

Churches in the Mission Under the Care of His Grace Bishop Paul

In the year 1976, His Grace Bishop Antonios Markos came all alone to Kenya, zealous to spread the kingdom of God. Similar to St-Mark the evangelist, Bishop Antonios Markos came to Kenya with a big heart, and relied on the Lord to lead him. And because of his zeal and faithfulness, the Lord blessed the seeds which he planted. Within a relatively short time, numerous churches were built in several African countries, and many Africans were ordained as deacons and priests.

As the service had grown to more than seven African countries, His Holiness Pope Shenouda III ordained also H.G. Bishop Paul as Bishop of Mission in 1997. Today, some countries are assigned to the care of H.G. Bishop Antonios Markos, and others are assigned to the care of H.G. Bishop Paul. The countries that are listed below are the ones under the care of H.G. Bishop Paul.

Kenya



The first Coptic Orthodox Church was established in Kenya in 1976. By the grace of God, it has grown tremendously year by year. Today Kenya has 29 churches, shepherded by eight priests and 160 deacons.

The churches in Kenya have numerous projects and ministries, including a Coptic Hospital and Hope Center in Nairobi, an Orphans Project, a Street Children's project, a Theological School and much more.

Nairobi Parish

The Nairobi Parish is served by two priests, namely Fr. Michael (ordained in 1994), and Fr. Moses (ordained in 1997), both ordained by H.H. Pope Shenouda III.

St-Mark's Church:

- ❖ Area: Ngong Road, Nairobi
- ❖ History: Established in 1976
- ❖ Today: 210 Families

Tala Parish

The Tala Parish has three churches, served by Fr. Joseph, who was ordained in 1998 by H.H. Pope Shenouda III. There are also two new churches in the area, for which buildings have not yet been constructed.

St-Mark's Church:

- ❖ Area: Kinyui
- ❖ History: Established in 1976
- ❖ Today: 80 Families

St-Catherine's Church:

- ❖ Area: Miseleni
- ❖ History: Established in 1984
- ❖ Today: 20 Families

Archangel Michael's Church:

- ❖ Area: Kapheka
- ❖ History: Established in 1984
- ❖ Today: 20 Families

Nakuru Parish

The Nakuru Parish has three churches, which are served by Fr. Michael, ordained in 1994 by H.H. Pope Shenouda III. Fr. Michael also serves in Nairobi with Fr. Moses.

St-Mary's Church:

- ❖ Area: Piafy
- ❖ History: Established in 1983
- ❖ Today: 35 Families

St-Mark's Church:

- ❖ Area: Rongai
- ❖ History: Established in 1984
- ❖ Today: 20 Families

St-Anthony's Church:

- ❖ Area: Nakuru Town
- ❖ History: Established in 2006
- ❖ Today: 15 Families

Kaluo Parish

The Kaluo Parish has three churches, served by Fr. Timothy, ordained in 1996 by H.H. Pope Shenouda III.

St-Athanasius' Church:

- ❖ Area: Got-Oyenga
- ❖ History: Began in 1997 as a small meeting of 30 people under a tree, led by deacons; semi-permanent church was constructed in 1999
- ❖ Today: 30 Families

St-John's Church:

- ❖ Area: Kisar
- ❖ History: Began in 1997 as a small meeting of 20; semi-permanent church was constructed in 1999
- ❖ Today: 30 Families

St-Philopatir's Church:

- ❖ Area: Kibuya
- ❖ History: Began in 2000 as a small meeting and is now growing; no building has been constructed yet
- ❖ Today: 10 Families

Maseno Parish

The Maseno Parish has nine churches, served by Fr. Bishoy (ordained in 1996) and Fr. Elisha (ordained in 2002), both by H.H. Pope Shenouda III.

St-Mina Church:

- ❖ Area: Maseno (Monastery)
- ❖ History: One of the first Coptic Churches in Kenya; established in 1976; the church was blessed by various priests and monks from Egypt during its early years and some of the deacons were sent to Egypt to train at the theological school; one of these deacons was ordained in 1992 to serve in the area, Fr. Harun, who shepherded God's people faithfully for eight years, and passed away in 2000. Today the Church is served by Fr. Bishoy & Fr. Elisha.
- ❖ Today: 60 Families

St-Anthony Church:

- ❖ Area: Lela
- ❖ History: Started in 1986, and continued to grow gradually by the grace of God
- ❖ Today: 100 Families

St-George Church:

- ❖ Area: Itumbu
- ❖ History: Began in early 1990s with services for different age groups led by church servants; a church building was constructed in the year 2000
- ❖ Today: 50 Families

St-Luke Church:

- ❖ Area: Gombe
- ❖ History: This church began in 1986 by the conversion of a local bishop who joined orthodoxy and led his congregation to the Coptic Church. A building was constructed for the church in 2001.
- ❖ Today: 60 Families

St-Paul Church:

- ❖ Area: Emukolla
- ❖ History: Started when a group of believers learned about the Orthodox Faith at an open-air market event held in 2000 in a village called Luanda; a building was constructed for the church in 2006
- ❖ Today: 50 Families

St-Cyril Church:

- ❖ Area: Luanda
- ❖ History: Established in 2000 after some of the deacons in that area started making visitations around their homes, and invited people for home fellowships
- ❖ Today: 30 Families

St-Abanoub Church:

- ❖ Area: Bukolo
- ❖ History: Group established in 1996; a building was constructed for the church in 2003
- ❖ Today: 40 Families

St-Mary Church:

- ❖ Area: Ebutonkoi
- ❖ History: Started in 2004 after an open-air market event; one of the new members died shortly after becoming a member, and his mother had a dream of him directing her to go to the Coptic Church; she gathered many of her neighbors and friends for house fellowship, led by Sister Maria and a few deacons; a building was constructed for the church in 2006
- ❖ Today: 40 Families

St-Basil Church:

- ❖ Area: Mariwa
- ❖ History: Mariwa is quite deep inside the bush from the main road. In the year 1976, Fr. Phillip use to serve in this area by visiting people from house to house and praying for them; in the year 2002, deacons were assigned to go serve this area again; no building has been constructed yet
- ❖ Today: 20 Families

Alego Parish

The Alego Parish has five churches, served by Fr. Jacob, ordained in 1996 by H.H. Pope Shenouda III.

St-Moses Church:

- ❖ Area: Uradi
- ❖ History: Established in 1986. It began as a small group of believers praying together under a tree outside the home of one of the church members, who later offered his land to the mission for building the church
- ❖ Today: 100 Families

St-Mark Church:

- ❖ Area: Ngiya
- ❖ History: Established in 1994. Since many of the members attending St-Moses Church Uradi were coming from Ngiya, the mission decided to build a church for them in their own area; today this church has become the central location of the Alego parish
- ❖ Today: 220 Families

St-Bishoy Church:

- ❖ Area: Malanga
- ❖ History: This church began when a pious lady in the area heard about the Coptic Church; she would walk many miles to attend services at Ngiya; she invited Fr. Jacob and the deacons to introduce the church to people in her area, and eventually there were enough members to build a church in Malanga in 2001.
- ❖ Today: 40 Families

St-Mary Church:

- ❖ Area: Siaya
- ❖ History: The church began in 2003 as a prayer meeting at the home of a deacon; it faced many challenges, but by the grace of God and the faithful service of 3 deacons, it has continued to grow; today, weekly services are held at a rented location, and the mission is praying to construct a building for the church soon
- ❖ Today: 30 Families

Archangel Michael Church:

- ❖ Area: Ulamba
- ❖ History: This church also began as a small meeting at the home of a church member, and when he passed away, the congregation did not have a suitable place to meet until a semi-permanent church was constructed in the year 2000
- ❖ Today: 30 Families

Kisumu Parish

The Kisumu Parish has seven churches, served by Fr. Thomas, ordained in 1996 by H.H. Pope Shenouda III.

St-Mary Church:

- ❖ Area: Nyamasaria
- ❖ History: Established in 1984; served by Father Phillip; among the first churches in western Kenya; near lake Victoria
- ❖ Today: 100 Families

St-Matthew Church:

- ❖ Area: Nyabera

- ❖ History: Established in 2000; began when Sr. Verena and a group of missionaries from the U.S preached at a local school in Nyabera, touching the lives of many who then requested a church in their area
- ❖ Today: 60 Families

St-George Church:

- ❖ Area: Sabembe
- ❖ History: One of the earliest churches established in western Kenya
- ❖ Today: 20 Families

St-Demiana Church:

- ❖ Area: Awasi/Ahero
- ❖ History: Established in 1999; began as a small meeting in the home of a church member who later donated his land to build a church
- ❖ Today: 20 Families

St-Shenouda Church:

- ❖ Area: Hall
- ❖ History: Began in 2005 and currently members meet at a rented property; the mission prays to construct a church building soon with your prayers and support
- ❖ Today: 15 Families

St-Makarious Church:

- ❖ Area: Magwar
- ❖ History: Began as a small prayer meeting in the home of the chief of the area, who later became a Coptic church member and donated his land for the mission to build a church
- ❖ Today: 10 Families

St-Philopatir Church:

- ❖ Area: Bondo
- ❖ History: Established in 1993 and located near Lake Victoria. The land was a donation to the mission by a church member, and was established with the help of a Canadian mission group from St. Mary & St. Athanasious Church, Mississauga, led by Fr. Angelos Saad
- ❖ Today: 40 Families

Zambia



The Coptic Orthodox Church in Zambia was established in 1987 by His Grace Bishop Antonios Morkos. By God's grace, it has grown to include 3 churches, a hospital, a Hope Center for Infectious Diseases, and several other projects. It has a very unique mission service in the area of Mongolee, a bush area 40 km deep from the road.

The three churches are currently being served by Fr. Mark, who was ordained by H.H. Pope Shenouda III in the year 2002.

St-Mark Church:

- ❖ Area: North Meade, Lusaka
- ❖ History: Established in 1987, it is the first Coptic Church in Zambia; the church was started by Fr. Phillopos Bishoy, who was martyred there in 1991
- ❖ Today: 120 Families

St-Mary Church:

- ❖ Area: Kenyama
- ❖ History: Established in 2002, this church is built on a beautiful compound which serves as retreat center for all Zambian churches; a Saturday retreat is held there each week for a different group (kids/youth/family/servants)
- ❖ Today: 60 Families

St-George Church:

- ❖ Area: Mongolee
- ❖ History: Established in 2004; this church is located in a village 30km from Lusaka and 40km inside the bush (off the main road); this area is heavily populated by Jehovah Witnesses; St-George is one of the only Christian Churches in the area; it is still young and only counts a few deacons and no priest; there is an urgent need for service in this area; consistent weekly support is given by the two other churches; each Thursday, a team of deacons composed of deacons from St-Mark and St-Mary Churches is sent by bus to serve in the St-George Church. Each deacon is dropped off at one of the compounds (small villages) in the area, and picked up after 3 hours; every 3rd week, Liturgy is served by the priest followed by meetings for different age groups, after which the team of deacons from both churches goes on visitation with the St-George deacons in the local area;
- ❖ Today: 40 Families

Democratic Republic of Congo



The Coptic Orthodox Church was established in the Democratic Republic of Congo in the year 1997. Today, there are 8 churches, served by 4 Congolese priests, namely Fr. Shenouda, Fr. Angelos, Fr. Theophilos (all ordained by H.H. Pope Shenouda in 1999), and Fr. Paul (ordained by H.H. Pope Shenouda in 2002); there are also 80 deacons supporting the fathers.

The D.R. of Congo has many services to cater for all age groups; two of the unique services are: a widows project, and three credited Christian Schools run by the churches.

St-Mark Church:

- ❖ Area: Mampala – Katanga Province
- ❖ History: Established in 1997
- ❖ Today: 20 Families

St-Anthony Church:

- ❖ Area: Bel Air – Katanga Province
- ❖ History: Established in 2000
- ❖ Today: 50 Families

St-Demiana Church:

- ❖ Area: Kampemba – Katanga Province
- ❖ History: Started as a meeting at the home of a deacon, then a church was purchased and modified in the year 2000
- ❖ Today: 25 Families

St-George Church:

- ❖ Area: Kalebuka – Katanga Province
- ❖ History: Established in 2001
- ❖ Today: 15 Families

St-Abu Sefein Church:

- ❖ Area: Katuba – Katanga Province
- ❖ History: Established in 2001
- ❖ Today: 15 Families

St-Mary Church:

- ❖ Area: Kipushi – Katanga Province
- ❖ History: Established in 1999
- ❖ Today: 20 Families

St-Paul Church:

- ❖ Area: Munama Avenue, Kenya Market – Katanga Province
- ❖ History: Established in 2001
- ❖ Today: 15 Families

St-Moses Church:

- ❖ Area: Katanga Province
- ❖ History: Established in 2005
- ❖ Today: 23 Families

Tanzania



The Coptic Orthodox Church was established in Tanzania in 1997. Today there are two churches in the province of Mara, served by Fr. Joshua and 12 deacons. There is a unique service in Tanzania, which is the service of the leprous people.

Fr. Joshua has been a member of the Coptic Church in Nairobi (Kenya) since his childhood. He was a deacon for 15 years, of which he was a disciple of Fr. Moses in Nairobi for 8 years. He was ordained in April 2006 by H.H. Pope Shenouda III.

St-Mary Church:

- ❖ Area: Musoma – Mara Province
- ❖ History: Established in 1997; one night in the year 2001 a thief entered the church to rob the sacred utensils; three saints appeared to him and held him all night until the deacon came in the morning; the thief told the deacon that three old men were holding him inside the church all night, which disappeared when the deacon came.
- ❖ Today: 26 Families

St-Mina Church:

- ❖ Area: Tarime (Mika) – Mara Province
- ❖ History: Established in 2003; one Sunday that year, St-Mina appeared to the congregation in the shape of a bright light
- ❖ Today: 19 Families

Nigeria



The Coptic Orthodox Church was established in Nigeria in the year 2005 in Lagos. Another one was started in 2006 in Calabar, where most of the members are Egyptian Copts working in Nigeria. Neither of these churches have permanent buildings yet; believers are renting places that they can use to meet and pray until they can build or buy a church. Presently, it is being served by visiting priest Fr. Moses from Nairobi, Kenya, and 5 deacons from Nigeria.

St-Mark's Church:

- ❖ Area: Lagos
- ❖ History: Established in 2005
- ❖ Today: 30 Families

St-Mary's Church:

- ❖ Area: Calabar
- ❖ History: Established in 2006
- ❖ Today: 130 Families