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Reopening of the Coptic Museum of Canada

The Coptic Museum of Canada is pleased to announce that after seventeen months of closure to the public the Museum will reopen on September 15, 2021 by celebrating Coptic New Year (Thout 1, 1738 A.M. - September 11, 2021). An on-site exhibition and three virtual events on the Holy Family's Journey into Egypt will mark this celebration.

Please refer to the Museum's website for information to plan your visit to the Museum and Reference Library.

Virtual Series on the Holy Family's Journey into Egypt

Registration is required for each presentation

**Confirmation of registration will be emailed the day before
each virtual session**

1. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 7pm-8.15pm

"The Path of the Holy Family in Egypt." (Narration in English)

A video prepared by the Nuns at St. George Convent (Old Cairo) based on their rigorous study of journey of the Holy Family in Egypt in documents of Church five Fathers: Pope Theophilus, 23rd Patriarch, Coptic Orthodox Church (4th century); St. John Chrysostom, Patriarch of Constantinople (4th century); Pope Timothy, 26th Patriarch (5th century); Bishop Zacharias, Bishop of Sakha and Bishop Kyriakos, Bishop of Bahnasa (both 7th century) and other documents. The texts of these manuscripts have helped trace the Holy Family's various stops in Egypt which have been photographed to produce an integrated documentary film on the path of the Holy family, including antiquities and modern landmarks at every station.

The video is narrated in English and accompanies the print publication with the same title. First aired in Egypt in 2020, His Holiness Pope Tawadros II has called it an important historical, geographical, and archeological document.

REGISTER HERE: <https://forms.gle/BK8DJJiLbpQX4kq2A>

Registration deadline: September 10, 2021

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2. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 7.00pm to 9.00pm

“Egyptian Journeys: Holy Families in Egypt.”

With Gayle Gibson, Egyptologist, Departmental Associate, World Cultures Department, Royal Ontario Museum and Vice-President, Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities.

Egypt was more often a place of refuge rather than of persecution. Abraham and Joseph found food and new lives Egypt; King Johan took Jeremiah with him to exile to Egypt. Most important of all is the story of Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus, who fled into Egypt to avoid persecution by King Herod. This talk will look at the story of the Holy Family and try to trace their footsteps. Along the way, we'll check out the story of the Massacre of the Holy Innocents, and the idea of other holy Families in Egypt.

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Registration deadline: September 17, 2021

3. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 7.00pm to 9.00pm

“The Journey of the Holy Family in Egypt Visualised by Artists” with Helene Moussa, Volunteer Curator, Coptic Museum of Canada.

*Artists also tell stories (history) through their works. For this presentation, I have unearthed and scanned published images located in and outside of churches and museums; such as icons, manuscripts illuminations, paintings, mosaics, clay work, stained glass work, sculptures & carvings, including commemorative medallions and postage stamps. Over fifty images works dating from the 12th to the 21st century have been selected to illustrate **how** the Holy family travelled, with whom they travelled, who they encountered, the miracles of Jesus as an infant, and more. While the majority of these works of art are Coptic renditions, the works of artists from other traditions create a cultural tapestry of the Holy Family's journey beyond borders.*

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Registration deadline: September 24, 2021

