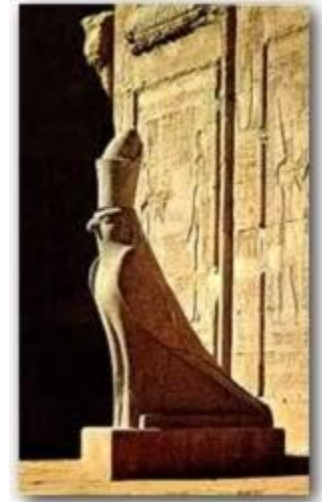


History of the Coptic Orthodox Church

Alexandria

- What kind of city was it?
- What kind of people lived in it?
- What religions did they practice?



St. Mark

- Who was he?
- Arrival to Alexandria
- His Works in Alexandria
 - Ordained Anianus
 - Wrote the first Gospel
 - Martyred in 68AD



The Roman Empire



The Roman Empire at its greatest in 116 AD

The School of Alexandria

- Established for all people
- Pantaenus and Clement first translate the Bible there.

Coptic Patriarchs 1st through 2nd Centuries

- St. Mark 61AD
- Anianus 64AD
- Melius 94AD
- Kardonos 108AD
- Primus 120AD
- Yustus 132AD
- Omanius 143AD
- Marianus 154AD
- Cladianus 163AD
- Agrippinus 177AD
- Yulianus 189AD
- Demetrius 199AD

THE GROWTH OF CHRISTIANITY



Extent of Christian church, A.D. 1st cent.

Extent of Christian church, A.D. 2nd cent.

↑ Notable early church

Major church council (with date)

IV Century of conversion to Christianity

COPTS Monophysite church after 431



Christian

ARMENIANS

COBITES

COPTS

Mt. Sinai

Pope Demetrius

- A simple vinedresser
- Little learning
- Devised “The Epact”
- Severe persecutions
- Was exiled
- Appointed Origen as Dean of School of Alexandria
- Was Pope for 32 years and 7 months.

Origen

- Appointed as dean of School by Pope Demetrius
- Opened school to men, women and children.
- In his zeal for the faith, he made two critical mistakes.
- Wrote the “Octapla”
- Was pardoned by later Popes
- Established a School in Palestine

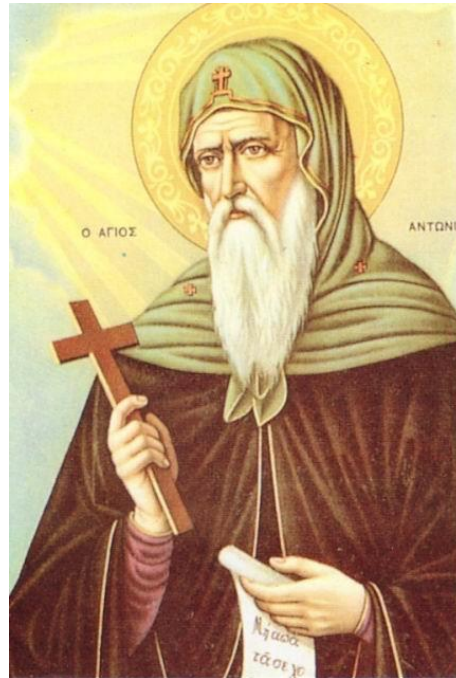


Dionysius

- Was a star worshiper
- Later becomes a teacher of the School, then Dean and eventually the 14th Pope.
- Was among the first to do a deep study of heretical religions.

St. Anthony

- Born in 250AD
- He set the Monastic Rules.



St. Athanasius

- Born in 293AD
- Becomes one of the greatest defenders of the Christian faith
- Later confronts Arius and establishes the beginnings of the Creed.



The Council of Nicea

- 325 AD
- Called by the Emperor Constantine
- Arian Doctrine
- Date of Easter
- Re-baptism
- Celibacy of Clergy
- Adopted Nicean Creed

The Council of Constantinople

- 381 AD
- Revised Nicean Creed
- Stressed the Holy Spirit as proceeding from the Father.
- Controversy over central seat of Patriarchy begins.

Council of Ephesus

- 431 AD
- Nestorianism
- Virgin Mary is the Mother of God

Council of Chalcedon

- 451 AD
- Monophysitism
- Bishop Leo of Rome
- Separation of the Oriental Orthodox churches (Coptic, Armenian, Syrian, Ethiopian, Eritrean and Indian)

After The Councils

- Period of Peace
- Gap between East and West widens.
- Persians invade Egypt in 619AD

The Arab Conquest

625 AD

- Pope Benyameen
- Amr Ibn El Aas
- 743 AD
- The Nubians