

## Today

The place of the Holy Monastery of the Prophet Moses in the world today.

The Holy Monastery of the Prophet Moses was established some 30 years ago by His Eminence, Damianos, Archbishop of The Orthodox Church of



Sinai. His Eminence recognized the need for a women's monastery in Sinai as well as the need to preserve the historical and spiritual heritage of Feiran.

The Orthodox Church of Sinai is an independent canonical Orthodox Church in full communion with other canonical orthodox churches. Traditionally, the Archbishop of Sinai is consecrated by the Patriarch of Jerusalem from candidates nominated by the fathers and brothers of the Monastery of St. Catherine in Sinai.



Mother Gennadia & Sister Nektaria

## Meeting Challenges

Friends of the Holy Monastery of the Prophet Moses Needs You

The historical churches and communities in the cradle of Christianity face numerous challenges today. Political and economic instability deprive these communities of their usual means of support, pilgrimage and tourism while the people in the area as well as those of Orthodox countries, such as Greece are themselves in economic distress. Meanwhile their immediate neighbors depend even more upon their love and support

Feiran is suffering from an extended drought that is killing the oasis and threaten to destroy the orchards and gardens of the monastery. In 2013 Sister Nektaria reached out to a recent American visitor and asked for help to drill a well. A portion of the money was raised from the people of two orthodox churches in Dallas. The problem was that no deep well drilling rigs exist in Egypt and the cost of transport from Greece is high.

Though only a portion of the money was raised, God provided the increase and made the new well possible.



Obviously a new motor and pump were needed. Within a few weeks the people gave enough to purchase them.

Mother Gennadia gave her blessing to establish the Friends of the Holy Monastery of the Prophet Moses in hope that it will be able to meet the needs of the monastery and the surrounding community. The challenges are great but God has moved you to be generous and that has made all the difference.

# FRIENDS OF THE HOLY MONASTERY OF THE PROPHET MOSES



## FEIRAN, EGYPT

## Who

Who are The Friends of the Holy Monastery of the Prophet Moses?

The Friends of the Holy Monastery of the Prophet Moses is a public charity dedicated to helping the Holy Monastery of the Prophet Moses in Feiran, Egypt, the surrounding community and other endangered or distressed historical Christian communities.

On September 23, 2014 the United States I.R.S. Granted 501c3, tax exempt status as a 509(a)(2) public charity to Friends of the Holy Monastery of the Prophet Moses. Tax exempt status can be confirmed with I.R.S. Document Locator Number (DLN) 26053676002344 . Donations to Friends of the Holy Monastery of the Prophet Moses are tax-deductible.

## Where

Where in the world is the Holy Monastery of the Prophet Moses?

The Holy Monastery of the Prophet Moses is located in Feiran, Sinai, Egypt. The front entrance of the monastery is at latitude 28.7055660°, longitude 033.6338960°.



## Historical Significance

What is the significance of the Holy Monastery of the Prophet Moses?

The Holy Monastery of the Prophet Moses was constructed 30 years ago in Feiran, Egypt on the site of the biblical location known as Rephidim. At Rephidim the Israelites defeated the forces of Amalek, who had refused to allow them to drink from the waters of the oasis there. That oasis exists even today. During that battle the Israelites prevailed as long as Moses held his staff high, as God instructed. However, as Moses grew tired and lowered his staff, the forces of Amalek prevailed. To insure victory, Aaron and Hur supported the arms of Moses until Amalek was defeated.

The church fathers saw the pre-figurement of the cross in Moses' upheld staff. This typology of the cross was also extended to the battle itself as in one hymn of the Great Fast, Satan is referred to as, "The Amalek of the Passions." St. Andrew of Crete wrote:

Rise and make war against the passions of the flesh, as Joshua did against Amalek, and ever conquer the Gibeonites — illusive thoughts. (*Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete, Ode 6, referencing Exodus 17:8; Joshua 8:21*)

In early Christian times Feiran was called, "The City Of Hermits" due to the number of anchorites who lived in the area. There are numerous ruins of churches and monasteries from the second and third centuries in the area. Originally, Feiran was the seat of Archiepiscopal see of Sinai.



To learn more about The Friends Of The Holy Monastery of The Prophet Moses, the monastery, the surrounding archeological sites, the biblical site of Rephidim as well as ways in which you can help preserve and promote these world heritage sites and communities please visit our website:

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