادا طيبا للتعاون و رغبة في لقاء ثاني مع نيافة الأنبا سوريال في إحدى زيارته القادمة لبيروت . حضر الاجتماع أيضا السيد مستشار الوزير للأمور السياسية .

4. استقبال قنصل مصر في ملبورن

تستقبل كنيسة السيدة العذراء و الملاك ميخائيل السيد السفير علي العشري قنصلنا العام بملبورن يوم 4/2.

5. لقاء مع نائب رئيس مدينة بيرث و بعض المستشارين

التقى القس إبرام عبدالملك بالسيد مايكل ساندر لاند نائب عمدة مدينة بيرث مع بعض المستشارين بالبلدية حيث شكره على استقبال حضرة صاحب النيافة الأنبا سوريال بمقر بلدية بيرث و نقل إليه تحيات نيافته و تقديره لدوره في تعضيد الكنيسة و قد أبدى سيادته رغبة حقيقية في لقاءات أخرى مع الأنبا سوريال و أتى على نيافته ممتدحا فيه الحكمة و الوفاق و التواضع .

6. لقاءات متنوعة

- ❖ تقابل القس إبرام عبدالملك مع
- السيد بيل هاسيل القنصل الفخري لجمهورية ألمانيا
- السيد فريد كولارد أحد قيادات السكان الأصليين بغرب أستراليا
- و السيد رحيم غوري رئيس الرابطة الآسيو-أسترالية
- و تكلم معهم عن الكنيسة القبطية و حضارتها و ريادتها .

أخبار الكتب

❖ صدر للقس إبرام عبدالملك

1. كتاب الشهيد فيدأمون الأرمني – أول الشهداء المسيحية و ذلك بمناسبة مرور ألفين سنة على استشهاد القديس و قد قدم له نيافة الحبر الجليل الأنبا صموئيل أسقف شبين القناطر .
2. و كتاب كيف تحضر درسا مشبعا و هو نافع لجميع خدام التربية الكنسية و الشباب و قد قدم له نيافة الحبر الجليل الأنبا موسى أسقف الشباب .

❖ كما يصدر له قريبا

1. كتاب حكايات السامر
2. و كتاب مصر في سفر أشعيا بمناسبة الألفية الثانية لهروب العائلة المقدسة لأرض مصر

❖ ترجمت كنيسة السيدة العذراء و الملاك ميخائيل ببيروت عدة كتب من بينها:

1. تأملات في حياة الآباء الأولين يعقوب و يوسف لقداسة البابا (تحت الطبع)
2. أيوب الصديق و لماذا كانت تجربته لقداسة البابا(تحت الطبع)
3. الشهيد يوليوس الأقفهصي للقمص أبانوب لويس

3. **The Martyrs of El-Fayoum**
4. **St Longinus**
5. **St Vidamon of Armant**
6. **Feeling Lost**
7. **Facing the impossible**
8. **Stress Relief Kit**
9. **On Your Birthday**
10. **Verses About Alcohol**

❖ In the near future

1. The 2nd edition of the “Oriental Orthodox Passion of Passover”
2. The Agbeia prayers in English on a CD
3. 2nd Instrumental Album for the hymns music of the talented musician Romany Hanna “*Melodies of Change*” after the success of his 1st one “*Love for Life*”

4. **فينحاس الذي يجب أن نكونه للقس إبرام عبدالملك**
تقديم نيافة الأنبا سويال أسقفنا المحبوب (تحت الطبع)
5. **كيف تحضر درسا مشبعا للقس إبرام عبدالملك**
(تحت الطبع)

❖ أصدرت كنيسة السيدة العذراء و الملاك ميخائيل ببيرث عدة نبذات للشباب باللغتين العربية و الإنجليزية منها:

1. **Anba Thomas**
2. **St Youstina & St Kebrianos**
3. **The Martyrs of El-Fayoum**
4. **St Longinus**
5. **St Vidamon of Armant**
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11. **آيات عن الخمر**

❖ **انتظروا**

1. **اليوم أسبوع الآلام للكنائس الشرقية الأرثوذكسية الطبعة الثانية**
2. **صلوات الأجيبة باللغة الإنجليزية على CD**
3. **بعد نجاح ألبومه الأول “Love for life” تصدر الكنيسة الألبوم الثاني لموسيقى التراتيل للشباب الموسيقي الموهوب روماني حنا . عنوان الألبوم “Melodies of Change”**