



St. Paul American Coptic Orthodox Church



2024 ST. PAUL'S 5K RUN AND FAMILY FUN DAY!

Sponsorship Invitation Letter

On behalf of St. Paul American Coptic Orthodox Church of NC, the Fundraising Committee together with Fr. Michael Hanna cordially invites you to become a Sponsor of our first major community fundraising event – The 2024 St. Paul 5K: “Let’s Start the Coptic New Year Running!”

Established in 2017, St. Paul’s is an English-speaking parish of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Kentucky under the care of His Grace Bishop Peter. Our parish aims to reflect the rich heritage of Coptic Orthodox Christianity to people from all cultural and ethnic backgrounds in the Cary and Apex region.

The 5K commemorates the Coptic New Year, celebrated each year in September for nearly two millennia, in honor of the martyrs of the Early Church as well as those of our contemporary times. As we “run into our new year”, we hope you can help us achieve our goal to build a permanent church on a recently purchased property in Apex. With your generous support, this future church will host prayer services, Bible studies, youth activities, and a hub for ministries serving the towns of Apex, Cary, Holly Springs and throughout the Triangle.

The 5K Run and Family Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 7, 2024, at the Wake Med Soccer Park Cross Country Course in Cary. The day will kick off at 8:00 A.M with the run, recognition of the top race finishers, refreshments, bouncy houses, and lawn games for all those gathered. Friends, family, and members of the community are welcome to join us at the celebrations!

As a Sponsor of the 2024 St. Paul 5K event, your contribution will defray the cost of organizing the event and go directly toward building our new church and our fundraising goal of \$50,000. All gifts of any size are tax deductible, and Sponsors will be recognized for their partnership.

Use below QR Code or go to <https://www.stpaulorthodoxnc.org/5k-sponsorship> to learn more and fill in and submit the sponsorship form. You can also contact our event coordinator, Sarah Abdelmessih, to set up sponsorship or answer any questions, at stpaulacoc5k@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of becoming a Sponsor.

“The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore, we His servants will arise and build.”

Nehemiah 2:20



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