



March 2014

**Matthew 19:14** "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for such is the kingdom of heaven"

**Bula!**

**Welcome to our first edition of St. Mina's newsletter!**

**Under the auspices of H.G. Bishop Suriel, St. Mina Children's Home is the first Coptic Orthodox Children's Home in the Diocese of Melbourne and affiliated regions. Our mission is to cooperate and collaborate with local authorities and members of the community to offer a new start to disadvantaged children and a desire to make a difference to their lives. We work together in partnership with the Department of Social Welfare to house children in need of care and protection. We work together to meet children's physical, emotional and spiritual needs so they can have a much brighter future. We look after children from newborn up to 17 years old. We also have a semi-independent home to accommodate girls who have reached 17 years old and would like stay further and continue their education. We are currently blessed to have 16 beautiful boys and girls at St. Mina's Home.**

**Happy Feast of St. Pope Kyrillos VI!**

### **Be A Light Unto The World:**

Be a light wherever ye dwell, that men may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Mat 5:16), showing in your lives a good example and a living testimony to the Spirit of God that works in you.

Offer unto all a bright image of your holy church, her true orthodox faith, her glorious and wonderful history and her profound and ever-felt influence in the Christian world.

And our Loving God, Who was with Abraham in the land of his sojourn and preserved him bound with His obedience, and Who was with Daniel and the three children in the land of their sojourn and preserved them in their faith, in their fasting and in their prayer, and Who was with Joseph the righteous in the land of his sojourn and preserved him in his purity and truth, the Same be with you also in the land of your sojourn. May He preserve you with His strong right hand, holy and perfect and abounding in every good work.

**-St. Pope Kyrillos VI**



**Feast of St. Pope Kyrillos VI  
9<sup>th</sup> March/ 30<sup>th</sup> Amshir**

[www.stminaschildrenshome.org](http://www.stminaschildrenshome.org)



### Ways To Assist:

-Get involved! –We are looking for volunteers for 3 months (1 month minimum commitment).If you are interested, please contact Fr. Mark Attalla

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-Your prayers and any donation is greatly appreciated,

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Visitation by appointment:  
Tuesday-Saturday 2.00pm -4.00pm

### Volunteer Testimonial:

"I spent under 10 days in July 2013 at St. Mina Children's Home and was really touched by the children and carers. The majority of the time I spent making crafts and focusing on educational activities with some of the children, which was lots of fun for the children and even myself! The environment of St. Mina's Home is so positive and heart-warming and there wasn't a question of whether I should come back or not. Hence, I returned a couple of months later in December that year for two weeks. I was pleased to meet more wonderful kids and got to know the carers a lot more also. The love and care they put into the children astounded me and I was humbled by their devotion. I genuinely learnt so much not only from the carers but even by being around the children, who were just so affectionate and had smiles that brightened your day. I plan to return as soon as I can and encourage those who are interested to do as much as they can for the Home; it would make an immense difference to those less fortunate."

-Anonymous Volunteer,  
Melbourne

