

*Pope Kyrollos had distinct characteristics. Though he lived a life of simplicity, he acted with firmness and with a strong personality. His smile warmed everyone visiting him, and he dealt with them in a down to earth manner. He was the first pope in modern times who totally opened his doors for the entire public. Everyone, no matter what age or social level, was always welcomed.*

*His Holiness Pope Shenouda III*



**THE FRUITS OF LOVE**  
*The Saint Pope Kyrollos The Six*

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**My Father, the Saint Pope Kyrollos the Sixth**

We are exposed throughout life to many trying experiences and difficult times. However, with your prayers we can cross them safely.

Every day, our trust in the Lord grows stronger knowing

that you are supporting and carrying us along the Lord's path.

All who have contributed with this translation and those who have been instrumental in placing this book in the hands of your beloved, faithful people, ask for your intercession to the Lord to continue to guide us and help us in the future as He has in the past.

Your Son,

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#### **DEDICATION**

#### **TO OUR FATHER**

#### **THE SAINT POPE KYROLLOS THE SIXTH**

The church describes the two great fathers, Abba Anthony and Abba Paula, as having loved their children. The love Saint Macarius had towards his children is demonstrated during his discussion with the angel (as per the Synaxarium, the eighth day of Tuba).

Likewise, we dedicate this book to you Pope Kyrollos, in memory of your love which you offered to your children:

Those who saw you and those who did not see you.

Those who asked for you and those who did not ask.

Those who knew you and those who did not know you.

You are indeed the disciple of the Lord who said "... love one another, as I have loved you ..." (John 13:34).

We dedicate this book not only to your pure spirit, but we offer to our generation the essence of your memory which is sweet and aromatic.

"Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith"

(I Timothy 1:5)

Pope Kyrollos started his first papal letter saying, "Our beloved brothers, the bishops and metropolitans, our beloved sons, priests, deacons and the congregation of Saint Mark's ministry ..." He then proceeds reiterating, "Our beloved ...I feel deeply within my soul the weight of the responsibility which is placed upon my shoulders. ..." He dedicates almost half of the letter to the discussion of love saying, "How I long to open my heart so you can see the depth of my love to you all, the love that emanates from the love of our Savior who loved us and saved us through His blood ...I am sure that our brethren, the bishops, metropolitans, also our sons, the priests, deacons, members of the General Laymen Committees (Maglis El Melly) and its branches, the various organizations and community groups, and all the , servants which are part of God's vine, will work in unison and self denial. My pleasure is in your success, and my happiness is in your steadfast faith, your strength and abundant love. ..." His final words in that letter further inspire us, " ...We ask the Lord that He maintain the congregation of Saint Mark, and that He support the works of their governments in both the African and Asian continents; for the sake of spreading the principles of love and peace to the whole world. To His greatness we give thanks and glory for ever and ever amen. "

#### **The Pope opens his heart to the people**

Indeed, Pope Kyrollos did open his heart to the people. His door, (his heart before his door) was always open to everyone. He empathized with each individual in his congregation and shared in their happy and sad moments, with tears, tenderness and mercy. He had a visionary gift from God that enabled him to know the

spiritual, physical and mental condition of those in his presence, thereby addressing their concerns before they even declared them. Through his prayers, he helped his people withstand their hardships and pain. They immediately accepted what he extended to them because of his love and purity of heart.

#### **The opened eyes**

The following was recounted by an employee of the Patriarchate: "When the war of 1967 started, and the news of advancement by the Egyptian army was broadcast, I said to the Pope, 'The war has begun, your Holiness and our army is advancing and winning.' He emphatically said, 'What are you saying my son? My sons. My sons! My sons are at war! God protect them! God protect them!' I heard him repeat these words several more times. I kept thinking about what he said, in spite of the frequent news reports of the great advancement of the Egyptian army! I tried to let him see how well our army was doing, and that he didn't need to worry about his people, however he answered saying, 'You do not understand my son. God protect them! God protect them! , Indeed, I did not understand. After four days, we discovered that the news was incorrect, and that in fact, the Egyptian army was subjected to extremely difficult circumstances. The airports and airplanes were destroyed and our soldiers had to fight the battle without arial protection. The soldiers were scattered all over the desert and were vulnerable to direct attack by enemy airplanes. At this point, I realized why the Pope had spoken so vigorously asking for God's support and protection."

"Faith working through love" (Galatians 5:6)

Those who knew him at the church of Saint Mina in Zahara, recalled seeing him after finding out he had been chosen in the Altar lot to be ordained as the next Patriarch. When he went into the church, he followed the tradition of kneeling in front of the altar, kissing it and then offering a long prayer. They heard him say, while facing the relics of the martyr, Saint Mina, the wonder worker, "Saint Mina, my intercessor and the intercessor of this church, I beseech you to help me to live and die without excommunicating anyone from Christ." The Lord fulfilled his supplication.

"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2:4 )

Whenever a distressed or sad person entered the Pope's office, they always left greatly comforted. God relieved the depressed through the Pope's prayers. The Pope was always smiling and dealt humbly with everyone and never turned away the needy. He never declined to see anyone because of ailment or fatigue. On several occasions when the Pope was sick, his visitors would inquire saying, "How are you, your Holiness? And how is your health?" He would answer them with an Egyptian saying, "Our health is good and we are fine and the dew is upon us two measures." They would leave commenting, "His Holiness is not sick or anything." The Patriarchate employees often wondered about this attitude and his responses. He addressed their bewilderment saying, "We should not upset anyone, and no one should leave upset."

For the sake of the congregation, he spent his life in prayer, supplication, fasting and long nights in vigil. Because the congregation was aware of the great blessings bestowed upon him by God, in his humbleness he would pray to the merciful God, "Turn your eyes away from me, for they have overcome me!" (Song of Solomon 6:5).

"For out of abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matthew 12:34)

His love overflowed from his heart to his tongue, with humor and joy to all people. He did not treat them as though he was an authority figure but with love as a friend.

.When he asked an attendant for a glass of water and the attendant would reply, "Yes your Holiness." He would answer the attendant saying, "May you receive goodness in abundance and light to your eyes."

.One time a person visited His Holiness to obtain his blessings. The Pope asked him, "Are you from Fayoum, my son?" The fellow answered, "Yes your Holiness." Before His Holiness prayed for him, he playfully said, "I am from Fayoum and my town is Fedimeen." The fellow answered him saying, "Yes, your Holiness, I am from Fedimeen." His Holiness smilingly said, "I know my son, I know." He then prayed for the fellow who left very happy.

In this manner, he spread an atmosphere of love and happiness among all who dealt or worked with him.

"Love suffers long and is kind" (I Corinthians 13:4)

There was a disagreement between a new bishop and a priest in his diocese. The priest (who was elderly) went to complain to the Pope. His Holiness said to the priest, 'The bishop will arrive soon for a meeting of the Holy Synod, I will talk to him then. ' His Holiness asked the priest to leave a telephone number where he could be reached. When the bishop arrived, the Pope said to him, "Father, do not upset the elderly priest. He is in his last days. Take his blessing and do not allow him to die while angry with you." The Pope asked for the priest to be contacted for a meeting where the matter was resolved and the priest returned to his service with the bishop.

"Love ...does not seek its own" (1 Corinthians 13:4,5)

During the Epiphany of 1966, Saint Mark's Cathedral in Klot Bey was under renovation and without glass panes on the windows. Since it was very cold, Pope Kyrollos rushed the Divine Liturgy, being concerned for the congregation. He reprimanded the deacons saying, "I am rushing through the Divine Liturgy, and you are taking your time while the congregation is freezing in a church with no windows."

One of Pope Kyrollos disciples recalls, "An incident occurred when His Holiness asked me for a cup of tea. After leaving his room I became involved in other activities, mainly addressing the demands of the visitors. I forgot all about what His Holiness " asked of me. An hour later I heard the buzzer from His Holiness' room. At that moment, remembering his request, I went to the butler and said, 'The Pope requested a cup of tea over an hour ago, please answer the buzzer in my place. ' When the butler attended to His Holiness, he was asked, 'Where is the tea, my son?' The butler answered, ' I was told just now by Mr. ...that you wanted tea your Holiness!' The Pope then said, 'It is OK, my son, he is over-worked..' When the butler informed me of what happened, I was very affected by the tenderness of His Holiness. This incident was repeated three times during my service to His Holiness, and every time his answer was consistent without ever being upset. "

"Love ...is not provoked" (1 Corinthians 13:4,5)

One of Pope Kyrollos' disciples recalls, "I noticed that the earthen water canister from which His Holiness drank was getting dirty and was not suitable for the papal image. I called on the butler, reprimanded him, and asked him to clean the canister. His Holiness overheard my discussion with the butler and asked me, 'What did you tell him?' I answered, 'I asked him to clean the canister, because it was quite dirty , and also not to allow things

to get to this degree again. ' The Pope advised me saying, , Don't be so harsh, I don't want anyone to be upset with you."

"Love ...does not rejoice in inequity" (I Corinthians 13:6)

One of the Patriarchate employees recalls, "One day about six in the morning, two non-Christian youths brought a priest in an unconscious state to the Patriarchate. They said, 'This priest is drunk, and you should reform your priests.' I took the Father to a bedroom and informed the Pope of the situation. He said, 'Call Dr. Youssef Youakim.' Dr. Youakim was the Pope's private doctor at that time. The doctor suggested giving the Priest four Glutamate Acid tablets. If he was revived as a result of the tablets, then that will confirm that he was drunk. If not, then the cause would not be alcohol. The Priest did not recover after taking the tablets. When the doctor arrived he injected him with insulin. It was only then that the Priest became conscious. I offered the Father a breakfast of beans and lentils, however, he refused and asked only for a cup of tea and crackers. The Priest was overheard praying before eating, reciting Psalm 51, , Have mercy on me O God, according to Your loving kindness, according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.' He was saying it slowly, one word at a time and crying. When I heard him in this state I also cried. I then called his relatives who escorted the Father back to his home."

"Love does not envy ...but rejoices in the truth"

(I Corinthians 13:4-6)

One of Pope Kyrollos' disciples recalls, "Father Abd-ElMeseeh EIMakary who lived in ElMounahra, died in 1963. The biography of this Saint was documented by His Grace Abba Mina Metropolitan of Girga, in the book Contemorarv Saint -Father Abd-ElMeseeh El-Makary. When the Pope was visited by someone from that town he asked, 'Is Father Abd-ElMeseeh alive my son?' The visitor answered, 'Yes, he is alive your Holiness.' The Pope would then say, 'Then Abba Makarius also lives, my son.' Later on another visitor from the same town came to see the Pope who asked, 'Is Father Abd-ElMeseeh alive my son?' The visitor would reply, 'Yes, he is alive your Holiness.' The Pope would then say, 'Then Abba Paula also lives, my son. ' A third visitor from the same town came and the same question was asked. This time His Holiness answered, 'Then Abba Anthony also lives; my son. ' This was his way of declaring the holiness of Father Abd-ElMeseeh by associating him with the fathers of the desert. May the blessings of this saint and the saints of the desert be with us all."

"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16)

If the love of God (as God is love) intersects with the love of the shepherd (intercessor) and his tears, then the mercy of God rains in abundance from heaven, and everyone experiences it and sees it.

One of Pope Kyrollos' disciples recalls, "The congregation of a certain metropolitan were upset with him. The Pope tried to reconcile the metropolitan with the congregation, but the problem seemed to increase in magnitude. The Pope submitted the issue for consideration by the Holy Synod. The Synod decided to send the metropolitan to one of the monasteries for a period of six months. This would allow the congregation time to calm down. When the six month period ended and the metropolitan returned to the Patriarchate, the congregation sent petitions insisting that he should not return to his chair. The Pope called him and asked him to go back to the monastery .He cried and the Pope also

cried saying to him, 'Remain in the Patriarchate with us and God will take care of the situation. ' When the metropolitan visited the relics of Saint Mark and obtained his blessings, Pope Kyrillos received several phone calls and petitions from the congregation asking for the return of their metropolitan. He returned to his diocese and to his congregation visiting and outreaching the churches after a long period of strife. "

So we see that this Papal love, tenderness, patience, and tearful prayers has overpowered wickedness and obtained a fast resolution from the Lord.

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"

(Matthew 5:44)

Satan planted hate and envy towards Pope Kyrillos in the hearts of twelve important Cairo-based priests. The priests printed pamphlets which were defamatory to the Pope. They would stay up till 1:30 a.m. every day preparing these pamphlets and distributing them to various churches. This went on for a year and a half. One time while they were printing, the printer did not function. When they fixed it and restarted the printing, they found that a major part of the printer broke. They became quite frightened and felt that God was not supporting their action. The leader of the group went to visit the Pope and said, "I have sinned, absolve me, your Holiness." The pope asked, "What is the matter my son?" The priest responded, "I insulted you too much your holiness!" The Pope said, "Staying up till 1:30 in the morning every day, printing pamphlets and distributing them from Alexandria to Aswan, until the printer broke. .." Astonished, the priest then said, "You know all of this, your Holiness!" The Pope listed the names of the priests who participated in this activity, leaving the priest amazed at how much he knew. When the priest asked, "Why didn't you talk to us?" Pope Kyrillos responded, "I was praying for you." The priest said, "I have sinned, please absolve me your Holiness." The Pope answered, "With all my heart, I absolve you my son. " When the priest asked, "Should I bring my colleagues, your Holiness." The Pope answered, "Why not my son, let them come." The priest asked, "Do you absolve them your Holiness?" The Pope answered, "With all my heart, I absolve them my son. " The group of priests visited the Pope and received his blessing. They all remained his most faithful servants up to the moment of his departure.

Love was not an act that Pope Kyrillos found himself living, but rather, love was his companion from his early youth. This is clear in a letter he wrote in March 1928, which was the first year of his monastic life. It demonstrates his long and deep experience in the practice of love and his benefit from its fruits.

This is how Pope Kyrillos discusses love:

**"Love is the fountain of virtues:**

'In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.' (2 Corinthians 6:2, Isaiah 49:8).

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.' (1 Corinthians 13:13).

"Love is the foundation of virtue, the fountain of politeness and the bond of holiness. It is a precious necklace that binds all virtues, analogous to the separate individual pearls which need to be bound with a string; it is love which binds all virtues. Without love there is no cohesiveness or consistency between the virtues, no worship, no virtue, no humility, no prayer, no meekness, no patience, no perseverance, no truth, no faith, no offering, no good nature, no peace, no avoidance of resentfulness. Its virtue is the builder of saints; it is the maker of the holy; it is what populated heaven with humans.

### **"Love is a school**

"Love is a great and holy school in which we learn all virtues. The headmaster of this school is a brilliant teacher who stores treasures within it. This teacher is capable and thus is able to bestow His abilities and blessings on every student in the school. No one can enter this school except through love. Upon this school there is a flag which bears the writing by the hands of the All-encompassing. These are the hands that are dripping of blood from the nails that pierced them. "God is Love (1 John 4:8)." This school was built on a foundation of love and with love, and love is also crowning it on top. It's foundation is love and the fence around it is love; love is on its right and love is on its left.

Everything is love. The lessons in this school can only be taught from a pulpit of love, and the results of all examinations come through love. The student cannot know if he passed the other virtues until he is successful in love. In this school, all saints, martyrs, and faith fighters were taught and achieved their degrees. All dwellers of heaven learned and graduated from the school of love.

### **"The fruits of love**

"Who can give me an angelic eloquent tongue and holy heavenly words to praise Your Love? 'Love ..Its flames are flames of fire, a most vehement flame. Many waters cannot quench love, nor can floods drown it. If a man would give for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly despised.' (Song of Solomon 8:6,7). You are the builder of the saints, the mother of the pure and the selected. Will the miracle strengthen the tongue of the destitute in order to describe your extent and measure your infinite length and breadth ? You are the foundation of all virtue and the domain of the holy. Whoever owns you owns all things, and whoever is your student learns all things. Love has many branches that are countless and cannot be probed; unity, forgiveness and perseverance are some of its daughters and fruits. Care, tenderness, patience, good-heartedness, friendship, kinship, peace, no envy , and no suspicion are all its children. It bears blessed sons and daughters in the heart of people. It germinates pure fruits .It emanates holy rays which bring light to everything. 'Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.' (I Corinthians 13:4-7)

### **"Epitome of love**

"Love is the most precious, the most beautiful. It lightens the load, and bears craftiness with patience. Love turns bitterness into sweetness, elevates the human being, and desires peace. Love is honest, submissive, calming, meek, truthful, patient, and chivalrous in all things. Love is docile, obedient, without arrogance and pride. Love is calm, mature and devout. From it emanates all goodness. Those with love rest in peace and have complete solace. Nothing is better than love, nothing more precious, or more beautiful, preferred, more holy, more splendid, or sweeter. Love is revered: it is the best thing. Nothing equals it in heaven or on earth. Whoever has love dwelling in them, is patient, precise, calm, meek, rejoices in the happiness of others, bears struggles and strife with patience, believes everyone and suspects no one, wishing goodness and happiness for others as if for oneself. 'Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any

affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.' (Philippians 2 1-3). Love possesses all belief, all hope, all patience, all submission, all righteousness; in all, it contains all things.

#### **"Behavior of the loving**

"The loving do not utter spiteful or hurtful words. They would rather die before being a stumbling block to another. The loving possess a sweet tongue which makes their words mixed with meekness, dripping of love and kinship, emanating sweetness and kindness. These loving souls live in peace and comfort even when tested by strong hardships, and never allow anger to seep into their heart. If you seek comfort from them, they will offer an open heart of endless generosity. The loving do not suffer if reprimanded, and do not rejoice in praise whether in lenience or hardship.

#### **"The heart and soul of the loving**

"The heart of the loving is the dwelling place for the Holy Spirit, where the Holy Trinity lives. The soul that is steadfast in love is inhabited by meekness, simplicity, perseverance and is full of happiness in the spirit, thus feeling the serenity of God which surpasses all intellect. It is void of deceit, does not know craftiness and harm, does not seek tricks and jaggedness. This heart is always happy in truth with sincerity and simplicity and does not know how to pretend, exaggerate or boast in all its movements and stillness.

#### **"Holiness of those who possess love**

"What happiness and holiness are bestowed upon you who possesses love! Your soul is pure and your spirit is holy for God is dwelling in you, for God is love. Love, you alone are pious and whoever possesses you possesses all things; with you all is useful and without you nothing is of use.

Pursue love my beloved; hold it and do not let go. Allow it to surround you totally. Savor its tenderness and be filled with it. Make it your guide and it will lead you to heaven. Through it you will go to heaven and dwell in paradise. Attach yourself to it because God is love. As the Bible says, And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in Him.' (1 John 4: 16)."

#### **The teachings of the Holy Bible on love:**

1. " A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35).
2. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:37-40).
3. "Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith." (1 Timothy 1:5).
4. "Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' and if there is any other

commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law." (Romans 13:8-10).

5. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).

6. "The darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in the darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes." (1 John 2:8-11).

7. "We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth." (1 John 3:14-18)

8. "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love." (1 John 4:7-8).

9. "If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brothers also." (1 John 4:20,21). "Love does no wrong." (Romans 13:9).

The following letter from His Holiness to one of his children, outlines characteristics of love and the sayings of the saints who experienced love and its fruits:

"In this school (the school of love), the saints and martyrs have learned and received their degrees. All those in heaven learned and graduated from the school of love, and their sayings and actions can guide and counsel us.

'The Saint Abba Bemouya said, A house Cannot be built starting from top to bottom; rather, the foundation first then the building, starting from the bottom and reaching the top. ' They asked him what he meant by this saying and he said, 'The basis to all good work is the love of neighbors. We should then always start with I" love, because the teaching of Christ is built on the foundation of love.'

"Abba Anthony said to his disciples, 'I do not fear God.' They were surprised at what he said, and asked him the meaning of this difficult saying. He answered, 'I love Him my beloved and love dissolves fear.'

" Abba Agathen left the mountain to sell his craft. He saw a

foreigner fallen by the wayside sick and no one to care for him. He rented a place for the person in a nearby village. He stayed and served this person, making his crafts and paying for the expenses from the sale of the goods. He continued in this service for four months until the person was fully recovered from his sickness. He used to say that his wish was to exchange his body with the body of someone who was afflicted with leprosy. "He learned this lesson in the school of love. Jesus Christ sacrificed Himself for us sinners. It was also relayed about Abba Agathen that while he was on his way to town to sell his crafts, he found a man who had leprosy. The man inquired about where Abba Agathen was going. The Abba said that he was going into town. The sick man asked if the Abba could take him along. Abba Agathen carried the sick man to town. The man asked to go with the Abba to where he sold his craft. After the Abba finished selling his crafts, the man wanted to know the day's -profit. The Abba told him the amount. Afterwards, the sick man asked for a net, and the Abba bought the net. This incident was repeated and the sick man then asked for food. The Abba bought the food and gave it to him and was ready to go back to his cell, but the man asked to be carried back to the place where the Abba had originally found him. The Abba carried him back to that place. The man with leprosy said to the Abba, 'Blessed are you from God, the Almighty, the creator of heaven and earth. ' When the Abba looked, he did not find the sick man. He was an angel who was sent to test the faith of this father."

#### **LOVE OF GOD**

About the love of Our Lord Jesus, it was said, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." (Acts 10:38) And about those who follow Him, in the love of God and the love of others, our Lord Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do " (John 14:12)

#### **The Virgin Mary and the Pope Heal Father Timotheos**

Dr. Samia Fakhri, internal medicine specialist at El Mataria Hospital, reports, "Father Timotheos El Soraani was experiencing severe abdominal pain. Neither antibiotics nor pain killers did IM6 anything and the symptoms remained severe. We sought the help I of Dr. Azmi Dawoud, former chief surgeon at Kobri El Koba Armed Forces Hospital who requested an ultrasound. Dr. Adel Nessim Abou Seif, head of the X-ray department at Canal El Suez University, performed the ultrasound on February 3, 1993. It showed an obstruction in the colon. The ultrasound was It repeated with barium on February 6, 1993. It showed malignant tumors in the colon that had also spread to the liver.

" At that point, Dr. Azmi decided to proceed with immediate surgery on February 10, 1993, even with the high risk of Father Timotheos' advanced age. During the surgery, the doctor was amazed that the colon was no longer obstructed as the ultrasound had shown and no liver cancer was found either.

"In a taped recording, Dr. Azmni said that he had examined the colon to the rectum and found nothing abnormal. He then felt that the Lord was glorified and that there was nothing impossible with Him.

"After recovering from the anesthesia, Dr. Azrni asked Father Timotheos for his opinion about this miracle. His answer was, 'I always ask for the intercession of the Virgin Mary, and I apply oil blessed by Pope Kyrollos when anointing anyone who is sick. Therefore, I rubbed m~ stomach with this blessed oil and drank

some before the operation.' ii

"Dr. Azmi then commented, Well, apparently Pope Kyrollos did the surgery, and I sealed it.' "

Mariam, who lives in the village of Abou George in Beni Mazar further confirms the intercession of Pope Kyrollos: "While sleeping, during the early hours of the morning of February 10, 1993, I saw Father Timotheos El Soryani lying in bed and Pope Kyrollos putting his hand on the father's stomach. His Holiness then raised his hand and implored the Virgin Mary who was standing beside him to also place her hand on him. I woke up and wondered about the meaning of this vision. Thirty days later, I knew through a friend, who was one of Father Timotheos' disciples, what Father Timotheos had gone through and that he was healed through a miracle. We also figured out that this miraculous surgery happened at the same time I had seen the vision. We thanked the Lord and glorified the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Light, as well as Pope Kyrollos the Sixth. May their blessings be with us."

#### **Mental Challenge**

Mrs. Ibtehad Mekhail Boutros from Malawi said, "My twenty year old son, Michael, suffered from an extremely high fever for three days. During this time several medications and cold compresses were given to him according to the doctors' recommendations. His body temperature came down, however, we found out that he had lost his memory and was mentally unstable. He was unable to differentiate between what was right and what was wrong and he started doing unacceptable things. He was seen by several specialists and given many treatments, but he remained the same for a month and a half. We implored God with tears and asked the intercession of the saints. His brothers, who were reading the books of the miracles of Pope Kyrollos, asked for his intercession to heal their brother. One evening, while sitting as usual next to the big framed picture of Pope Kyrollos, I kept on calling him from the depth of my heart to have mercy on my son as well as on us. Around 2:00 a.m. I was astonished when I saw Pope Kyrollos hurrying into my son's room. The very next morning he had recovered regaining his senses. He again behaved normally and was able to recognize everything around him. We stopped giving him all medications and he continued to improve until August 22, 1993, corresponding with the feast of St. Mary .By that time he had fully recovered physically and mentally. Glory be to God, Who blessed my son with this total recovery on St. Mary's feast day through the prayers of Pope Kyrollos. May their blessings be with us, Amen."

#### **Helper to those without assistance**

Mrs. S.S.H. from Cairo told of many miracles that have happened in her family. "We had a very close relationship with Father Mina, the Hermit, (Pope Kyrollos the Sixth, prior to his Papal ordination) during his residence at St. Mina's Church in Ancient Cairo. My father would sometimes take us there to pray. At the time my mother suffered chronic migraines which were untreatable. My father requested Father Mina to pray for her. After he placed his hand on her head and prayed for her, she no longer had migraine headaches."

#### **Revealing the false witness**

She also recalled this incident: "My husband had to verbally reprimand one of his subordinates at work for using narcotics in the workplace. Furious over this, the employee pressed charges of harassment against him and asked for thirty thousand pounds as compensation. He had three of his colleagues testify against

my husband. The trial seemed to be going against my husband and we suffered from anxiety.

"My father and my husband went to visit St. Mina's Monastery. In Pope Kyrollos' shrine my husband kept imploring the Pope to defend his case and to intercede for him to the Lord. The next day after this visit, the employee and his three colleagues were caught carrying narcotics. They were all imprisoned and their car confiscated. The authorities saw the connection between this incident and my husband's trial and the case was immediately dismissed."

#### **You are my glory and the One who lifts up my head**

Mrs. S.S.H. goes on to say, "In 1966, my husband and I went to visit Pope Kyrollos, who had never met my husband before. However, as soon as we walked in, we were surprised to hear His Holiness calling my husband by his first name, Magdy, which means 'glory' and then reciting Psalm 3:3, 'You are my glory and the One who lifts up my head.' The Pope then blessed us and wished us success. Indeed, all the Pope's wishes came true as the Lord blessed my husband with a high ranking position and his heart and spirits were lifted through the prayers of this great saint."

#### **Bring him in chains**

Shortly after the death of Pope Kyrollos Mrs. S.S.H. recalls, "A twelve year old boy used to work for my parents, helping my mother do the housework. One summer afternoon, when everyone was having a nap, this boy ran away from home. When we realized he was missing, a deep sadness was felt by us all. My father knew of his responsibility to this boy's parents who lived in Upper Egypt. In the midst of our anxiety, my father implored aloud, 'Oh Pope Kyrollos, you and your beloved Saint Mina, bring back this boy in chains.' My father still has no explanation why he said 'in chains.' Three hours later, my father decided to go to the nearby police station to ask if there was any news of this boy. As he was about to leave our house, he was surprised to see two men holding the boy, and asking for my father. One of the men told him that they worked as security guards for the house of the late President Gamal Abdel Nasser. During their shift they saw this boy walking aimlessly, not knowing his way around. They captured him and put chains on him. When they questioned him, he said that he worked for a family that lived near one of the churches in Heliopolis. They took him to some churches until he was able to identify the one near our house. Because of the intercession of Pope Kyrollos and Saint Mina, he was returned in chains to our family."

#### **Relieving the pain of his children**

Mr. Amin Mahrous Sedrak from Minia says, "For the last two years, my eldest sister suffered from gall bladder pain. Doctors strongly recommended that it should be removed, however, my sister was afraid of surgery, and kept praying and asking for the intercession of Pope Kyrollos. She was confident that through his prayers she would be granted recovery."

"One night, after she had implored the Lord in tears and asked the intercession of this saint, she saw Pope Kyrollos in a dream. He told her, 'I have come to remove your gall bladder.' Then after removing the gall bladder, he told her, 'This was the reason for all your pain.' She woke up in good health and has never complained of that abdominal pain to this day, November 11, 1993. May the blessings of this saint, who relieves the pain of his children, be with us."

#### **No need for surgery**

Mr. Nagi Abdou from Tanta, says, "We had a son that we named

Mina. For the first year of his life no food remained in his stomach. He vomited everything he ate. We took him to many physicians and he was given many medications but without any improvement. Finally, Professor Dr. Mohamed Saleh from Tanta University recommended an endoscopy to reveal the cause of his constant vomiting. We were very fearful because of our son's young age. We kept praying and imploring the Lord to heal him without any surgical intervention. To our great surprise one of our relatives brought a garment that had belonged to Pope Kyrollos and wrapped the boy in it. Again, we asked the intercession of the Pope. From that moment on our son, Mina, had recovered and was able to eat normally. We thank His Holiness Pope Kyrollos for his intercession. May his blessings be with us."

**Bring him Abdel Messih**

Hany Abdel Messih Guindi from the United States says, "When I was still a child in Grade 4, I suffered from a thyroid disease. My father took me to visit His Holiness, Pope Kyrollos. We stood in a long line-up. Once we got to His Holiness, he called to my younger sister, 'Come you sweet little girl with the braids.' My father said to him, 'I want you to bless Hany and heal his thyroid gland.' His Holiness answered, 'Well, bring him here Abdel Messih.' This was the first time that my father saw the Pope and no one had previously told him my father's name. His Holiness gave me a piece of cotton immersed in holy oil and asked me to put it on my throat. I had a speedy recovery because of the blessings of this great saint."

**Make it taste bitter in my mouth**

Mrs. A. T. from Alexandria says, "My relationship with Pope Kyrollos started five years ago. I used to be a very heavy smoker both at work and at home in front of my husband and my daughters. I was not able to stop this bad habit. One day I came across one of the books about the miracles of Pope Kyrollos the Sixth. I read it and found that one of the miracles had happened to a woman who had asked the Pope to help her quit smoking. Deep in my heart I started asking the Lord to help me quit this bad habit. I kept staring at the picture of the Pope that was on the book cover and started talking to him with strong faith. I asked him to perform the same miracle on me, and help me quit smoking. I told him, 'Now I am going to light a cigarette and I want you to show me that you have listened to me by making it taste bitter in my mouth.' When I lit a cigarette, it did taste strange and I started feeling it's bitter and disgusting taste, and put it out immediately! I tried a second one and a third but they all tasted the same. From that moment on I never thought of smoking again. I am very thankful to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for responding to the intercession of Pope Kyrollos and saving me."

**"For I am the Lord who heals you" (Exodus 15:26)**

Ms. M. E. M. from Zagazig says, "I never knew anything about Pope Kyrollos before this incident. Back in 1979, I joined a church trip which was to visit St. Mina's Monastery in Mariout. As much as I was excited about going there, I was afraid of what I usually go through during these trips: pain, nausea and vomiting. To prevent this from happening, I didn't eat anything and took my medication before getting onto the bus. However, as soon as the bus left Al Sharkya municipality, I started feeling nauseous and began vomiting severely. I remained in that state until we arrived at the Monastery. The pain and fatigue were so intense that I almost fainted. My friends carried me to Pope Kyrollos' shrine and I sat beside it. I started blaming the Pope by

saying, 'How could this happen, Your Holiness... I came to you from far away and I can't even stand up to take your blessing.' I had been leaning on my friends until I had reached the tomb of Pope Kyrollos. When I tried to kiss the marble top of the tomb, I felt as if my head was in the grasp of someone's hand that knocked me against the marble. At that moment I opened my eyes and no longer felt ill and became conscious. I kissed the drape over the tomb and walked to all the pictures that were hanging on the walls of the shrine without help from anyone. Next I visited Saint Mina's shrine. I ate the Monastery's food and drank the tea that was usually offered to visitors. On our way back, I waited for the pain and nausea to start, which I anticipated to be even worse than the first time because I had eaten. But nothing happened. Instead, I was chanting hymns and I joined in solving religious questions with my friends. I also joined in the singing of praises to the saints. This was the complete opposite of what usually happened to me whenever I traveled.

I was sure that this was a miracle when I went on my next trip to the Monasteries of the Red Sea. I found out that I was totally" healed and cured (since, once again I did not get ill), and realized that the miracle happened through the intercessions of Pope Kyrollos when I was in his blessed shrine. May his blessings be with us forever."

**"Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me" (Psalm 50.15)**

Ms. M. E. M. states further, "When I was in my third year at the Faculty of Commerce, my sister was in the same year too. We used to write our year-end exams in a huge hall that would include many groups. My group was usually near my sister's and I would watch her every now and then during the exam to make sure that she was all right.

"During one of the exams, I heard her voice, and as I turned towards her, I saw the assistant dean take away her answer sheets as she walked behind him. This man was known to be strict and aggressive, and when he takes away someone's exam sheet, he has been known to dismiss the student from the university for two years. Without knowing what I was doing, I exclaimed, 'Pope Kyrollos rescue her, Pope Kyrollos save her!' Although he couldn't have heard me, suddenly the assistant dean stopped, turned around, and gave her back her answer sheets. She returned to her seat and completed her exam as if nothing had happened. The supervisors were surprised and commented about this incident, saying to my sister, 'You must have high-ranking insiders supporting you for the answer sheets to have been given back to you. ' Indeed, it was a high-ranking supporter Pope Kyrollos himself. May his blessings be with us."

**She is going to be a pretty virgin**

A lady remembered this incident, "In December 1967, the Lord granted me the gift of a baby girl. This made me very sad, not because I was objecting to the divine gift, but because I thought that raising a girl would take more care than a boy. Then, while I was sleeping, I saw Pope Kyrollos in a dream smiling at me and saying, 'Why are you upset? She'll be a pretty virgin. Look at her. ' And he showed me a girl with a round, veiled face that resembled the Virgin Mary. I kept thinking about that dream, and I did not understand it.

"My baby girl grew both physically and spiritually. After she finished her university degree, she had chosen to live with the Lord and joined a convent becoming a nun. My daughter became exactly like the vision Pope Kyrollos had shown me in my dream.

Thus the prophecy of our beloved Pope Kyrollos had come true twenty seven years later. May his prayers be with us."

#### **Medallion of success**

Mrs. F.G.G. says, "One of my colleagues at work, a non-Christian, was weeping and complaining that her step-son had decided to drop out of school and skip the graduation exams. He was not eating or sleeping, and was suffering from anxiety and insomnia. He was examined by several specialists, including psychologists and internists but they could not make any diagnosis or suggest any treatment. It was just one month away from the final graduation exams and she asked me to pray for him at church. Without even thinking, I found myself pulling a medallion with Pope Kyrollos' picture out of my purse. I told her to put this medallion under her son's pillow.

" After a short time, this colleague told me that her younger daughter had seen a man dressed in black, wearing a turban and carrying a stick go into her brother's room. They could also smell the sweet fragrant incense coming from the room. Shortly thereafter, the boy started to study, even harder than before. He covered a large portion of his courses in a very short time, and every time he tried to go to bed, he felt as if someone was pushing him out of bed to continue studying. His father had vowed that if his son passed his exams he would give a donation to the church. My colleague asked me if she could keep the medallion until the last exam. When she gave it back to me she said that whatever topics her son had focused in his evening studies, he found to be on the test the next morning. When the results came, he had scored 80%. As soon as my colleague found out, she broke down and cried in tears of happiness. They fulfilled their vow and went to Saint Mina's Monastery and gave a donation. They were all happy with this success and were thankful to this great saint. "

#### **Pope Kyrollos' blessings on my family**

Mrs. F. G. G. continues to say, "My son failed his final graduation exams three times. He applied for a change of his major, but he was four months above the age limit, so he had to fulfill his military duties. Shortly thereafter, the age regulation code was cancelled. However, my son strongly refused the idea of completing his studies after the military service. This caused his father and I great sadness. Then, I remembered Pope Kyrollos' blessings to my colleague's son and I said to myself, 'I have been sharing the Pope's blessings with other people and I am not using them with my own son.' Immediately, I put a laminated picture of Pope Kyrollos and his intercessor, Saint Mina, under my son's pillow. After a short period of time, we found him wanting to pursue his studies. He reapplied, and his application was accepted because of the blessing of Pope Kyrollos .Although his military service would end on October 31 and the courses were to start at the beginning of October, the school' s principal agreed to override this one month gap, provided that the student would start as soon as his military service ended. With the blessing of Pope Kyrollos, he received a 73% on his diploma which allowed him to join the Commercial Institute. May the blessings of this great saint, and his intercessor, the martyr St. Mina, be with us all."

#### **How great is fasting and prayer**

Mr. Kamel Aklmoukh Kamel from Cairo tells us, "In 1988, I suffered from a disease that caused scalp and facial hair loss. I was seen by several doctors who prescribed several medications, ranging from cortisone shots to ultraviolet radiation, but without any success. In 1992, I was checked by a British specialist at El Maady Hospital who started me on chemotherapy. However,

there still was no improvement. Doctors were puzzled about my case and felt there was only a 5% chance of a cure.

"At that point, I gave up on medical treatments and turned to God. I kept praying and asking for the intercessions of Pope Kyrillos. I read his books of miracles and asked him, 'Why I shouldn't be the first one to have his hair grow back with a miracle?' On the night of July 5, 1994, while I was sleeping, Pope Kyrillos appeared to me dressed in white and said, 'Fasting and prayer are a must.' The next morning, after I told my wife about my dream, she said we would start fasting today because it was the Apostles' Fast. From that time, my hair started growing back over my scalp, brows and beard. May the blessings of this saint be with us all."

#### **Healing and the grace of Protopriesthood**

A monk recalls, "I suffered from severe chest allergy and wheezing. However, after my visit to St. Mina's Monastery in 1985, and after receiving all the blessings from Pope Kyrillos' shrine, all my sufferings ceased and have never returned up to this date, May 5, 1994.

After returning to my monastery, and while sleeping one night, Pope Kyrillos came to me in a beautiful vision and put a cross on my head. A short while later, I was ordained a protopriest. May " the blessings of this compassionate shepherd be with us all."

#### **Migraines for twenty years**

Mr. Youssef Gohar, a famous writer from Maadi Cairo, has reported that he experienced two miracles. "In 1958, I began suffering from severe migraines on a daily basis. These continued for more than twenty years even though I received treatment in Egypt and abroad.

"In 1980, after a long night of pain, I finally dozed off. In a semi-conscious state, I saw His Holiness Pope Kyrillos standing in the living room. He was wearing a white tunic and was smiling at me with compassion. Behind him was a large picture of the Lord Jesus Christ which had been in the house for years. In the morning, I discovered that the migraines, which tortured me for twenty years, had disappeared and they have never returned. I write these words as I sit on the marble stairs of Pope Kyrillos' shrine. Many times I beseeched His Holiness to remember me before the Throne of Blessings. God is glorified in his saints."

Mr. Gohar recounted a second miracle having to do with his birth and how he was named Youssef through the intercession of the great saint, Abba Abraam, Bishop of Fayoum who departed in the year 1914: "My parents lost their first born male and it remained without children for five years. In 1911, my father went with my mother to see His Grace Bishop Abraam. They went to ask for his blessings and prayers so that God may grant them a child. After praying for them and blessing them, he said, God willing, you will have a child next year at this time.' Just as my father reached the door of the monastery he suddenly turned back to ask the saint what he should name his son. Bishop Abraam laughed and said, 'If you are sure that the child is a boy, call him Youssef, and according to your faith may it be done.' And it was.

#### **A friendly reproach in a dream**

Dr. Alfonse Mikhail a physician in a city in the province of Behera since 1963 was told of the Pope's visit to the city by his colleagues. Because of the Pope's spirituality, large crowds of both Christians and Moslems participated in a glorious reception, and many reported that they saw a halo of light surrounding the Pope's face.

The city's assistant district attorney said that his brother-in-law, a non-Christian, didn't like the magnificent reception the Pope

received and criticized the over-welcoming of this Christian leader. The assistant district attorney said, "I assured him that the people's response was spontaneous and no previous arrangements were made. Early the next morning I was awakened by my brother-in-law who looked terrified. He told me that the Pope reproached him in a dream saying, 'Are you upset, Hassan, because they cheered a little for the Christian leader? Don't be upset, Hassan.' My brother-in-law asked me to accompany him to the Pope to ask for his forgiveness. We were very surprised that the Pope, although he didn't know us, said, 'Are you upset, Hassan, because they cheered a little for the Christian leader. Don't be upset, Hassan.' Astonished, we asked for his forgiveness. He then prayed for us and blessed us."

#### **My daughter 'Kyrollos'**

Dr. Mikhael also told of another incident, "In the seventies, a merchant from the city brought his daughter to my office for treatment. He called her by the name 'Kyrollos' which surprised me. Then he explained why, 'One morning I went to see a Christian merchant from Mansoura with whom I planned to do business. He apologized that he couldn't meet with me because he was traveling to Cairo to attend the funeral of Pope Kyrollos. I tried unsuccessfully to make him change his mind. I started saying inappropriate things about Pope Kyrollos. Suddenly, I found a stream of blood coming from my tongue. Immediately, I went to see a doctor to determine the cause of the bleeding. The doctor didn't know the cause of the bleeding and couldn't stop it. When I started to beseech God's forgiveness and the pardon of the Pope, the bleeding immediately stopped on its own. As a sign of my loyalty to God's saint and this blessed man, I named my daughter 'Kyrollos' in honour and memory of the Pope.' "

#### **Catch the thief**

Mr. S. C. from Malawi recalls, "I was greatly distressed when five hundred pounds were stolen from my bedroom. I suspected someone in particular and when I told my father of confession, he asked me whether I witnessed the theft. When I told him 'No,' he said, 'Love does not suspect evil...' He then went with me to visit Saint Mina's Monastery. In Pope Kyrollos' shrine I asked for the Pope's intercession and beseeched him to reveal the thief so that I could get rid of my suspicions. I felt assured that the Pope would reveal the truth to me.

"While I was asleep that night, I heard His Holiness Pope Kyrollos saying to me, 'Catch the thief.' I opened my eyes and saw the thief standing at my bedroom door. When I approached him, he did not try to run away. It was as if Pope Kyrollos was holding him. He confessed his previous theft and repented. May Pope Kyrollos' blessings be with us."

#### **The briefcase returned**

Mr. Boulous William Henaan from Giza tells this story: "It was the end of my vacation and I was on my way back home to Demyate by train. I left my seat and went to the cafeteria. There, I met one of my colleagues and we chatted. When I got back to my seat, I discovered that my briefcase had disappeared. It had all the money and gold I owned. It also had pictures of Pope Kyrollos, saints' fragrances, as well as all the money from the sale of Saint Sedhom Bishay's books. When I inquired about the briefcase, I learned that the passenger who was sitting next to me took it and got off the train at Semanoud station. I got off at the next stop and went to the nearest police station to report the theft. Then I contacted the police chief of the city of Semanoud and asked him to investigate. I then returned to Demyate. I blamed Saint Sedhom Bishay by saying, 'Your money was in that

briefcase. How could you let that man take it?' I continued to visit the police station to check on the investigation but the wait was long and the answer was always the same. I visited Saint Mina's Monastery in Mariout and as soon as I entered Pope Kyrollos' shrine, I felt at peace. I beseeched him to return my briefcase. I left the shrine full of hope and assurance that the briefcase would be returned. A few days later I was transferred to Cairo.

After starting my new job in Cairo, I had to go back to Demyate to finish some business. There one of the employees surprised me by asking if I had lost a briefcase with money and gold in it. Someone had left an address for me. immediately, I went to that address where a man handed me my briefcase. He confessed that he burnt all of the pictures that were in the briefcase but then became extremely depressed. He could not find peace until he left his address at my office in Demyate.

After twenty months the briefcase was returned with all of its contents. Anyone who hears this story praises God and His saints, Pope Kyrollos and Saint Mina, the Wonder Worker.

#### **The sign of the cross and the intercession**

Engineer Adel Abdel Aziz from Tanta, retells, I offer my thanks to Jesus Christ the Lord of Glory for having compassion on me through the intercessions of Pope Kyrollos the Sixth and Saint Mina for the great miracle they performed by saving me from a great injustice.

In 1989 I was working on nine acres of land in Behera. For this job, I rented a loader which cost three million pounds. I also rented sixteen tractors with trailers to transport the waste off the I land. One day, the loader crashed into the roots of an old palm tree, which were hidden under fallen branches. The meter high roots caused such damage that the loader immediately stopped working. The driver tried to Start the loader again and move it away from the roots, but he failed. He ended up having to tie the loader to three tractors to untangle It from the roots. After pulling it away, we discovered that three of the strongest iron bars on the loader were bent. The driver of the loader, his brother, the tractor drivers, the farmers and the contractor who obtained the loader, all agreed that I was responsible for the damages and that I must pay forty-five thousand pounds for the damaged bars. I tried to discuss the matter with them, but it was no use. They insisted that I was responsible for the accident.

"I was very upset and prayed that God would handle the matter. Dust covered the loader from the day's work, so I made the sign of the cross on all four sides of the body of the loader and I recited, 'The blessings of Saint Mina and Pope Kyrollos,' with every sign of the cross. I went back to Tanta upset and depressed, but I continued to ask for the intercessions of Saint Mina and Pope Kyrollos. In the evening, I began feeling some comfort and peace.

"The following afternoon I went to the farm to meet the owner of the loader and the contractor. I found everyone in a state of awe and relief. I asked what had happened. The owner of the loader said that he came this morning with an engineer from the company which sold the loader. After inspecting the loader, he found everything in perfect condition. The three iron bars were not bent and nothing else was damaged. When they tried to start the loader, it immediately worked even though it was 'a dead body' the day before.

"This miracle happened through the blessed prayers of Pope Kyrollos and the great Saint Mina, the Wonder Worker. Wondrous art Thou, O Lord, and in Thy saints, holy and

glorified. "

**Not one wondrous act, but two**

Mr. Emile Khozam, a Catholic from St. Lawrence in Montreal, Canada, tells of two incidents, "Everyday for fifty years I excessively drank a variety of alcohol. Even when I was ill, I would take my medication, whether it was pills or antibiotics, with whisky or beer instead of water. It was impossible for a day to pass without my drinking, and in vain I tried to stop this nasty habit. I tried medication and other methods but nothing worked. Then, by chance, I read one of the books of the miracles of Pope Kyrollos. I found that he helped a person stop drinking, so I fervently asked him to help me overcome this addiction.

"In March 1992, both my mouth and lips became swollen and greatly inflamed. I saw many dentists and physicians because I was unable to eat or drink. I had to take the prescribed antibiotics with water because the inflammation became worse if I touched any alcohol. I told Pope Kyrollos, 'You must have done this because I used to drink wine with this mouth. ' I asked him to complete his good deed and intercede on my behalf so that I could also stop smoking. The second miracle happened the same day, and I was able to stop smoking. Now, for two years and four months, I haven't touched any alcohol, or smoked a single cigarette, even though the storage area in my house is full of all kinds of alcohol and beer. I can only thank my beloved Pope Kyrollos and his intercessor the great St. Mina; may their blessings be with us."

**Stop what you have in mind**

Mr. Nabil Fouad Bishay from Cairo says, "In 1970, I had a disagreement with my father because I wanted to be a movie star and a professional musician. One night I was out until after 2:00 a.m. and decided not to go home at that very late hour because I feared my father's anger. Some of my friends suggested that I go and sleep at the old Patriarchate in Klot Bey. I went there and waited by the door until the church opened at 5:00 a.m. for the Divine Liturgy. I entered and went straight to the altar, and then to one side of the church where I leaned my head against the wall. i A little while later the Pope went to the altar and sat on one of the chairs. I went to him and kissed his hand. I didn't know how one should address a Pope, so I said, 'Father pray for me; I am in distress.' His advice was, 'Stop what you have in mind, my son.' the intercessions of Pope Kyrollos and all the saints be with us-

**'Not guilty' verdict**

Dr. E. S. has lived in the United States for many years. He tells about one of his patients who had a lawsuit against him. In fact, he says, "It was not the patient himself, but one of the law firms that would go to a patient and make a deal that if they won the case he would get a percentage, and if they lost he would lose nothing. They wanted to prove that I had treated that patient incorrectly. The truth was that when that patient came to my .; office, he was already in a very late stage of cancer and I gave him the best possible treatment for that stage. The court hearing was in November 1991. I kept praying and asking for the intercession of Pope Kyrollos to prove my innocence.

"A short time before the hearing, I saw Pope Kyrollos in a dream. He was looking at me with great love and compassion, and I kissed his hand. His Holiness took my hand and started walking. I was walking with him like a little child. We walked together down a long, wide corridor with rooms on both sides. At its end, a person sat beside the door to the stairs that lead outside. In the morning I told my wife and brother about my dream, and we all

took it as a good omen.

"When the time of the hearing came, I was very worried. However, when I went to the court house, I found that it was the same place where Pope Kyrollos had taken me in my dream. (The long wide corridor with rooms on either side and at the end of which there was a guard at the door to the stairs that led outside. I was no longer worried, because I was sure that Pope Kyrollos would be with me.

"The trial went on for several weeks and it was tough because the law firm hired doctors to testify against me. However, in the end, with the blessings of Pope Kyrollos, the verdict was that I was not guilty.

"I am here today in Egypt, at St. Mina's Monastery in Mariout, to express my thanks to the great saint Pope Kyrollos and his intercessor St. Mina; may their blessings be with us."

**The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace  
(Ex 14:14)**

Dr. F.F.S., from Cairo University says, "It is a real shame that up till now I have not revealed the work of God that I experienced through the intercessions of the great saint, our blessed father, Pope Kyrollos VI. A long period has passed since the occurrence of this miracle and all I did was tell the story to some of my relatives. However, every time I read the books of the miracles of Pope Kyrollos, I feel obliged to narrate the events of this miracle.

"I was wrongly accused during the denominational riots of September 1981 and was arrested with others. I understood the sensitivity of the accusations and if I was proven guilty, my punishment would be severe. I became very anxious and depressed. On top of all this, I found out that due to my arrest, my employer demoted and transferred me even in my absence-

"Along with me in the concentration camp were bishops, priests and laymen. They all tried to make me feel better, but my fear of the future, and my feelings of injustice, put me in a state of depression. I became worse with each passing day, and my only comfort was prayer. I beseeched the Lord Jesus, the Virgin Mary and their beloved Pope Kyrollos, with many tears, to bring me safely through this tribulation.

"Then, one night when I was sleeping, I saw Pope Kyrollos in luminous white clothes, standing with my mother who had died a long time ago. The Pope was smiling and holding a white paper in his hand, and he said to me, 'Don't be afraid. See, your paper is white. You will not be harmed and you will not be accused of anything; don't worry.' In the morning, I told my dream to some of the bishops and priests, and they told me that was proof of my innocence. Sure enough, after a short while, I was proven innocent, and I was released. One wonders at the work of God and His saints, for matters did not end there. After my release, I was called by a high security governmental office, and was surprised to find that they had helped me secure my previous position of employment" with all of its benefits. Afterwards, I even received a promotion.

"I cannot find enough words, expressions, or thanks to Pope Kyrollos, who feels the anguish of his children and saves them at the right time, and in a manner they do not expect. Thanks to our beloved intercessor, Pope Kyrollos, the man of prayers and miracles."

**The memory of the righteous is blessed (Prov. 10:7)**

Mrs. Soheir Boutros Awad, from Alexandria says, "I noticed the appearance of a big lump in my back in 1982. The doctors concluded that it was a cyst" and that it had to be surgically removed. I delayed having the surgery.

"Then, in 1985, while I was reading in one of the books of the miracles of Pope Kyrillos I read about the healing of a little girl's wart after using blessed oil from St. Mina's Monastery. Some time ago, I bought some oil from St. Mina Monastery, so I put some on my cyst. While I was asleep at night" I saw Pope Kyrillos in a dream. He approached me leading a great procession of people singing hymns. His Holiness made the sign of the cross in my direction. When I awoke, I felt great pain in my back. When I felt the cyst" I found that it had been reduced to the size of a grain of rice. May the blessings of Pope Kyrillos and St. Mina be with us."

**When you were under the fig tree, I saw you (John 1:48)**

Mrs. Soheir Boutros Awad recalls another incident" "In the sixties I went with my father to visit Pope Kyrillos at St. Mina' s Monastery. We were standing in line awaiting our turn to receive Pope Kyrillos' blessings. When my father bent to kiss his hand, the Pope surprised him by saying, 'When you go back you'll find him healed. ' My father had a Moslem friend named Sayed who I was sick. When Sayed knew that we were planning to visit the Pope he said to my father, , Ask your father to pray for me so that I may be healed. ' This is what the Pope knew, through the Spirit, and sure enough, as soon as we returned we found that this friend was indeed healed. "

**Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God (Luke 1:64)**

Mrs. N.H.T. from Canada says, "More than seven years ago when I was still living in Cairo, I applied for immigration to Canada. I had the first interview, but was not informed whether I was accepted or rejected. I waited a long time without hearing about the status of my application so I asked for the intercessions of Pope Kyrillos. Eight months later I was called for a second . , interview. I took with me one of the books of the miracles of Pope Kyrillos. The interview with the consul went well. Then he gave me a book written in French and asked me to read any part of it. I tried to read but my pronunciation of the words was not correct. I stuttered, as I did not know the French language well. The consul informed me that my application for immigration was rejected and said, 'If you had not mentioned in your application your knowledge of the French language you wouldn't be here today. I am sorry .' At that moment, an embassy employee came to ask him something. The consul excused himself for two minutes. Alone in the room, I took out the book of miracles of Pope Kyrillos from my purse and looked at his picture and said, 'Pope Kyrillos, this is my last chance, please intervene.' I opened the French book and tried to read calmly. When the consul came back I asked him to give me another chance, which he did. I started reading much better than the first time and my pronunciation had greatly improved. The consul asked me to translate what I had read to English. Although I didn't know the meaning of many words, I was still able to translate. The consul accepted my application for immigration and asked me to go to one of the French culture centers to improve my French. I am writing today, November 17, 1994, from Canada, may the blessings of this saint be with us."

**Healing of stomach pain**

Mrs. Eman Sadik Youssef from Sudan suffered from severe stomach pain when she was in Cairo in 1989. She said, "The pain attacked me from time to time, and the doctors were unable to help. I was becoming worse, and couldn't eat, talk or move. The only thing that worked was taking some pain killers to lessen the intensity of the attacks. I couldn't sleep in spite of the huge

amount of tranquilizers that I consumed. I was forbidden from eating several types of foods. In October of 1992, a doctor advised me to try a new medication, and I experienced a slight improvement.

"Soon after my return to Sudan, the severe pain resumed, but this time tranquilizers didn't work. I decided to stop all medication and asked for the intercession of Pope Kyrollos. In March of 1993, I saw, in a dream, Pope Kyrollos sitting with a large group of people. I went to him and asked him to pray for me. He put to his hand on my stomach and made the sign of the cross three times. Since that time I have been completely healed and can now eat all foods. May the blessings of this saint be with us." '-

**Give me your head**

Mr. G.G.H., from Menya, recalls, "My acquaintance with Pope Kyrollos goes back to 1960, when I was still a student at the Faculty of Law. I used to go to him during my exams. He would pray for me and I was always successful.

"In 1974, I was involved in an accident where the car I was in swerved off the road and fell into El Abrahimya Canal. As a result of this accident, I started to suffer from dizziness, continuous headaches and instability .I sought treatment from many doctors but none were able to help.

"One night, in 1976, the pain intensified. I wept and prayed, asking for the intercession of Pope Kyrollos as I used to do when I was a student. During my sleep, I found myself at St. Mark's Cathedral in Klot Bey. His Holiness Pope Kyrollos was sitting on St. Mark's chair. He said to me, 'Give me your head.' He put his hand on my head. From that time on, all the pain disappeared. May the blessings of this saint be with us."

**He goes to whomever asks for him**

Mrs. R.Z.S. from Kalubia, says, "My son, who was a teacher, was facing many problems at work. So he asked several times to be transferred from his school to another. Many high-ranking, influential people tried to help him transfer, but nothing worked. One night, I wept and asked for the intercessions of Pope Kyrollos. During my sleep, I saw Pope Kyrollos in a dream and he comforted and calmed me. When the Pope was leaving, I asked him to stay with us but he said, 'I am going to others who have asked for my intercessions. ' Right after that, my son was transferred to the school he had wanted. This happened on March 9, the day of the commemoration of the departure of Pope Kyrollos to Heaven. Even after his departure, he still cares for his sons and daughters, as he did during his life. May his '- blessings be with us. "

**You will stay in Alexandria**

Mr. Edward Maurice Sidaros, from Alexandria remembers, "When I was called for the compulsory military service, I worried greatly about being an officer. All university graduates were sent to Esna in Upper Egypt for training. This would mean leaving my family. I kept asking for the intercessions of Pope Kyrollos .

"Pope Kyrollos came to me in my sleep, and sat beside me. He asked, 'Why are you upset?' I answered, 'I am joining the military service, and I'll be going to Esna. Your Holiness knows the importance of my being near my family. ' Pope Kyrollos then said, 'Don't be upset. You will stay in Alexandria, and be a soldier, not an officer.

'The next morning I went to the military service headquarters in Cairo. I was all set to be drafted to the Faculty of Temporary Officers in Esna, but was surprised to find my name among those to be soldiers not officers. I joined the Marine service in Alexandria as Pope Kyrollos had promised me. May the

blessings of his prayers and intercessions be with us."

#### **Father and son experience his presence**

Mr. Sidaros continues, "Our hearts are full of love for Pope Kyrollos who always makes us feel that he is close to us and intercedes on our behalf. One night I dreamt I saw Pope Kyrollos sitting with me in the room. At that moment my son woke up crying, 'Dad wake up! Dad wake up! Do you see Pope Kyrollos in the room?' This means that my son, Mina, saw Pope Kyrollos in the room at the same time I had a dream about him."

#### **Pope Kyrollos is operating on my eye**

Mrs. Soheir Waheeb from Cairo, says, "My daughter, Marina, suffered from a lipoma in her left eye when she was three years and nine months old. We used to anoint her with oil blessed by Pope Kyrollos and ask for his intercession to heal her eye. "One night while the child was asleep, and her aunt was sitting beside her, she woke up and before opening her eyes said, 'Remove the blood. Pope Kyrollos is operating on my eye, mom. Remove the blood.' She kept on putting her hand on her eye and saying that Pope Kyrollos had healed her. When we looked at the child's eye, we couldn't find any trace of the lipoma. This is because of the intercession of Pope Kyrollos and his beloved St. Mina.

#### **Fulfilling the promise and healing the mother**

Mrs. M.B. tells, "I am from an Arab country, and went to Cairo to continue my university education. I faced many problems because I was alone and away from home. I always asked for the intercessions of St. Mary and Pope Kyrollos.

"One night, in my final year of university, I had a beautiful dream. I was standing in front of a big picture of Pope Kyrollos, and was asking him to help me finish my degree with 'honors.' I also asked him to heal my mother, although I didn't know that she was sick. I asked him to give me a sign for accepting my request. He raised his hand that held the cross and smiled. I woke up happy and comforted.

I finished my exams and went back to my country before the results of the exams were announced. I found out that my mother had actually been very sick, and that God had healed her through the intercessions of Pope Kyrollos. When the exam results appeared, my friend's brother called me to congratulate me on passing with an 'A' average. I told Pope Kyrollos that I was upset because he didn't fulfill his promise to me that I'd pass with 'honors,' an A+ average. Shortly, thereafter, I received a letter from my friend informing me that I had indeed passed with '-honors, , and that she was the one who had passed with a 'very good' average. I was exceedingly glad that Pope Kyrollos had fulfilled his promise to me and that he had quickly responded in interceding on our behalf to our Savior. I write this letter from I St. Mina's Monastery, six years later, to thank Pope Kyrollos for his love to me. I ask him to forgive me for my delay."

#### **Speech restored**

Dr. S. E.'s mother of Tanta recalls, "In 1966, my six year old son went to visit his grandfather who lived in a small nearby village. During the night, a tremendous fire started and spread rapidly from home to home. As the fire encroached on their home, his grandmother took him to the roof and kept loudly beseeching the intercession of the Virgin Mary and Saint Mina until the firefighters, with much effort, were able to contain the fire. "That night the child had nightmares about the ordeal, and when he awoke he was unable to talk. This condition continued for several days. I remembered that I had kept a tube with blessed oil soaked cotton from Pope Kyrollos' visit to our town in 1961.

Though the cotton was five years old, it was still moist. I anointed the child while he was sleeping and he began taking deep, relaxing breaths. I repeated this action for three nights and every time the child would start breathing deeply. On the third day the child's speech returned.

"We were delighted that he was cured without any medication, and thanked Pope Kyrollos for his intercession."

#### **Severe allergy affecting the lungs**

Fady F. Shafik's father remembers, "In February 1987, when my son was two months old, he started having difficulty breathing. We took him to several doctors, both Christian and non-Christians. Their diagnosis was the same -severe allergies affecting the lungs. They prescribed several medications, ;- however none helped. Their opinion was that he would suffer "' from allergies until he was six years old.

"In September 1988, when he was 20 months old, he had an acute attack and the doctors had to give him injections, antibiotics, and oral sprays. While he was still suffering, we went to Saint Mina's Monastery and visited Pope Kyrollos' shrine and earnestly prayed for his intercession so the child would be cured. We then went to Saint Mina's shrine and asked for his intercession as well. A few minutes later we went to the reception room, and the child left his mother's arms, and began running and playing around at the Monastery as if he had never been sick. He is now six and half years old and has never had an attack since."

#### **Saving me from Satan's path**

Engineer G.Y.A. of Bein Sweif tells us, "In my second year of Engineering at Cairo University , I suffered several psychological problems making me unable to study or concentrate. I wanted to know my future and took the Devil's way by using Psychic Readings and Evoking of Spirits. I went to a Palm Reader who said a demonic curse was placed on me and my entire family. In order to free my soul, he gave me two papers -the first to be soaked in water and then sprinkled around my desk, the second to be put under my pillow or in my pocket.

"I kept one of Pope Kyrollos' books under my pillow, and an inner voice said, 'How can light and dark stay together -either take the book out or get rid of the paper.' However, I decided to keep the book under my pillow and the paper in my pocket.

"In my sleep I saw myself stuck in mud and Pope Kyrollos in the distance holding out a shepherd's cane for me to grab on to, but I could not move. He started walking towards me and said, 'Of course, you know why I came?' and punished me by poking the cane on the pocket with the paper in it. He ordered, 'Take this paper out!' I immediately responded, and saw it flying away, a wild animal-like creature with big fangs, and laughing loudly.

"I was then able to pull myself out of the mud and went to Pope Kyrollos to kiss his hand, repenting that I would never return to Satan's ways.

"When I awoke, all my problems were gone and I felt as if I were reborn. I thank the Lord, who, through the intercession of Pope Kyrollos, led me to the right path."

#### **Saved from the fire**

Engineer G.Y.A. continued with his praises, "One evening, I lit a candle in front of Pope Kyrollos' picture on my desk. I later went to sleep without extinguishing the flame.

"I woke up with a start and saw that a fire had already started burning the tablecloth, but had not touched any of the papers on the desk. I became paralyzed, and could not do anything. I screamed, begging Pope Kyrollos to help me. Immediately, I felt

Ji:1 calm, and physically saw Pope Kyrillos in front of me, dressed in his black robe, touching the fire with his hand and extinguishing it. He turned towards me, and patted my shoulder until I went back to sleep completely comforted.  
"When I awoke, I found everything as I mentioned the tablecloth scorched but the papers untouched. I thanked the Lord that he sent us a great Pope who is continuously taking care of his people."

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