



“Unless the Lord builds the house,
they labor in vain who build it.”
(Psalm 127:1)



Beloved brothers and sisters,

The vision of establishing a Coptic Orthodox church in Brentwood, CA began in 2022, when a group of faithful residents came together and expressed their deep desire for a local church community. When His Holiness Pope Tawadros II reviewed the request, he graciously approved the establishment of the church and gave it the blessed name St. Bishoy Church. By God's providence, a formal decision was issued on November 22, 2025, allowing prayers to begin—marking the birth of this blessed spiritual home.

By God's grace, our church has already been blessed with growth, fellowship, and active ministry. We are now prayerfully moving toward securing a church property, a permanent spiritual home where worship, sacraments, service, and Christian upbringing can continue for generations to come.

This church will serve many in our community: seniors seeking fellowship and guidance, youth in need of spiritual formation, families desiring a nurturing environment, and children learning the life of Christ through Sunday school and ministries. As St. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 6:7-8:

“With goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.”

To sustain our ministries and take this important step forward, the church is seeking to raise \$1,000,000 this year. If our families across the Bay Area and the United States of America unite in prayer, generosity, and by spreading the word, we trust that—by God's grace—this vision will become a reality.

The Coptic Orthodox Church, founded by St. Mark the Evangelist, has faithfully preserved the apostolic faith, rich liturgical worship, and Orthodox doctrine for nearly two thousand years. Our churches serve as spiritual homes

—places of repentance, healing, fellowship, and the nurturing of future generations in the life of Christ.

As St. Bishoy the Beloved reminds us:

“When the heart offers others a service for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, the image of the Lord is imprinted on him and he becomes enlightened by His light.”

We invite everyone to pray, discern, and participate with a joyful and willing heart, trusting that God provides through His people. Additionally, if anyone is able and willing to offer interest-free support or a temporary loan of any amount, we kindly ask that you reach out, as this would greatly assist the church as we move forward with wisdom and stewardship.

May the Lord bless every offering, great or small, and multiply it for His glory.

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For Donations by Check: please make checks payable to: St. Bishoy Coptic Orthodox Church – Brentwood, CA

For additional ways to support the church (online or electronic giving), please scan the QR code provided.



With Blessings

Father Antonios Baly

1/26/2026

