

## St. Pishoy

- + St. Pishoy loved God from his childhood. (1 Jn. 3:1) He was earmarked by God to become one of His closest children, as was told to his mother while he was still a child.
- + St. Pishoy left the world and went to the monastery at a young age. (1 Jn. 2:15-17).
- + St. Pishoy was mentored by Anba Pimoah who was the spiritual father of many saints (e.g. St. John the Short, St. Illyria). He was also chosen by God to meet and get the story of Anba Karrass the Anchorite.
- + St. Pishoy grew in grace, and love. He loved the Holy Scriptures. He was given the grace of getting explanations from Jeremiah the prophet himself while reading his books in the old testament.
- + He loved God with all his heart. He longed to pray to Him unceasingly (1 Thess 5:17). He used to tie his hair to the roof of his cell to keep him awake all the night in order he can pray.
- + Through his love to the poor and the brethren, he was given the grace to see and touch our LORD Jesus Christ on several occasions during his lifetime. (1 Jn. 3:18; 4:8, 16, 21)
  - + Washing the LORD's feet. While thinking that he was helping a poor man on his way, St. Pishoy invited the poor man to his cell. He poured water in a bowl and started washing his feet. Moments later, he discovered that he was washing Jesus's feet.
  - + Carrying the LORD on his shoulders. When the brethren asked him to ask the LORD to reveal Himself to them, he prayed to God and was told to go to a certain hill at a certain time to see Him. While on the way, the monks met a poor man who asked them to take him with them to see Jesus too. All the monks refused and rushed to see Jesus. St. Pishoy agreed to carry the poor man on his shoulders and walk with him up the hill. While carrying him, he felt the man's weight increasing until he couldn't walk anymore. Looking up his shoulders, he found that He was carrying the LORD. All the other brethren missed the opportunity.
- + Because of St. Pishoy's obedience to God and His commandments, St. Pishoy was perfected by God's Love. (1 Jn. 1:5)
- + Because he had the honor of carrying the LORD and washing His, his body remained uncorrupted after he died.
- + 1 Jn. 1:9-10 and 1 Jn. 1:5.

Memorization verse: 1 Jn. 4:21 "... he who loves God must love his brother also"