



Saint Mary & Saint George Coptic Orthodox Church – Tallahassee, FL
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Tuesday, March 3, 2026

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 12, 2026. 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 6 to Friday, April 10
- Holy Thursday, April 9
- Good Friday, April 10

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 smsgchurch.org. We thank you for your cooperation and acknowledgement of this request.

Sincerely,

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