

St. Rebekah Service

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Interviews Checklist

Notes

- For each interview, get the exact spelling of their name (e.g. preferred last name, preferred nickname, etc.)
- Let the person know that their whole interview will be recorded and preserved but we may only use a small part of their recording in this video. Other parts may be used in future videos and documentaries.

Clergy

- ☐ HE Metropolitan Youssef
- ☐ HG Bishop Basil
- ☐ Fr Ephraim
- ☐ Fr Reweis
- ☐ Fr Maximus

Original Congregants

- Give me a history of the early service in St Rebekah
- What challenges did you face?
- What were the great rewards/benefits/fruits of the service in this community?
- How did it change when Fr Reweis was ordained?

- ☐ Fr Shenouda Kalleeny
- ☐ Fr Daoud Tawadrous
 - ☐ Ask them also about when Fr Reweis first came
- ☐ Nader Wahba
- ☐ Vevian Wahba
 - ☐ Ask her about the miracles that happened with the finances in the new building (the metal crosses, the donation boxes, etc.)
- ☐ Nagy Ayad
- ☐ Howida Ayad
- ☐ Sameh Girges
- ☐ Margo Girges
- ☐ Ihab Boulos

- ☐ Ask him about the construction of the church, the engineering, etc.
- ☐ Ask him about the new building
- ☐ Nancy Boulos
- ☐ Effat Menias
- ☐ Amal Menias
- ☐ Medhat Bedros - David Wahba to take care of these
 - ☐ Ask him also about the start of Sunday School in the Church
- ☐ Mona Bedros - David Wahba to take care of these
- ☐ Samir Azer - Fr Maximus to reach out

Original Youth

- How was church-life before St Rebekah?
- How was it being a part of a Church that was brand new and still growing?
- What were the blessings of that time?

- ☐ Michel Wahba
- ☐ Maria Wahba
- ☐ Andrew Girges
- ☐ Ledia Ayad
- ☐ Marina Ayad
- ☐ Mina Girgis
- ☐ Mary-Ellen Girgis
- ☐ George Khalil & May Khalil

Servants

- ☐ Jan Guirguis
 - ☐ Ask him also about the structure of Sunday School
- ☐ Yvone Guirguis
- ☐ Rafeek Nashed
 - ☐ Ask him about the early days of the service
- ☐ Heba Mikhail
 - ☐ Ask her about the early days of the service
- ☐ Magued Barsoum
- ☐ Lois Hanna
- ☐ Ehab Khalil
- ☐ Reham Hanna

- ☐ May Khalil
- ☐ Jimmy Zambrano
- ☐ Susan Zambrano
- ☐ Mena Ibrahim
- ☐ Maivel Salieb
- ☐ Joseph Helmy
- ☐ Marianne Dimetry

Other Services

- Ask about their service and how they have benefitted from it, and how they have seen the blessings of St Rebekah in that service
- It would be good if we have a short group video from the servants who serve in that group all together

- ☐ Tharwat Ghaly (Kitchen Service)
- ☐ Ashraf Aziz (Orban Service)
- ☐ Botros Zariel (Cleaning Service)
- ☐ Wahba Wahba (Orban, Van, Seniors)
- ☐ Isis Khalil (Seniors, Sick)

Board Members

- Especially treasurers, ask them how they have seen the blessings in the Church and the blessings in giving

- ☐ Mena Azmy & Ramy Massoud
 - ☐ Current treasurers
- ☐ George Khalil
 - ☐ He was treasurer after the church was built
- ☐ Peter Gayed
 - ☐ He was treasurer at the time of the construction
- ☐ Sherif Awad
- ☐ Hani Sefein
- ☐ Mina Khalil

Youth

- Youth can have one question/a few seconds
- Something like "What's your favorite thing about the service in St Rebekah"

- I believe for this, we can set a day and tell them that if they want to record they need to come on that day each person can have one take (or two max)... whoever comes, comes.
 - People who are remote, we will figure out

- ☐ Mina Salidis
- ☐ Mina Mikhaeil
- ☐ David Wahba
- ☐ Daniel Wahba
- ☐ Philopateer Ayad
- ☐ Emily Guirguis
- ☐ Mark Magdy Ibrahim
- ☐ Christy George
- ☐ Carine Hanna
- ☐ Antony Salidis
- ☐ Andrew Boulos
- ☐ Andrew Gouni
- ☐ Micheal Hanna
- ☐ Emanuel Botros
- ☐ Peter Israeil

Seniors

- ☐ Nagwa Mansour
- ☐ Nabil Khalil
- ☐ Michel Mikhail

Script

Chapter names need work....

General Principles

- Interviews should have people's names placed under them (at least the first time, but maybe every time)
- The theme can be like a book turning to the next page/chapter

Introduction

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. One God. Amen.

Our Church is a Living Church. She is alive! And every day is a new page in Her life. So when we look at the history of our beloved Church, we see many chapters. And we see how the Lord's hand was present in all of them with a pen in His hand.

As King David says in Psalm 126: "The Lord has done great things for us, we became joyful." (Psalm 126:3)

This year, we celebrate the 15th anniversary of the consecration of this building as a Church in the name of St Rebekah and her five children. Let us take this opportunity to look back and reflect on the previous chapters: to see all the great things that the Lord has done for us, and let us see what the Lord has in store for us in the next chapters.

“*Transition music:*

My Church, My Church, My Church it's my home, it's my mother, it's the secret to the joy of my life...

Refrain twice and fade out to black screen

Chapter 1: The Beginning

- South Orlando families before St Rebekah
- Bible Studies at the Residence Inn
- Greenway Church
- Hotel
- The naming of the Church

- The purchase of the Land

HEMY: The idea for this church started when HE Bishop Metias offered to me the relics of St Rebekah. He is the bishop of Sonbat. So I took it as a sign from God that we should build a church in the name of St Rebekah. So we started looking for a land or a church to buy...

Fr Shenouda/Fr Daoud:

Fr Maximus: In the beginning, we only had one church in Central Florida - St Mary and Archangel Michael in Oviedo. And actually, if you can believe it, sometimes we would actually go to St George in Daytona Beach because it was about the same distance! There was no SR 417 in those days, so you could take the i4 to Daytona Beach, or local roads to Oviedo and it was basically the same.

It speaks to the faithfulness of those early families who immigrated to Central Florida, that despite the distance and the inconvenience of going to a far church, Sunday liturgy was a MUST. Nothing would stop them from attending the Liturgy on Sunday. And on top of that, the few families that lived in South Orlando would gather together every week and alternate taking a van of kids to the Hymns Classes, Vespers and Praises in St Mary Oviedo. This was the beginning of a community. Parents coming together for the salvation of their children.

Original Congregants: Stories about the original Bible Studies in Residence Inn, stories about Greenway, how we used to pack everything up and then come early to unpack it, stories about moving to the hotel, stories about buying the land of the Church.

Original Youth: Memories about Uncle Emad, stories about the aforementioned.

Chapter 2: The Foundation Stone (2008-2011)

- Laying the Foundation Stone (October 26, 2008)
- Ordination of Fr Reweis (October 26, 2008)
- Reception of Fr Reweis?
- The Beginning of the Service
- Construction

Chapter 3: The Church

- First Liturgy (Resurrection 2011)
- Consecration (September 2011)
- Service videos
 - (e.g. when the kids did the sacraments... Joe giving communion, Sam and Julie getting married, Andrew Boulos getting ordained by Bishop Phillip Ayad)

Chapter 4: Growth

- Announcement and Reception of Fr Ephraim (Jan 2015)
- Visit of HH Pope Tawadros (Mar 2016)
- Iconostasis (Oct 2017)

Chapter 5: Home

- Announcement of Fr Maximus (May 2025)
- Ordination of Fr Maximus (Sep 2025)

Chapter 6: New Building

- Renderings of the new building and pictures of similar properties (these can be used with AI to give us a little walkthrough video)
- Full size Gymnasium with Basketball, Volleyball, Pickleball
- Theater for Performances
- Expanding Sunday School (10 rooms larger than the largest room in current building)
- Enclosed Parking Garage to maximize space
- Dedicated spaces for: Medical Clinic, Dental Clinic, Food Bank
 - Can we say this publicly?
- Include many statistics like how many people it can hold, etc.

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TODO: Fr Maximus

Documentary

- ☐ Acquire better microphone for recording interviews
- ☐ Re-record HE Metropolitan Youssef? (With Mic and better background)
- ☐ Finalize list of interviewees
- ☐ Reach out to Samir Azer
- ☐ Reach out to David to record Medhat and Mona
- ☐ Micheal Hanna

New Building

- ☐ Contact architect to request full quality renderings of the building from outside (and inside if available)
- ☐ Acquire Pictures/Videos of the gym & theater in St George and St Shenouda
- ☐ Acquire Pictures/Videos of the gym in St Mary Delray Beach
- ☐ Try to play with AI to make a video
- ☐ Assess the guys in Egypt