



# St. Mark Festival 2024

## Mahragan Alkeraza



### Midwest Coptic Orthodox Churches

## Creative Writing Rules

**This competition is for participants in 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, College Students and Adults.**

1. Be creative! You can write a song, a poem, a short story, a play, a personal experience, etc. It must be appropriate and spiritual.
2. Write something that is related to the theme of the St. Mark Festival.
3. All papers must be the original work of the participant and should reflect his or her creative ability. All based on individual effort.
4. Group participation is welcomed, but not more than 3 people in the same grade group as listed above. Group work will compete against individual work. One project per person or group. You can only choose either to work alone or with a group. You cannot do both.
5. On the cover page, put your name, church name, title of your paper, and your grade level.
6. **The servant from your church must** email the **top 3** in each grade group by **Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. There will be no exceptions for creative writing submissions after this date. Servants please email the papers to [st.markfestival@gmail.com](mailto:st.markfestival@gmail.com).
7. **Plagiarism is strictly prohibited and your paper will not be accepted into the regional competition.**
8. All papers must be made only for this year's Mahragan. **Any previous papers will be disqualified.**
9. The top 3 names/groups are the only names/groups allowed to compete in the regional competition. **Additional or substituted papers/names are not allowed to join the competition.**

**"The Lord is my Light and my Salvation" (Psalm 27:1)**