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Bishop Serapion Congratulates Egyptian People on the Success of June 30th Revolution

Hopes for freedom, equality of all citizens, social justice and prosperity

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The Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Los Angeles, led by His Grace, Bishop Serapion, congratulates the Egyptian people for the historic showing of millions of Egyptian citizens demanding to be heard. It was not a military coup, but rather a popular uprising in which the military implemented the will of the people of Egypt.

“Through the admirable youth efforts and peaceful demonstrations, the will of the people has finally been heard,” said Bishop Serapion. “We are very encouraged because of the role young people played in organizing these millions of people. We look forward to transparent presidential and parliamentary elections, a constitution representing all Egyptians, and the continuation of the democratic process in Egypt. “

"Egypt is facing a lot of challenges which need the work of all Egyptians together without exclusion of any group. Egypt also needs the support of all nations and people who support freedom and justice," said Bishop Serapion.

Bishop Serapion continued his statement saying, “The Coptic Church here in America continues to pray for the people of Egypt. This is a new day for Egypt. May God bless them as He always has, and continue to protect them in the historic days ahead.”

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The Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria is the largest Christian Church in Egypt and the Middle East. The Church was founded by St. Mark the Evangelist and Apostle in 42 A.D. Today, Coptic Christians are led by His Holiness Pope Tawadrous II, and make up about 10-15 percent of Egypt's population.

With over 30 parishes, the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Los Angeles and Hawaii is the largest Coptic diocese outside of Egypt. Led by His Grace Bishop Serapion, the Diocese of Los Angeles accounts for 12,000-15,000 families.

Continuous persecution of Egypt's Christian population paved the way for a Coptic Diaspora throughout the world, with a great number finding refuge in the United States where Christians are given the same opportunities and freedoms as everyone else.

Today, the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Los Angeles serves to create strong ties with the community at large and improve relations with other churches and faiths, while still preserving and sharing the Church's rich and ancient heritage.

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