

Monday, March 3, 2025

EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUEST

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Accommodation for Religious Belief and Practice

Our family is part of the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria, an ancient Apostolic Church founded by Saint Mark the Evangelist around the year 42 A.D. According to our Church's Tradition and unique calendar, the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, commonly known as "Easter", will be celebrated on Sunday, April 20, 2025. As such, the following days leading up to the Feast are considered religious holy days for our family:

- Holy Passover (Pascha) Week from Monday, April 14 to Friday, April 18
- Holy Thursday, April 17
- Good Friday, April 18

This letter is provided by the Clergy of St. Mary & St. George Coptic Orthodox Church in Tallahassee for all parishioners who wish to provide notice to their employer of the religious observance on these holy days.

For more information about Orthodox Christianity, please visit our website at <u>smsgchurch.org</u>. We thank you for your cooperation and acknowledgement of this request.

Sincerely,

+ Very Rev. Fr. Ibrahim Girgis

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