



COPTIC ORTHODOX PATRIARCHATE

St Mary & St Abraam Coptic Orthodox Church, Ajax, Ontario

Important Information about Mahragan El Keraza 2016

Dear parent

Mahragan Dates and Location

- The Regional Competition of Mahragan El Keraza will be held on **September 10th & 11th** this year. The Theme of this year's Mahragan is "**Taste & See, The Lord is Good**"
- The Regional Award Ceremony will be held on **September 25th**.
- It is held at Church of Virgin Mary & St. Athanasius, 1245 Eglinton Avenue West, Mississauga, ON

Mahragan Website

Website for Mahragan Elkeraza <http://www.mahragan.ca/> It has all the information and the curriculum.

Permission Form

Please Fill in a permission form for your kid. Ask the servants in your kids Sunday School class to give you the permission form.

Registration Deadline

Complete Forms need to be returned to your kid servants no later than **June 25, 2016**.

Mahragan Activities

The Mahragan El Keraza includes many activities depending on the grade of the children. The activities include:

- 1) Spiritual and Memorization
- 2) Research
- 3) Hymns and Tasbeha
- 4) Coptic Language:
- 5) Drama& Mime: Play or Drama & Mime
- 6) Praise& Music
- 7) Arts
- 8) Creative writing
- 9) Multimedia& Technology
- 10) Sports:
 - Soccer (for Grade1 & up)
 - Basketball (for Grade 3 & up)
 - Relay (for K to Grade 4)
 - Table tennis (for Grade 3 & up)
 - Chess (for Grade 3 & up)

Participation in the Spiritual is a must to participate in any other activity. Please encourage you son/daughter to participate in many activities. Fill in the checklist of activities and submit to the servants.

Books for Mahragan or photocopies

Coloured hard copies of the books can be bought directly from the Mahragan website

<http://www.mahragan.ca/#!orders/c1u2v> at a cost of \$10 per book. As a cheaper option, our church would provide your child with a black and white photocopy. Please make a contribution of \$3 to cover the cost.

Mahragan T-Shirts

The Church T-Shirts with Mahragan logo will be available at \$7. However we need to know the number of participants as soon as possible to make the T-shirt order.

Transportation for Mahragan

Please inform the servants if you think it is a good idea to rent the bus for transportation of kids to the Mahragan **ONLY** on Saturday September 10, 2016, again **ONLY on Saturday**. Please note that the bus cost the church about \$450 per day. However, Parents will be responsible for driving the kids on **Sunday** September 11, 2016.

Estimated Costs (subject to change):

- If using a bus on Saturday Sep 10 and your own vehicle on Sun Sep 11:
 - Estimated cost **per kid is \$40** (\$20 for registration + \$7 for T-Shirt + \$10 for bus + \$3 for booklet)(**the church will pay the balance**).
- If you have your own transportation for both days
 - Estimated cost **per kid is \$30** (\$20 for registration + \$7 for T-Shirt + \$3 for booklet) (**the church will pay the balance**).

Special Information regarding Table Tennis (Ping-pong) and Chess:

As you know Table Tennis (Ping-Pong) and Chess are not team activities but rather a single player activities. The Mahragan organizing committee often limit the number of players per church and per grade (For example they may allow only one player per church in the age group of G3-4 and only one player in the age group for Grade 5-6).

Some kids may not be able to represent the church in ping-pong and chess, even if they were interested. We will determine who represent the church based on the following criteria:

- 1) Behaviour
- 2) Attendance of practices
- 3) Performance level

How this is going to work:

- 1) Good Behaviour (30%): will be demonstrated by
 - listening to the teacher
 - not disturbing the activity
 - helping in the set up of the equipment and its removal at each session
- 2) Attendance in the practices (30%)
 - A minimum attendance of 50% of the practice **between May 28, 2019 and July 16, 2016**. Practices schedule is **generally** as follows **but may change:**
 - Ping Pong (Saturdays from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm)
 - Chess (Saturdays from 4:45 pm to 5:30 pm)
 - presence in the particular activity (just being in church is not enough to be counted as attendance)
 - Please note that **from July 23 to September 3, the practices will be reserved to ONLY the players who will represent** the church at the Mahragan based on the above criteria.
- 3) Performance level and skill (40%)
 - The coach will determine the level of the players
 - Tests or games may be used to determine the performance level

If you have any question regarding the above please contact Safa at 705-957-7747



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Permission Form & Registration for Mahragan ElKeraza

To be filled by parents/guardians of participants UNDER 18 years old

Please return the form by June 25, 2016

Trip/ Activity: Children Mahragan El Keraza

Place: The Church of Virgin Mary & St. Athanasius, 1245 Eglinton Avenue West, Mississauga, ON, L5V 2M4
Tel. 905-567-4032

Dates: September 10 & 11, 2016 (Tests) and September 25, 2016 (Awards)

Participant Grade Completed: _____ **Name:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Phone #: _____

OHIP card # _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Special condition, medications or allergies: _____

Family Doctor Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Emergency contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

By signing this form I, the parent/guardian of _____ **(the Participant):**

- Give permission to my child the participant, to participate in this trip/activity of the Mahragan El-Keraza 2016 and agree that my child, the participant, will abide by all the rules and regulations of the trip/activity and the instructions of the Trip/Activity leader(s); otherwise, he/she will be returned on my expenses
- Permit the Church, the trip/activity leader(s), or whom they may designate, to act on my behalf in case of medical emergencies or accidents pertaining to my child, the participant, during the trip/activity
- Authorize the medical doctor, hospital or medical center to act as they see fit to treat my child in case of emergencies or accidents; I will be responsible for the cost of the treatment or medical procedures; and
- Release the Church and its priests, directors and members as well as the trip/activity leader(s) from all liabilities or responsibilities that may arise from accidents or other events during the trip/activity. Signed at the **City of** _____

On: (date) _____ **Parent/Guardian signature** _____



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Activities of Mahragan El Keraza 2016

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Choose the activities that you are interested in:

- Research (G 3-6)
- Hymn and Tasbeha (K-6)
- Coptic Language (K-6)
- Drama and Mime
- Praise and music (K-6)
- Arts
- Creative writing (K-6)
- Multimedia and Technology (G 3-6)



Sports

- (Relay (K-4)
- soccer (G1-6)
- basketball (G3-6)
- Table tennis {Ping-pong}(G3-6)
- chess (G3-6)

