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ST. MINA COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. By the grace of God, we have recently completed our newest building at the retreat center: St. Mina Coptic Orthodox Church. On March 9th, 2007, which was the commemoration of the Departure of His Holiness Pope Kyrillos VI, we celebrated the first Liturgy in our new church.

It is only by God's grace and your prayers and support that St. Mina Retreat Center will continue to grow. We have enclosed three marked envelopes if you wish to take the blessing of this wonderful project.



Post-Graduate Retreat – January 26-27, 2007



Though our stay was short, the Post-Grad group had a wonderful time at the St. Mina Retreat Center. Several of us arrived late on Friday because of the weather but were treated to a great discussion on the "Basics of Faith: Thanksgiving" given by Dan Awad. After some engaging social activities, a couple members of the group prayed Tasbeha in the basement chapel.

On Saturday, we celebrated the holy liturgy with Fr Maximus and ate lunch together. Since this was a first-time visit for many of us, we toured the premises and visited the newly constructed church. All of us were pleasantly surprised at how far the retreat center had come along in only a few months. Afterwards,

we were treated to a great discussion by Dr. Athanacios Nasr on "The Christian View of the Body". We thank the Lord for this great opportunity and we hope and pray that we will be able to do this again in the near future.

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TO THE FRIENDS OF ST. MINA RETREAT CENTER...

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. This year (2007), God-willing, there will be retreats at St. Mina Retreat Center according to the following schedule. All are invited and strongly encouraged to attend and enjoy the blessing of taking time out of their schedule to truly retreat with the Lord.

- **♣** January 11–13
- ♣ February 1–3
- **★** March 8–10
- ♣ April None
- **★** May 3–5
- **4** June 7–9
- **★** June 21–23 (Consecration of St. Mina's Church in Mariout)

- ★ July through August Retreat Center will be available throughout the weekdays to serve any youth or adults.
- **♣** September 13–15
- October 4–6
- ♣ November 1–3
- November 23–25 (St. Mina's Feast)
- ♣ December None









