

# Blessings

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## New Church Project Update!

### Updates:

Since submitting the Site Plan application back in November, we've made steady progress on the new Church project, including recent meetings with members of Town Council. Below is a brief summary of some of the key events over the past six months:

- November 23rd – Site Plan application submitted
- January 30th – all comments received from the Town, Halton Region and Conservation Halton
- March 1st – meeting with Halton Region to discuss site traffic plan
- April 15th – submission of traffic technical memorandum to Halton Region
- May 15th to June 29th – several meetings with Town of Milton Planning department, as well as members of Town Council, to discuss and finalize second site plan submission.

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## Next Steps!

*We have three key priorities for 2022:*

### Goal #1

Secure Master Site Plan approval

### Goal #2

Award Contract to commence site services (sewers, stormwater, electrical and hydro)

### Goal #3

Issue and award Request for Proposal (RFP) for detail design

*We are excited about the progress being made and thank you for your continued prayers and support. May the Lord allow us the joy of seeing this project come to completion, in His time.*





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## Maintenance Projects

Over the course of the past six months, and with the grace of God, the Church was able to complete several significant maintenance projects at both locations in support the ongoing needs of the ministry. These include:

- Roof repairs at Lighthouse
- Complete replacement of the skylight at Lighthouse
- Design and construction of a new concrete ramp to the gym.
- Full HVAC cleaning and parts replacement at church

Thank you to all those who contributed to these initiatives, and to our maintenance for their efforts supporting these projects.





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## Spring Trip 2022

Contributed by Catherine Soliman  
on behalf of SGSA Youth Council

**One of the highlights of the 2022 year was the spring trip to Niagara!**

This spring, the High School Youth of SGSA enjoyed a memorable weekend at Niagara Falls. On our way to Niagara, we made a stop at Saint George and Saint Mercurius Coptic Orthodox Church located in St. Catherine's. There, we enjoyed a short liturgy and sang praises and worship songs with Father Antonious (who accompanied our praises with his violin). After this short stop, we then headed to Niagara where the youth were busy with activities around the city such as arcades, Sky Wheel, candy shops, etc... The schedule also included a spiritual program in which guest speakers were invited to speak with us about our trip theme (time management), including Father George Ibrahim from Saint George and Saint Mercurius Coptic Orthodox Church. As we spent time bonding at the trip, it helped us to get closer to our class members and Sunday school servants. Socializing with our Sunday school class outside the service time, helped us to learn more about one another and engaged us in our regular services at church. Trips like these are very essential and important in our growth as servants.

**As members of the first ever SGSA Youth Council, it was a blessing and a great experience to have been part of the planning process of the trip. We look forward to many more!**





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## SGSA at Milton SummerFest

SummerFest is an annual street festival organized by Downtown Milton to gather all local businesses. Around 17,000 people visit the SummerFest every year. The SGSA Outreach Committee decided to gather the youth and organize a booth to spread awareness about SGSA. The main purpose was to inform the community in Milton about the Coptic Church and invite them to visit us one day.

The booth attracted many from the community and was busy from 11 AM - 8 PM. SGSA Youth offered a vast variety of activities and giveaways: children's crafts, Father's Day photo booth, engraved verses, and free customized keychains. In fact, the customized keychains were a crowd-pleaser, as many lined up to their names in engraved Coptic on wooded keychains. As people stopped by, our youth took the opportunity to greet members of the community to chat about the Coptic Church and its rich heritage, while also inviting them to come and enjoy the upcoming Abanoub Milton Coptic Festival.





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## SGSA at Milton SummerFest

SummerFest was a positive experience for both the youth and for those who came by the booth. SGSA Youth worked up the courage to talk to the general public about their Coptic Church and welcome them with open arms to visit the Church to learn more.



Thank you to all the  
volunteers and youth who  
participated in the SGSA  
Outreach Committee, and for  
everyone who stopped by to  
support them!

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# 7th ANNUAL MILTON COPTIC FESTIVAL



## ABANOUB FESTIVAL

### 7th Annual Milton Coptic Festival

A BIG "Thank you" to all church members for making it another Successful St Abanoub Festival. We could not have done it without you and your families!!!!

Thank you for inviting your friends, neighbors, and coworkers. May the Lord Jesus bring his children closer to him and the Coptic church.



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# WHY IS THE MONTHLY DIRECT DEPOSIT CRITICAL FOR THE CHURCH STABILITY?

✓ Provides funding for  
**STABLE OPERATIONS**

✓ Solid standing  
**WITH THE BANK**

✓ helps us plan better  
**FOR THE FUTURE**

CURRENT  
MONTHLY DIRECT  
DEPOSITS BASED  
ON PROGRAM  
PARTICIPATION  
**\$51K /MONTH**



## HOW TO PARTICIPATE?!

**E-MAIL A  
VOID CHEQUE**

OR

**FILL A FORM**

OR

**PAYPAL**

**[SGSA.CA/FUNDRAISING](http://SGSA.CA/FUNDRAISING)**





# TAKE THE BLESSINGS & **DONATE TODAY!**

4 Ways To Contribute

## PAYPAL OR CREDIT CARD

Go to [sgsa.ca/PayPal](https://sgsa.ca/PayPal) or Scan



## CHEQUES

Payable to "Church of St. George  
& St. Abanoub" and mail it to : 860  
Nipissing Rd, Milton, ON L9T 4Z9



## MONTHLY DIRECT DEPOSIT

Go to [sgsa.ca/debit](https://sgsa.ca/debit) or Scan



## CREDIT CARD MACHINE

Contact accounting office:  
**905.226.7472**



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