Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria

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| [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/0/0d/Greek_Orthodox_Patriarchate_of_Alexandria_and_All_Africa.png/220px-Greek_Orthodox_Patriarchate_of_Alexandria_and_All_Africa.png](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Greek_Orthodox_Patriarchate_of_Alexandria_and_All_Africa.png)  Seal | |
| **Classification** | [Eastern Orthodox](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_Orthodox) |
| **Orientation** | [Greek Orthodoxy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_Orthodox_Church) |
| [**Scripture**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Religious_text) | [Septuagint](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Septuagint), [New Testament](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Testament) |
| **Theology** | [Eastern Orthodox theology](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_Orthodox_theology) |
| [**Polity**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecclesiastical_polity) | [Episcopal polity](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Episcopal_polity) |
| **Primate** | [Patriarch Theodore II of Alexandria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Theodore_II_of_Alexandria) |
| **Language** | [Greek](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_language), [Arabic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabic_language), [English](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_language), [French](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_language), [Portuguese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_language), [Swahili](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swahili_language), [Yoruba](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yoruba_language) and many other African languages |
| **Headquarters** | [Alexandria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexandria) and [Cairo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cairo) in [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) |
| **Territory** | [Africa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Africa) |
| **Possessions** | None |
| **Founder** | [Mark the Evangelist](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark_the_Evangelist) (according to tradition) |
| **Independence** | [Apostolic Era](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apostolic_Age) |
| **Recognition** | [Eastern Orthodox Church](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_Orthodox_Church) |
| **Members** | 500,000 - 1.5 million[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_Orthodox_Patriarchate_of_Alexandria#cite_note-1)[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_Orthodox_Patriarchate_of_Alexandria#cite_note-2)[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_Orthodox_Patriarchate_of_Alexandria#cite_note-3)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_Orthodox_Patriarchate_of_Alexandria#cite_note-4)[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_Orthodox_Patriarchate_of_Alexandria#cite_note-5) |
| **Official website** | [www.patriarchateofalexandria.com](http://www.patriarchateofalexandria.com/index.php?lang=en) |

List of Greek Orthodox patriarchs of Alexandria

List of Patriarchs[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Greek_Orthodox_patriarchs_of_Alexandria&action=edit&section=1)]

Following the [Council of Chalcedon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council_of_Chalcedon) in 451, a [schism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schism_(religion)) occurred in Egypt, between those who accepted and those who rejected the decisions of the council. The former are known as Chalcedonians and the latter are known as [miaphysites](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miaphysitism). Over the next several decades, these two parties competed for the [See of Alexandria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/See_of_St._Mark) and frequently still recognized the same Patriarch. But after 536, they permanently established separate patriarchates, and have maintained separate lineages of Patriarchs ever since. The miaphysites became the [Coptic Church](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coptic_Orthodox_Church_of_Alexandria) (part of [Oriental Orthodoxy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oriental_Orthodoxy)) and the Chalcedonians became the [Greek Orthodox Church of Alexandria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_Orthodox_Church_of_Alexandria) (part of the wider [Eastern Orthodox Church](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_Orthodox_Church)).

For the list of patriarchs until 536 see [List of patriarchs of Alexandria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_patriarchs_of_Alexandria).

**Chalcedonian Patriarchs of Alexandria After 536**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Greek_Orthodox_patriarchs_of_Alexandria&action=edit&section=2)]

1. [Gainas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gainas_of_Alexandria) (536), **Chalcedonian**.
2. [Paul of Tabennesis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Paul_of_Alexandria) (537-540), **Chalcedonian**.
3. [Zoilus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Zoilus_of_Alexandria) (540–551), **Chalcedonian**.
4. [Apollinarius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Apollinarius_of_Alexandria) (551–569), **Chalcedonian**.
5. [John IV](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_John_IV_of_Alexandria) (569–580), **Chalcedonian**.
6. [Eulogius I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eulogius_I_of_Alexandria) (581–608), **Chalcedonian**.
7. [Theodore I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Theodore_I_of_Alexandria) (608–610), **Chalcedonian**.
8. [John V Eleemon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_the_Merciful) (610–621), **Chalcedonian**.
9. [George I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_George_I_of_Alexandria) (621–630), **Chalcedonian**.
10. [Cyrus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyrus_of_Alexandria) (631–641), **Chalcedonian**.
11. [Peter IV](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Peter_IV_of_Alexandria) (642–651), **Chalcedonian**.

The Muslim invasion caused the see of Alexandria to become vacant.

**Chalcedonian Patriarchs of Alexandria after the Islamic conquest**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Greek_Orthodox_patriarchs_of_Alexandria&action=edit&section=3)]

After 727, the Byzantine emperor Leo III once more attempted to install a Melkite patriarch in Alexandria. With the consent of the Muslim authorities the bishopric was, from that moment onwards, again headed by a patriarch.

1. [Theodore II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Theodore_II_of_Alexandria_(Coadjutor))
2. [Peter V](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Peter_V_of_Alexandria)
3. [Peter VI](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Peter_VI_of_Alexandria)

[Theophylactus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Theophylactus_of_Alexandria)

[Onopsus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Onopsus_of_Alexandria)

1. [Cosmas I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Cosmas_I_of_Alexandria) (727–768)
2. [Politianus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Politianus_of_Alexandria) (768–813)
3. [Eustatius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Eustatius_of_Alexandria) (813–817)
4. [Christopher I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Christopher_I_of_Alexandria) (817–841)
5. [Sophronius I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Sophronius_I_of_Alexandria) (841–860)
6. [Michael I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Michael_I_of_Alexandria) (860–870)
7. [Michael II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Michael_II_of_Alexandria) (870–903)

*vacant* (903–907)

1. [Christodoulos](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christodoulos_(Greek_Orthodox_patriarch_of_Alexandria)) (907–932)
2. [Eutychius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Eutychius_of_Alexandria) (932–940)
3. [Sophronius II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Sophronius_II_of_Alexandria) (941)
4. [Isaac](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Isaac_of_Alexandria) (941–954)
5. [Job](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Job_of_Alexandria) (954–960)

*vacant* (960–963)

1. [Elias I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Elias_I_of_Alexandria) (963–1000)
2. [Arsenius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Arsenius_of_Alexandria) (1000–1010)
3. [Theophilus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theophilus_II_(Greek_patriarch_of_Alexandria)) (1010–1020)
4. [George II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_George_II_of_Alexandria) (1021–1051)
5. [Leontius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Leontius_of_Alexandria) (1052–1059)
6. [Alexander II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Alexander_II_of_Alexandria) (1059–1062)
7. [John VI Kodonatos](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_John_VI_of_Alexandria) (1062–1100)

[Eulogius II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eulogius_II_of_Alexandria) (1100–1117) Coadjutor?

1. [Cyril II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Cyril_II_of_Alexandria) (1100– )
2. [Sabbas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Sabbas_of_Alexandria) (1117– )

[Theodosius II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Theodosius_II_of_Alexandria) ( –1137) Coadjutor?

1. [Sophronius III](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Sophronius_III_of_Alexandria) (1137–1171)
2. [Elias II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Elias_II_of_Alexandria) (1171–1175)
3. [Eleutherius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Eleutherius_of_Alexandria) (1175–1180)
4. [Mark III](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Mark_III_of_Alexandria) (1180–1209)
5. [Nicholas I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Nicholas_I_of_Alexandria) (1210–1243)
6. [Gregory I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Gregory_I_of_Alexandria) (1243–1263)
7. [Nicholas II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Nicholas_II_of_Alexandria) (1263–1276)
8. [Athanasius III](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Athanasius_III_of_Alexandria) (1276–1316)
9. [Gregory II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Gregory_II_of_Alexandria) (1316–1354)
10. [Gregory III](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Gregory_III_of_Alexandria) (1354–1366)
11. [Niphon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Niphon_of_Alexandria) (1366–1385)
12. [Mark IV](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Mark_IV_of_Alexandria) (1385–1389)
13. [Nicholas III](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Nicholas_III_of_Alexandria) (1389–1398)
14. [Gregory IV](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Gregory_IV_of_Alexandria) (1398–1412)
15. [Nicholas IV](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Nicholas_IV_of_Alexandria) (1412–1417)
16. [Athanasius IV](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Athanasius_IV_of_Alexandria) (1417–1425)
17. [Mark V](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Mark_V_of_Alexandria) (1425–1435)
18. [Philotheus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philotheos_(Greek_patriarch_of_Alexandria)) (1435–1459)
19. [Mark VI](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Mark_VI_of_Alexandria) (1459–1484)
20. [Gregory V](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Gregory_V_of_Alexandria) (1484–1486)
21. [Joachim Pany](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Joachim_of_Alexandria) (1486–1567)

*vacant* (1567–1569)

1. [Silvester](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Silvester_of_Alexandria) (1569–1590)
2. [Meletius I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Meletius_I_of_Alexandria) (1590–1601)
3. [Cyril III Loucaris](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyril_Lucaris) (1601–1620)
4. [Gerasimus I Spartaliotes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Gerasimus_I_of_Alexandria) (1620–1636)
5. [Metrophanes Kritikopoulos](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Metrophanes_of_Alexandria) (1636–1639)
6. [Nicephorus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Nicephorus_of_Alexandria) (1639–1645)
7. [Joannicius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Joannicius_of_Alexandria) (1645–1657)
8. [Paisius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Paisius_of_Alexandria) (1657–1678)
9. [Parthenius I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Parthenius_I_of_Alexandria) (1678–1688)
10. [Gerasimus II Paladas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Gerasimus_II_of_Alexandria) (1688–1710)
11. [Samuel Kapasoulis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Samuel_of_Alexandria) (1710–1712)
12. [Cosmas II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Cosmas_III_of_Constantinople) (1712–1714)

[Samuel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Samuel_of_Alexandria) (restored) (1714–1723)

[Cosmas II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Cosmas_III_of_Constantinople) (restored) (1723–1736)

1. [Cosmas III](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Cosmas_III_of_Alexandria) (1737–1746)
2. [Matthew Psaltis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Matthew_of_Alexandria) (1746–1766)
3. [Cyprian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Cyprian_of_Alexandria) (1766–1783)
4. [Gerasimus III Gimaris](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Gerasimus_III_of_Alexandria) (1783–1788)
5. [Parthenius II Pankostas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Parthenius_II_of_Alexandria) (1788–1805)
6. [Theophilus III Pankostas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Theophilus_III_of_Alexandria) (1805–1825)
7. [Hierotheus I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Hierotheus_I_of_Alexandria) (1825–1845)
8. [Artemius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Artemius_of_Alexandria) (1845–1847)
9. [Hierotheus II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Hierotheus_II_of_Alexandria) (1847–1858)
10. [Callinicus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Callinicus_of_Alexandria) (1858–1861)
11. [Jacob](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Jacob_of_Alexandria) (1861–1865)
12. [Nicanor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Nicanor_of_Alexandria) (1866–1869)
13. [Nilus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nilus_of_Pentapolis) (1869–1870)
14. [Sophronius IV](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Sophronius_III_of_Constantinople) (1870–1899)
15. [Photius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Photius_of_Alexandria) (1900–1925)
16. [Meletius II Metaxakis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Meletius_II_of_Alexandria) (1926–1935)
17. [Nicholas V](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Nicholas_V_of_Alexandria) (1936–1939)
18. [Christopher II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Christopher_II_of_Alexandria) (1939–1966)

*vacant* (1966–1968)

1. [Nicholas VI](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Nicholas_VI_of_Alexandria) (1968–1986)
2. [Parthenius III](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Parthenius_III_of_Alexandria) (1986–1996)
3. [Peter VII](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Peter_VII_of_Alexandria) (1997–2004)
4. [Theodore II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Theodore_II_of_Alexandria) (2004–present)