

# **The Morqosseya Church in Alexandria**

## **Research Summary**

The research aims to describe the Morqosseya Church in Alexandria “Saint Marc”, and explain its different parts, and to follow up its history and it’s developing through the different eras and to show the importance of its location.

The research insured the importance of its location for the several Christian sects, so it can easily be added to the touristic religious programs, this church was built, rebuilt and renewed several times on the same bases of the first church which was established by Saint Marc himself in the sixties of the first century, so this church is considered as the first church in Egypt and Africa, this church is located near the place in which St Marc was decapitated in 67B.C , so in this place the corps of the saint was buried till the ninth century B.C, but the head remained in Egypt till now, what gives this place an extra touristic attraction for all the different Christians sects, in addition in this church the 46 first Patriarchs of the Alexandrian church are buried, and it’s important to mention that those Patriarchs have a great importance all around the Christian world.

Although The Morqosseya Church is a modern building, it contains some ancient and architectural parts as the iconostases, six marble columns, and many icons (nearly forty six), finally the tomb of Saint Marc and the first 46 Patriarchs.