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Taste of egypt  
FESTIVAL

ST. MARK COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

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# WHO ARE WE?

St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church welcomes you back to our annual *Taste of Egypt* festival. We are excited to have you join us in a weekend full of food, camel rides, petting zoo animals, art, jewelry, crafts, and more.

The word *Coptic* means Egyptian, which is derived from the Greek word for Egypt, *Aigyptos*. The Coptic Church is of the Christian faith. The Coptic Orthodox Church in Alexandria was instituted by Saint Mark in the first century, in the year 62 A. D. While the Mother Church is centered in Egypt, it has spread world-wide over the past 60 years. The Coptic Orthodox Church is guided by a Patriarch seated in Alexandria. We consider our first Patriarch to be Saint Mark, the apostle of Jesus who preached Christianity throughout Egypt in the first century. His Holiness Pope Tawadros II, the 118th successor of St. Mark, is currently the Patriarch of the Church shepherding the flock.

In our Motherland, Egypt, there are several thousand Coptic Orthodox churches where Egyptian Christians worship our Lord Jesus Christ. Some of those churches date back to the second century A.D. In any Coptic church, whether in Egypt or abroad, the Divine Liturgy has not changed and is celebrated in the same way that our ancestors worshipped, since the time of the early Church Fathers of the second and third centuries.

The history of the Coptic Church in Chicago dates back to the 1960's, when immigration brought many Coptic families to

the Chicago area. Since a Coptic Church, had not yet been established in the area, the group of Coptic immigrants began gathering in rented churches to conduct Liturgies, Bible studies, and Sunday school classes. The first Coptic Orthodox Liturgy service was held in 1969 and we are grateful to God to celebrate more than 50 years of the Coptic Orthodox Church in Chicago. We are blessed today with four Coptic Orthodox churches in the Chicago area in Burr Ridge, Palatine, Monee and Chicago (Logan Square).

St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church, which you are visiting today, is currently blessed with three priests, Fr. Samuel Thabet Samuel, Fr. Pavlos Fahmy and Fr. Theodore Labib. Our Burr Ridge Church was built in 1983 and an expansion in 2003 added a youth facility and a Christian-based Montessori Preschool & Daycare facility which is open to serve the community and has since then expanded to serve the elementary grades.

The church has continued to grow rapidly with many Christians of Egypt immigrating to the United States to flee persecution and in search of a better life. A second expansion project was completed in 2016 adding the Church of the Holy Resurrection, a large social hall, auditorium, additional classrooms and meeting rooms. We welcome you to come inside and tour the church while you are here at the Taste of Egypt Festival.

Please visit our church website at [www.stmarkchicago.org](http://www.stmarkchicago.org) for more information about our liturgy services. All are welcome to attend our services and activities.

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# TASTE OF EGYPT BE SURE NOT TO MISS...

The Pharaoh's Scribe - Have papyrus personalized with your family name, short quote, etc. It will be hand painted and decorated with scroll work. Hours: Sat. 11am-5pm & Sun. 12pm-5pm.

King Tut's Kingdom (Kids' Corner) - Don't let your children miss out on the petting zoo, face art, activities and games.

Camel Rides - Ride the camel and even get a souvenir photo with a backdrop of Egypt.  
Hours: 12pm-5pm Sat. & Sun.

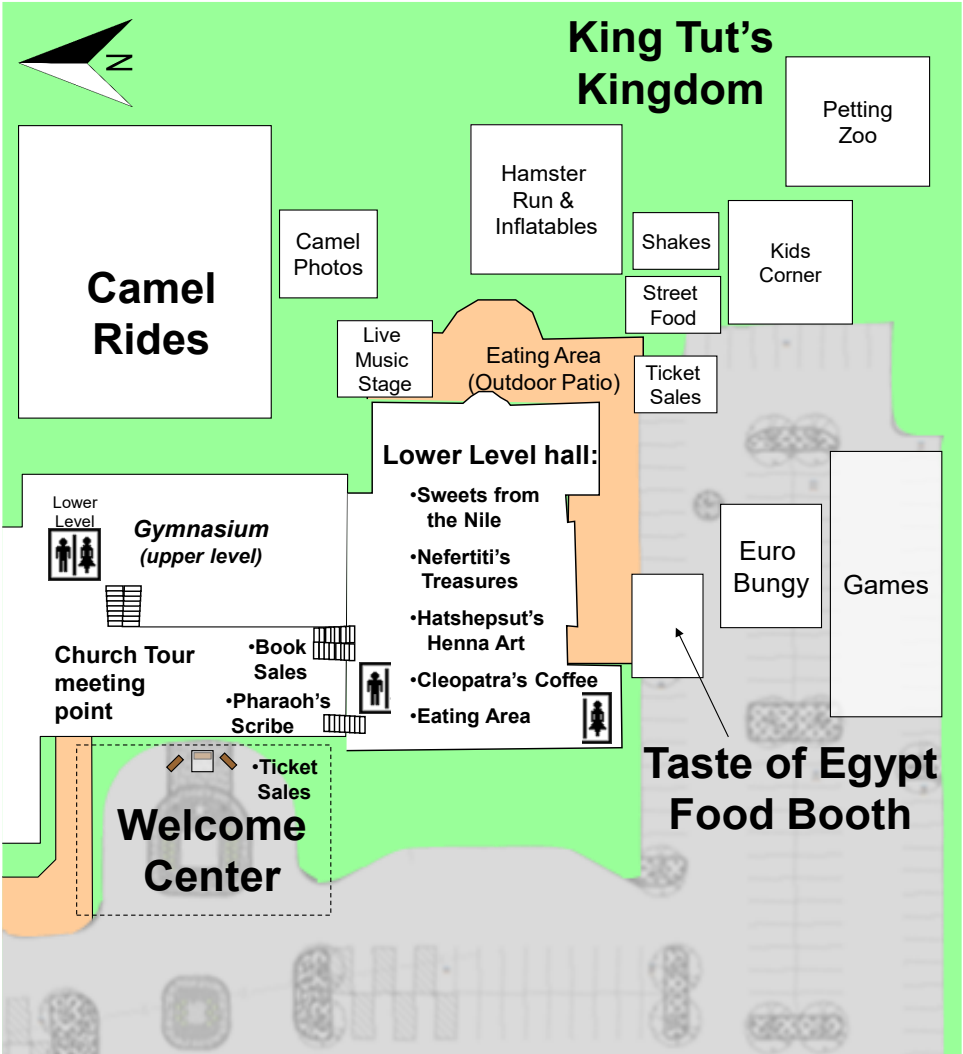
Nefertiti's Treasures - Make your way into our gymnasium and peruse authentic Egyptian jewelry and souvenirs at Nefertiti's Treasures.

Hatshepsut's Henna Art - Let an artist decorate your hands using henna. Henna is an ink paste made out of crushed leaves and twigs of the henna plant. When this paste is applied on skin, it leaves a maroon stain in the skin which fades away in 1-2 weeks.



Check in at the welcome booth for details on the above activities.

# TASTE OF EGYPT MAP OF FESTIVAL



# TASTE OF EGYPT FOOD BOOTH MENU

**Kufta Plate** – Seasoned ground beef, onions, and parsley rolled and grilled to perfection. Served over a bed of rice with tabouli, cucumber yogurt sauce and fresh pita bread. **\$12**



**Chicken Plate** – Chicken breast tenders marinated with onions, lemon juice and other seasonings. Grilled and served over a bed of rice with tabouli, cucumber yogurt sauce and fresh pita bread. **\$12**



**Falafel Plate** – Chick peas & spices ground, then rolled into a patty and fried until crispy & golden brown. Served over a bed of rice with tabouli, tahini sauce and fresh pita bread. **\$9**



**Combination Plate** – A combination plate of kofta, chicken and falafel served over a bed of rice with tabouli, cucumber yogurt sauce, tahini sauce and fresh pita bread. A great way to try a little of everything! **\$15**



**Meat Stuffed Grape Leaves** – Grape leaves individually rolled with ground beef, rice, lemon, garlic and onions, then cooked in a tomato based sauce. Served with a delicious cucumber yogurt sauce. **\$5**



**Macaroni Béchamel** – Macaroni mixed with creamy béchamel sauce, then layered with seasoned ground beef and topped with more delicious béchamel sauce. Then baked until golden brown. **\$5**



# TASTE OF EGYPT FOOD BOOTH DRINKS

Mango or Guava Juice – Cold and delicious Mango or Guava juice are an Egyptian Favorite. Try a can today! \$2

Soda – Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite, Sprite Zero. \$1.50

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Karkadeh – Traditional Egyptian drink brewed from hibiscus and often served in celebrations. Refreshing with balanced sweetness. \$4

Shakes – Select one of our 3 creamy fresh fruit blends with vanilla ice cream. \$5



# TASTE OF EGYPT DESSERT TABLE

Come inside the lower level hall, where you will find a wide variety of Egyptian desserts. Enjoy a dessert now or make a to-go box of your favorite selection. Below are a few examples:

**Baklava** – Layers of delicious phyllo dough brushed with butter, stuffed with a sweet mixture of nuts, then drizzled with a simple syrup, baked until golden brown.



**Besbousa** – Whole grain pastry blended with coconut, baked until golden brown, drizzled with syrup.



**Ghourayebah** – A sugar cookie, made very simply of flour, butter and sugar.



**Petit Four** – Homemade butter cookies.

**Kahk (Egyptian Butter Cookies)** – There are several variations! You can eat it without any filling, with a date filling, or with nuts. This is the cookie that melts in your mouth.



**Kunafa** – A sweet dessert made from spun shredded wheat and filled with nuts or cream and coated with a sweet syrup.



**Biscotti** – Commonly known as a twice-baked cake. The biscotti, being hard and dry, are best partnered with a beverage in which they are dipped before consumption.





# TASTE OF EGYPT LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

## Saturday September 17th, 2022:

- 11:00 AM The Music of famous Egyptian musicians - DJ Beno
- 01:00 PM Modern Egyptian Music - Beno Abdallah (Guitar)
- 02:00 PM Coptic Hymns  
John Mikhail (Keyboard) & Beno Abdallah (Guitar)
- 03:00 PM Middle Eastern Music Ensemble (Takht)  
Adel Fadel (Violin-Oud) & Maged Mikhail (Ney)  
Edward Hanna (Tabla/Riq) & Majid Ajamia (Qanoun)
- 05:00 PM Coptic Hymns  
John Mikhail (Keyboard) & Beno Abdallah (Guitar)

## Sunday September 18th, 2022:

- 12:00 PM The Music of famous Egyptian musicians - DJ Beno
- 02:00 PM Coptic Hymns  
John Mikhail (Keyboard) & Beno Abdallah (Guitar)
- 03:00 PM Middle Eastern Music - Emad Ibrahim (Violin)

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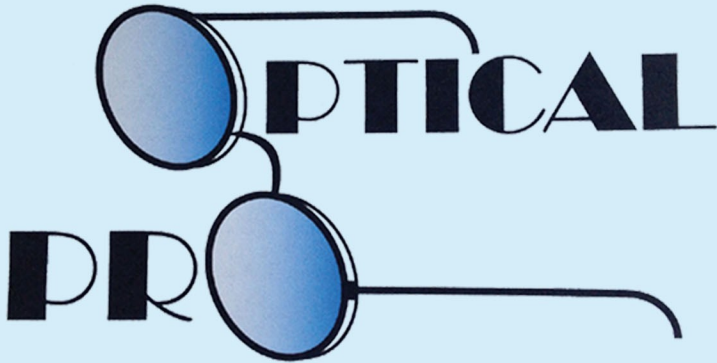
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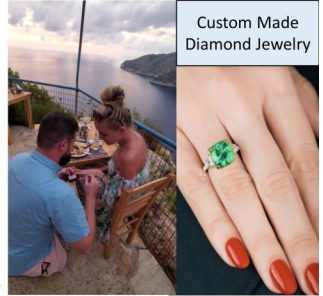
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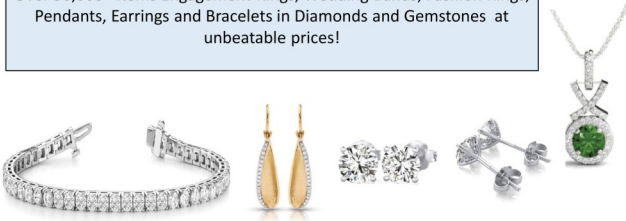
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