



A Brief Synopsis of The Distinguished Service of Reverend Father Mankarious Awadalla Mankarious

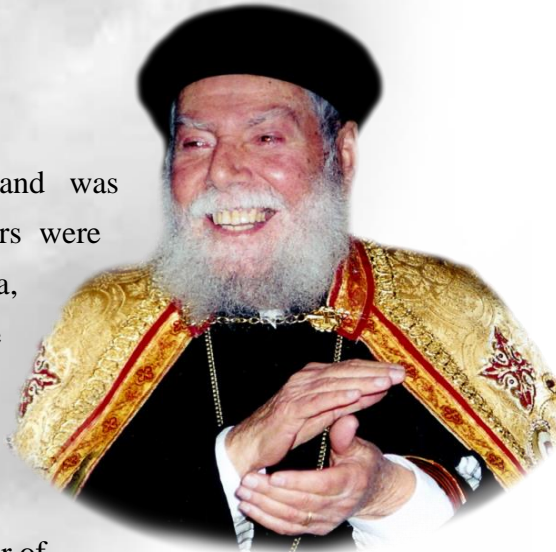
*Priest of the Church of Ti Agia Maria and St. Demiana the Martyr in Etobicoke – Ontario,
Canada and former professor of both Dogmatic Theology and Old Testament at the Coptic
Orthodox Seminary in Cairo, Egypt.*

Hegomen Mankarious Awadalla Mankarious was born in Daqadus, Mit-Ghamr on December 15, 1913. He enrolled in secondary education (high school) in 1928 and finished his baccalaureate degree among the top graduates all over Egypt and received scholarship from Med. Schools. His parents desired for him to join the Faculty of Medicine; instead he preferred to join the Coptic Orthodox Seminary to fulfill his desire since childhood: “Serving God”.

His service in Egypt, USA and Canada:

Fr. Mankarious received his bachelor degree in 1936 and was ranked first of his graduating class. Among his Professors were the late Archdeacon Habib Girgis, Hegomen Ibrahim Atteya, Mr. Yassa Abdel-Massih, and Mr. Edward Yustus (The late Bishop Dioscorus of Monofia) and other renowned teachers.

He volunteered in preaching to the neighbouring villagers. After his graduation, he was appointed as a professor at the Seminary. He also used to teach Christian Religion at a number of public and private schools.



He was ordained a priest at the Church of Saint Mina in Beni Mazar (Upper Egypt) on December 10, 1944, at the blessed hands of the late Anba Athanasius Bishop of Beni Suef, in the era of Pope Makarios III. He served that church until 1954. During his service in Beni Mazar he established an elementary school and a medical clinic. He used to travel – to Cairo - three times a week to teach at the Seminary.

In Cairo, he served in the church of St. Mary the Virgin (Masarah) in Shubra, the church of St. Mary the Virgin in Zamalek and the church of St. George in Heliopolis from 1954 to 1973.

At the Seminary, Fr. Mankarious taught Orthodox Liturgical Studies and Dogma. He conducted a lot of research in these fields and established the curriculum (in response to a request by the late Habib

Gerguis, Head of the Seminary). He also taught the Old Testament Studies up until he immigrated to Canada.

To name a few of the Metropolitans, Bishops and Priests who graduated at his hand we recall: the late Anba Basilius Metropolitan of Jerusalem, Anba Pakhomius Metroplolitan of El Beheira, Anba Gregorious Bishop of Education and Research, Anba Misael Bishop of Birmingham, the late Anba Samuel, the late Hegomen Salib Sorial, the late Hegomen Rophael Nakhla, Hegomen Marcos Marcos, Hegomen Shenouda ElBaramosy, Hegomen Shenouda ElAnba Bishoi, Hegomen Mikhael Mikhael, Hegomen Ikladius Khalil, Hegomen Mikhael Tobia and many others.

Fr. Mankarious took on the editing and publication of the “Church Teachings” magazine which he used to issue monthly for 18 years (1950-1968).

He authored a number of books and Church references including the highly renowned: “Manaret El Akdas” (The Lighthouse of the Holies). This five-part series is one of the most important references that explain the Church rituals and the liturgy.

In addition to being a member of the Clerical Council, Fr. Mankarious was a member of church committees, including:

- Commission on the preparation of the Sunday School Curriculum.
- Commission on the studying and unification of the Coptic Calendar.
- Commission on studying the Church ritual and related references.

On April 18, 1973, he immigrated to Canada and was the third priest in the region. In North America his Clergy services extended to:

- + Number of churches in Philadelphia, Jersey City, Ottawa, and Mississauga.
- + Monthly service for over 20 years for the congregation of Kingston, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver
- + Nova Scotia and other areas.
- + Preparing and publishing the first Coptic/Arabic/English Calendar in North America for 34 years.

The first calendar was issued in 1977; it was all manually typed by him during nights.

- + Preparing and publishing Church monthly newsletter by the name of “Church Teachings”.

In 1990 Fr. Mankarious founded the Church of Ti Agia Maria and St. Demiana the Martyr and actively served at a rented church hall at the basement of a Serbian church. On November 24th, 1994 at the blessed age of 81 by the Grace of God, he led the purchase and establishment of the church of Ti Agia Maria and St. Demiana, Etobicoke, Ontario where he attended to the church`s physical and spiritual

services and all types of meetings including teaching the children Coptic and Arabic languages by himself... He continued to serve in his church of Ti Agia Maria and St. Demiana until his departure.

On December 13, 2009, the Church celebrated her beloved father's sixty-fifth ordination anniversary. This ceremony was led by H.G. Bishop David, The General Bishop of Archdiocese of North America and a large number of priests from Onataio, Canada. H.G. Bishop David delivered special congratulations from His Holiness Pope Shenouda III to Fr. Mankarious on this honourable occasion.

On Thursday December 24th, 2009 (15 Kiyahk 1726M.) just past 1:00PM, Fr. Mankarious has slept in the Lord to rest in the bosom of the Saints after a 65-year journey of fruitful, faithful and exceptional priestly service.

**Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of His saints**

(Psalm 116: 15)

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