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For kids, by kids

BOOK REVIEW



ST VEREINA BY FATHER ARSENIOS ABBA MOSES

RETOLD BY EMMANUEL ZAKI

St Verena was born in Egypt to good and wise parents. Her parents taught her to fear God. They wanted her to learn about the christian faith so they sent her to bishop Chaeramon to learn. After the bishop passed away she traveled to upper Egypt to see her close relative Saint Maurice.

Saint Maurice was a soldier in the army of the Theban Legion and the relatives of the soldiers were allowed to travel with them to take care of them. So Saint Verena traveled with Saint Maurice to Switzerland. Wherever she went with the army she would often visit prisons and martyrs to take care of them. She would go to the poor's houses to clean and tend to the sick people.

When the leader of the Legion found out that Saint Maurice and some of the soldiers were Christians he ordered them beheaded.

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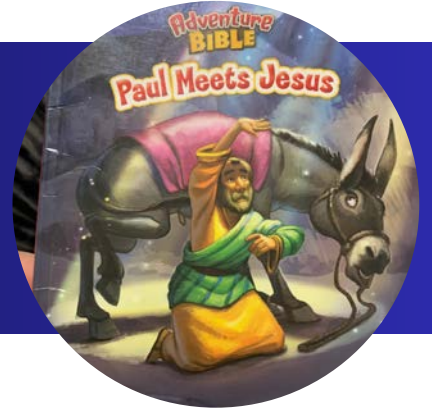


After Saint Verena found out that they were beheaded she lived in a cave to strengthen her faith in God. She also spent her time caring for young girls.

She taught them the path Christian faith. She also taught them how to take care of themselves. She performed many miracles like healing the sick and giving sight to the blind. Saint Verena became famous because of her works. The Roman Governor arrested her and sent her to jail.

Saint Maurice came to her in a vision to comfort her, after her release from jail she continually did many miracles. At the time of Saint Verena's departure Saint Mary appeared to her to strengthen her. We celebrate her martyrdom on the fourth day of tout. May her blessings be with us.

PAUL MEETS JESUS



By Mateo Mossad - Year 1

This story is about a man named Saul, who hated Jesus and the Christians. He was on the road to a city called, Damascus when a bright light shone from the sky. It was so bright he could not see and he heard God's voice from heaven. Saul was very scared. When he got up, he was blind!

His friends helped him to get into the city. He was blind for 3 days. He did not eat or drink. Meanwhile God spoke to a man named Ananias: "Go help Saul." But Ananias did not want to because Saul was too naughty. God told Ananias to go because He wanted Saul to bring the good news to all men and preach Christ.

Ananias found Saul and helped him. Saul was not blind anymore! Saul changed his name to Paul because he was a new person and a follower of God. He told everyone about God and even healed the lame! He brought many people to Christ and was even imprisoned for his faith. There he wrote to everyone telling them "God loves you!"

FIRESIDE CHAT



Q&A with Amal Assad
by Evie Hanna Yr 4

Q1: Thank you for seeing me today Tunt Amal. I heard you saw St Mary appear in Zaiton in 1968. How old were you and who did you go with?

Thank you Evie for inviting me to share my experience seeing our Mother, St Mary. I was 5 years old and I went for a whole week with my Dad, Mum and my brother. We would go every day from 6pm and attend a vigil mass until 6am in the morning. We stayed the whole night so we had a chance to see St Mary and that was Dad's plan because St Mary was his very dear friend.

Q2: Can you please explain what you saw?

I saw st Mary on the top of the Church where the cross stands and she was bowing in front of the cross and I also saw her behind the Church windows. There were a lot of lights, different lights, heavenly lights and a dove in the sky. This was unusual - doves never fly at night. It was white and different to any other dove.

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Q3: How did it make you feel?

I wasn't scared at all, I was happy, I was surprised and I felt I was blessed. That's why after all these years, even though I was really young I still remember it as if it was just yesterday.

Q4: Did St Mary move or speak?

She didn't speak but she moved and she waved.

Q5: How has it changed your relationship with St Mary?

I love her, she is my mother. I go to her when I am stuck I ask her for a lot of things. She is my best friend and that changed my life. I have a lot of miracles with St Mary just when I ask her because she is a mother and she loves everyone.

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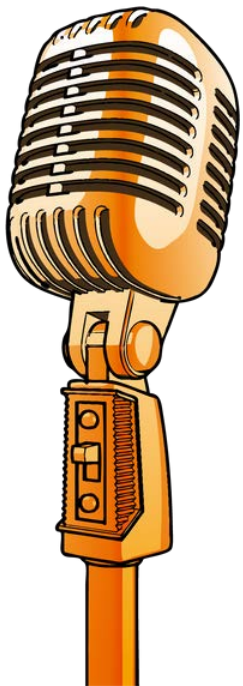
Q6: Do you remember any miracles?

Lots of miracles happened in front of the church where she appeared. There was a sort of big tent and it was dark except a candle used to sing and pray. All of a sudden a man shouted saying “I saw St Mary!” Then everyone ran towards him. He was in a wheelchair but he jumped and walked saying, “St Mary blessed me and I am walking!” We felt she was with us in the tent praying.

Wow, thank you tunt Amal.

MEMORY VERSE

PRAISE THE LORD, ALL YOU
NATIONS;
EXTOL HIM, ALL YOU PEOPLES.
FOR GREAT IS HIS LOVE TOWARD
US,
AND THE FAITHFULNESS OF
THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.
PRAISE THE LORD.
PSALM 117



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