

## **St. Mary's Coptic Orthodox Church**

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Our dear fathers the priests, the deacons, and our beloved brothers and sisters, the Board and congregation of St. George's Coptic Orthodox Church, Surrey, BC:

With great sadness we join in prayer with you, asking God to grant peace and comfort to the blessed congregation of St George's and all the faithful of Vancouver. For decades, St George's Church has been a beacon for the Orthodox Church in Vancouver, its beloved fathers and congregation blessing our city with their prayers, services, and love to the whole community. St George's Church has been a home and part of the history of all the Copts of British Columbia, holding a prominent place in all our hearts.

We stand in solidarity with you and have faith that the true glory and beauty of this great church will continue to shine throughout this tragedy and always. We pray that God will provide comfort through this hardship and give strength to the blessed congregation of St George's Church to rebuild and continue to be a pillar for the Orthodox faithful of Vancouver.

In Christ,

Father Antonius Fikry, the Board of St Mary's Coptic Orthodox Church, Surrey, BC