

The Inauguration of Archbishop Samy



On June 8th, 2021, Mouneer Anis, Archbishop of the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria, led the service for the inauguration of Bishop Samy Shehata to become the new bishop for the diocese of Egypt.

Bishop Samy was appointed the Dean of the Alexandria School of Theology in 2013. He holds a Diploma in Theology from the University of Wales, a Master's degree in Missionary Studies, and a Ph.D. from Birmingham, England.



AST 2021 Commencement



The Alexandria School of Theology (AST) celebrated its thirteen's commencement ceremony on August 7th, 2021. The graduation included thirty students. Sixteen students received their Bachelor of Theology, ten achieved certificates of theology, and four a Diploma from the Nuba Mountains Institute in Cairo (NBIC). Canon Dr. Ashley Null, the chairman of AST, was the speaker for the commencement ceremony.

Peter Karam, the representative of the graduating class in Cairo, writes: "AST is a seminary that is grounded on the authority of God's Word, and saturated with the powerful and life-changing message of the Gospel. It has been a great blessing for me and my wife, Maggi, to study at AST, and we were affected, not only by the classes we studied but by the lifestyle of our instructors and professors in the seminary."



Updates on the ThM & Ph.D. Students

ThM students have recently finished studying a module on the "Hermeneutics of Christian Scripture" and the "Theology of The Thirty-Nine Articles." The two classes were taught by Dr. Don Collett and Dr. Justyn Terry, respectively. The first class was based on video lectures, followed by two seminars in Cairo. The second course was taught through Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions.



Sherif Fahim and his family arrived in Grand Rapids, MI, and settled in quickly to their new lives there. Their three daughters were able to join a virtual school in Michigan. At Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary (PRTS), Sherif finished his previous course work and passed his German exam within the first few months. He then started preparing for his comprehensive exams that should take place in the coming month. Following this, Sherif will be preparing and beginning to write his dissertation.



It has been a year since **Shady** and his family moved to Cambridge. The family currently attends Christ Church Cambridge, which they have been finding to be very supportive. Eman is involved in the women's ministry group, and Nour and Yousef attend the Sunday school group at the church. Shady continues to study Luther and Cranmer and has started learning ecclesiastical Latin to read the untranslated resources of the Reformation. On June 28th, Shady took the first-year registration examination and passed.



Rev. Mark Senada's Ordination

On May 14th, Archbishop Dr. Mouneer Hanna ordained Rev. Mark Senada as the Youth Pastor for the diocese. Rev. Mark earned his Bachelor's degree in theology at AST in 2012 and a Master of Theology from Trinity School for Ministry in Pennsylvania, USA. He has been teaching the Old Testament in AST since 2017, and he is now leading the diocesan youth ministry. Rev. Mark was married last June to Joy Senada.



AST New academic year 2021-2022

AST enrolled forty new students in Cairo and Menya from different denominational backgrounds, including Anglican, Coptic Orthodox, and Catholic, for the new academic year.

AST Staff & Faculty Retreat



Last August, AST faculty and staff had their annual retreat at a Coptic monastery located along the Alexandria Desert Road. Archbishop Samy Shehata and Canon Dr. Ashley Null introduced and answered questions about the new board of Trustees' manual.

The retreat was a good opportunity of prayers, evaluation of the previous academic year, and strategic planning for the future.

Praise & Prayer

We would appreciate your prayers regarding:

- The AST accreditation progress from the Middle East Association for Theological Accreditation (MENATE) organization.
- The new academic year and the spiritual growth of the new students.
- The graduates, that God may use them in building the church faithfully.
- Archbishop Samy and his new role as a leader of the Anglican Province of Alexandria.