



Facoltà Valdese
di Teologia

Coptic Studies
Working Group



READING COPTIC TEXTS 2022-2023

Selected Discourses of Shenoute



The Coptic Studies Working Group at the Waldensian Faculty of Theology (Rome, Italy) offers to qualified students, scholars and people passionate about ancient religious history, a free online program of collective reading and translation of ancient Coptic texts. The group readings of the academic year 2022-2023 are devoted to selected texts by Shenoute of Atripe, one of the most renowned authors of Coptic literature.

Program:

- Shenoute as pastor and preacher: reading “Some kinds of people sift dirt” (*Discourse 5, Work 2*)
- Shenoute and the conflict with pagans: reading “God says through those who are his” (*Discourse 5, Work 6*)
- Shenoute and the struggle with Satan: reading “Because of you too, O prince of evil” (*Discourse 4, Work 4*)

Scheduled meetings:

25-November-22; 09-December-22; 23-December-22; 20-January-23; 03-February-23; 24-February-23; 17-March-23; 31-March-23; 14-April-23; 28-April-23; 12-May-23; 26-May-23; 09-June-23; 23-June-23

Additional Conferences:

A program of additional public conferences, during the first part of the year 2023, will cover the following topics: The Historical Background of Shenoute's Life; Shenoute as Theologian and Coptic Writer; Early Monasticism in Egypt in Shenoute's Time- The conferences are open, as free events, to a wider audience.

The reading classes will be held via Skype, at a convenient time for all participants. The conferences will be held via Zoom and Facebook: the schedule is going to be defined and will be soon published. Classes and conferences are **free of charge** and open to everybody, provided she/he has a basic knowledge of Sahidic Coptic language. All the study material is provided to participants as digital resources.

The Waldensian Faculty of Theology is situated in the very heart of Rome and is the oldest institute in Italy for university studies in evangelical theology (since 1855). A Coptic Studies Working Group is active at the Faculty since 2019, aimed at spreading knowledge of Coptic language and ancient literary sources.

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