

Coptic Orthodox Church Major Feasts

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Everyday, we celebrate our salvation and the life of victory in Christ our Good Savior. Every Sunday, the Church celebrates Christ birth, suffering, death, and Resurrection.

The Lord's Feasts (14):

The Lord's Big Feasts (7):

1. Annunciation (Barmahat 29th)
2. Nativity (Christmas) (Koiak 29th/ January 7th)
3. Epiphany (The Revelation of the Divinity of the Lord) (Tubah 11th/January 19th)
4. Palm Sunday (Floats)
5. Resurrection (Easter (Floats)
6. Ascension (40 days after resurrection)
7. Pentecost (50 days after Resurrection)

The Lord's Small Feasts (7):

1. Circumcision (Tuba 6th/January 14th)
2. Entering the Temple (Amsheer 8th)
3. Visit to Egypt (Bashans 24th,)
4. The Wedding at Cana (Tuba 13th,)
5. Transfiguration (Missra 13th,)
6. Maundy Thursday (Floats)
7. New Sabbath (Sunday) (First Sunday after Easter Sunday)

The Feasts of the Cross (3):

1. 17, 18, 19th of Tut
2. The Appearance of the Cross (Baramahat 10th,)
3. The Enthronement of Emperor Constantine (Missra 12)

The Celebration of Holy Sepulture (5):

1. The Consecration of the Church of the Holy Sepulture (Tut 16)
2. The Departure of St. Elizabeth (Alicabat) the mother of St. John the Baptist (Amshir 16)
3. The Departure of Anb Kozman, 58th Pope of Alexandria (Baramhaat 3)
4. The Departure of the Righteous Constantine (the Emperor of Rome), Baramhat 28th
5. The Departure of Queen Helena the mother or King Constantine (Bashans 9)

The Feasts of the Virgin St. Mary, the theotokos(7):

1. The Birth of the Virgin Mary (Bashans 1st)
2. Her Birth according to another reference (Tut 10)
3. Her Entrance to the temple (dedication) (Koiak 3)
4. Her departure (Tuba 21)
5. Departure of Aksani (For the celibate virgins) (Tuba 29)

6. The Consecration of the First Church Named after the Virgin in the city of Philippi (Baouna 21)
7. The Ascension of Her Holy Body (Missra 16)

The Church Holds a remembrance of the Virgin Mary on the 21st day of the Coptic Month.

The Angels (5 Feasts):

1. Archangel Michael (Hatour 12)
The Church also celebrates the Archangel Michael on the 12th day of the Coptic Month.
2. Arch angel Gabriel (Koiak 22)
3. Archangel Rafael (Nessi 3)
4. Four Incorporeal Beasts (Hatour 8)
5. The 24 Priests (Hatour 24)

John the Baptist (5 Feasts):

1. The announcement of his birth by the Archangel Gabriel (Tut 26)
2. The Birth of John the Baptist (Baouna 30)
3. His Martyrdom (Tut 2)
4. The Appearance of His Holt Body (Baouna 2)
5. The Appearance of His Head (Amshir 30)

The Martyrdom of the Children of Bethlehem (Toba 3)

The Three Patrirachs (Forefathers) Ibrahim, Issac, and Jacob (Missra 28)

The Feasts of the Prophets(20 Feasts):

1. Moses the archprophet (Tut 8)
2. Joshua ('Yashou Ibn Noon') (Tut 4)
3. Isiah (Tut 6)
4. Jonah ('younaan') (Tut 25)
5. Youeel (Baba 21)
6. Nahoum (Koiak 5)
7. Higgi (Koiak 25)
8. David ('daoud') (Koiak 23)
9. Obedia (Tuba 15)
10. Houshia (Amshir 26)
11. Daniel (Baramhat 23)
12. Ezekiel (Baramoda 5)
13. The Righteous Joachim (Baramouda 7)
14. Armeia (Bahans 5)
15. Samuel (Baona 9)
16. Elisah (Baona 20)
17. Yashou (Baona 26)
18. Hezekia the King (Missra 4)
19. Micha (Missra 22)
20. Malachi (Missra 30)

The Disciples and Preachers (3 Feasts):

1. Peter and Paul (Abib 5, July 12)
2. Thomas (Bashans 26)
3. Titus (Companion of St. Paul) (Nissi 2)

The Evangelists (4 Feasts):

1. St. Matthew (Baba 12)
2. St. Mark (Baramoda 30,
3. St. Luke (Baba 22)
4. St. John (Tuba 4)

The (70) Apostles (Includes 7 deacons also):

1. Stephen the First Deacon (archdeacon) (Tuba 1)
2. The moving of the remains of Stephen (Tut 15)
3. Timon (One of the seven deacons) (Babah 26)
4. Brokhorus (Tuba 20)
5. Aristo-Paul (Barmahat 29)
6. The Consecration of the Church of Aghabus (Baramouda 25)
7. Aristos (Baramouda 29)
8. Yasoun (Jason) (Bahans 3)
9. Andrewnicus (Bahans 22)
10. Karbus (Baoan 1)
11. Judas (Baona 25)
12. Olympus (Abib 6)
13. Phillip (One of the 70 apostles and also one of the 7 deacons) (Baba 14)
14. Frisca (Barmahat 25)
15. Simon the Zealot (Nathaniel) (Bashans 15)
16. Tadeus (Abib 2)
17. Simon son of Cleopas (Abib 9)
18. St. Cleopas the Apostle (Hator 1/Nov 10)

The Followers of the Apostles/Evangelists

1. Anianos (First Bishop of Alexandria) (Hator 20)
2. Younias (Bashans 23)
3. Ananias (Baona 27)
4. Titus (Moving his remains) (Koiak 18)
5. Aghabios (Amshir 4)
6. Agnatius (disciple of St. John) (Koiak 24)
7. Polycarpus (disciple of St. John) (Amshir 29)
8. Antibas (disciple of St. John) (Baramouda 16)
9. Ephticus (disciple of St. John) (Nissi 1)

Martyrs:

1. St. Goerge the Capadocian (Baramouda 23)

2. Theodore from shetoub (Abib 20)
3. Philopater Mercurius (The two sworded) (Hator 25)
4. St. Menas of Marriot (Performer of wonders) (Hator 15)
5. Fort Martyrs of Sabasteia (Baramhat 13)
6. Kozman and Demian (Arab Physicians) and their sisters and mother (Hator 22)
7. Jacob the Persian (the decapitated) (Hator 27)
8. Boctor Ibn Romanos (Baramouda 27)
9. St. Demiana and the 40 Virgins her Companions (Tuba 13/Jan 21)

The Feasts of the Fathers of the church:

The Patriarchs:

1. The Martyrdom St. Peter the Seal of Martyrs ('Buttros khatim al-shouhada') (Hator 29)
2. The Departure of Pope Alexandrus (19th Pope) (Baramouda 22)
3. The Departure St. Athanasius the Apostolic (20th Pope of Alexandria) (Bashans 7)
4. The Departure St. Cyril the Great ('kyrillos al-kabeer') (24th Pope) (Abib 3)
5. The Departure of St. Descores the Champion of faith (25th pope) Tut 7)
6. The Departure of Pope Abraam (Ibn Zaraa) (62nd Pope) (Koiak 6)
7. ... etc.

The Fathers of the One Holy Apostolic Church:

1. The Departure of St Keriakos the Bishop of Jerusalem (Hator 1)
2. The Departure of St. Cyril the Bishop of Jerusalem (Baramhat 22)
3. The Departure of St. Alexandrus the Bishop of Jerusalem (Baramoda 12)
4. The Departure of St. Akakius the Patriarch of Constantinepole (Hator 30)
5. The Departure of St. Alexandrus the Patriarch of Constantinepole (Misrs 18)
6. The Departure of St. Basselious the Great the Bishop of Caesarea (Tuba 6)
7. The Departure of St. Gregorius the Performer of Wonders (Hator 21)
8. The Departure of St. Gregorius the Armenian (Koiak 15)
9. The Martyrdom of St. Paul the Patriarch of Constantinople (Baba 5)
10. The Departure of St. Felix the Pope of Rome (Hator 6)
11. The Departure of St. Sal-Peter the Pope of Rome (Tuba 7)
12. The Departure of St. Severus the Patriarch of Antioch (Amshir 14)
13. The Departure of St. Milatius the Patriarch of Antioch (Amshir 18)
14. The Departure of St. Astathius the Patriarch of Antioch (Amshir 27)
15. The Departure of St. John Chrysostom (the Golden Mouth) (Hator 17)

Fathers of Monasticism:

1. St. Anthony (Antonius) Father of all Monks (Tuba 22/Jan 31)
2. Departure of Anba Paul, First Anchorite (Amshir 2)
3. St. Makarios the Great (Baramhat 27)
4. The Departure of St. Pakhomius Father of Communal Life (Bahans 14)
5. The Departure of St. Shenouda the Archminedrite (Abib 7)
6. Departure of St. Bishoy the Beloved of our Good Lord (Abib 8)
7. The Martyrdom of the 49 Elders of Shehit (Amshir 5)
8. The Martyrdom of St. Moses the Black (Baona 24)

9. The Departure of Anba Elarion the Monk (Baba 24)
10. The Departure of Anba Pemen the Confessor (Koiak 9)
11. The Departure of Anba Arsanios the Monk (Bashans 13)
12. The Departure of Anba Isaac th priest of monasteries (Bashans 19)
13. The Departure of St. Jacob of the East (Yacoub el-mishriqui) (Baona 5)
14. The Departure of St Lanson the Monk (Baona 17)
15. The Departure of St. Abanoub the Confessor (Baona 23)
16. The Departure of St. Bessarion the Great (Misra 25)
17. The Departure of Anba John the Short (Youhanna al-quassir) (Bab 20)
18. The Departure of Anba Matthew the Poor (Matta al-maskeen) (Koiak 7)
19. The Departure of St. John Kama (the black) (Koiak 25)
20. The Departure of St. Abraam the Companion of Gawarggy (Tuba 9)
21. The Departure of St. Gawarggius the Companion of Abraam (Bashans 18)
22. The Departure of St. Makarios the Bishop (Abib 14)
23. The Departure of St. Simon of the Pillar (Misra 3)
24. The Departure of St. Aghato of the pillar (Tut 14)
25. The Departure of St. Luke of the Pillar (Koiak 17)
26. The Departure of St. Barssoum the Father of the Syrian Monks (Amshir 9)
27. The Departure os Anba Tadrus the Disciple of Anba Pakhomius (Bashans 2)
28. The Departure of Anba Matinianus (Bashans 21)
29. The Departure of Anba Simon of the Pillar (Bashans 29)
30. The Departure of St. Ephraim (Abraam) the Syrian (Abib 15)

The Feasts of the Fathers of Solitude ('al-mouta-wahidon'):

1. The Departure of St. Amonius the Solitaire of Antioch (Bashans 20)
2. The Departure of St. Paul of Tamoh ('Paula al-tamohy') (Baba 7)
3. The Departure of Anba Zechariah the Monk (Baba 13)
4. The Departure of Sts. Apollo and Abib (Baba 25)
5. The Departure of St. Hedra of Aswan (Koiak 12)
6. The Departure of Anba Archilidis (Toba 14)
7. The Departure of St. Peter the Worshipper (Tuba 25)
8. The Departure of St. Yacoub the Monk (Amshir 3)
9. The Departure of Anba Galassious the Monastic (Amshir 12)
10. The Departure of Anba Konan the Struggling (Baramoda 29)
11. The Departure of St. Pemen the Egyptian Solitaire (Nissi 4)
12. The Departure of St Nophir the aAnchorite ('abu-naphar el-saaih') (Baona 16)
13. The Departure of Anba Abahor the Monk (Koiak 2)
14. The Departure of Anba Pejimi (Tuba 17)
15. The Departure of Sts. Maximus and Domadius (Tuba 17)
16. The Departure of Anba Paphnotius the Monks (Amshir 15)

The Feasts of Virgins and Saints:

1. The Martyrdom of Agia Sophia (Tut 5)
2. The Departure of Tehobesta (Tut 20)
3. The Departure of Arbesima and her Companions (Tut 29)
4. The Martyrdom of Anastesis (Baba 1)

5. The Departure of Anna the Mother of Samuel (Baba 6)
6. The Martyrdom of 50 Celibates and their Mother of Monasticism (Hator 10)
7. The Martyrdom of (another) Anastesia (Koiak 26)
8. The Departure of Mariam the Monastic and Solitude (Tuba 24)
9. The Departure of Sarah the Monastic (Baramhat 15)
10. The Departure of Braxia the Virgin (Baramahat 26)
11. The Departure of Mariam the Egyptian ('Mariam el-massria') (Baramoda 6)
12. The Departure of Agapi, Irini, and Sionia (Baramouda 8)
13. The Departure of Theodora (Baramouda 11)
14. The Martyrdom of Sarah and her Two Sons (Baramouda 25)
15. The Martyrdom of Aphronia the Monastic (Abib 1)
16. The Martyrdom of Ophimia (Abib 17)
17. The Departure of Mary Magdeline (Abib 28)
18. The Departure of Baeisa (Misra 2)
19. The Martyrdom of Juliusa (Misra 6)
20. The Departure of Marina (Misra 15)
21. The Departure of Irini (Misra 21)
22. The Martyrdom of St. Barbara (Koiak 8)

And many more. The Synxarium remebers 2-3 martyrs every day of the year.

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