List of Coptic Orthodox popes

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**1st century**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Coptic_Orthodox_popes&action=edit&section=3)]

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| **Apostolic Throne** | **Portrait** | **Popes and Patriarchs of Alexandria English • Coptic • Arabic** | **Name before Patriarchate** | **Place of Birth** | **Notes** |
| 30 or 33 AD. (Apostle of Christ) 60 or 61 AD. (Evangelist of Egypt) 8 May 68 (Martyr) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/67/StMarkcoptic.jpg/70px-StMarkcoptic.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:StMarkcoptic.jpg) | **St.**[**Mark the Apostle, Evangelist and Martyr**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark_the_Evangelist) **Marcos • Ⲙⲁⲣⲕⲟⲥ • مرقس** | Yohanan (Hebrew) Marcos (Greek) | [Cyrene](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyrene,_Libya), [Pentapolis (North Africa)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pentapolis_(North_Africa)) | One of the [Seventy Apostles](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seventy_Apostles) and traditionally viewed as the author of the [Gospel of Mark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gospel_of_Mark). The Evangelist of the Land of Egypt. He was martyred at [Baucalis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baucalis) (east of Alexandria) during the persecution of Christians led by the [Roman Emperor Nero](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nero). |
| 62 – 29 November 83 (21 years) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/9/91/Scoleta_dei_calegheri_%28Venice%29_-_rilievo_di_Pietro_Lombardo%2C_1478.jpg/90px-Scoleta_dei_calegheri_%28Venice%29_-_rilievo_di_Pietro_Lombardo%2C_1478.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Scoleta_dei_calegheri_(Venice)_-_rilievo_di_Pietro_Lombardo,_1478.jpg) | **St.**[**Anianus**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Anianus_of_Alexandria) **Anianos • Ⲁⲛⲓⲁⲛⲟⲥ • إنيانوس** | Anianos | [Alexandria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexandria), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt_(Roman_province)) | St. Anianus turned his house into a church, and it is said that it is the one known as the church of St. Mark which stands today in Alexandria. |
| 13 December 83 – 11 September 95 (11 years, 9 months) |  | **St.**[**Avilius**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Avilius_of_Alexandria) **Milieos • Ⲙⲓⲗⲓⲟⲥ • ميليوس** | Milieos | Alexandria, Egypt | He was elected Pope of Alexandria during the reign of [the Roman Emperor Domitian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domitian). |
| 18 September 95 – 8 June 106 (10 years, 9 months, 10 days) |  | **St.**[**Kedron**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Kedron_of_Alexandria) **Kerdonou • Ⲕⲉⲣⲇⲱⲛⲟⲩ • كردونوس** | Kerdonou | Alexandria, Egypt | He was martyred during the persecution of Christians by the [Roman Emperor Trajan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trajan). |

**2nd century**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Coptic_Orthodox_popes&action=edit&section=4)]

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| 29 June 106 – 9 August 118 (13 years, 1 month, 12 days) |  | **St.**[**Primus**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Primus_of_Alexandria) **Epriemou • Ⲡⲣⲓⲙⲟⲩ • إبريموس** | Epriemou | [Alexandria, Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexandria,_Egypt) | He was one of the three who were ordained priest by [St. Mark the Apostle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Mark). |
| 23 September 118 – 19 June 129 (10 years, 10 months) |  | **St.**[**Justus**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Justus_of_Alexandria) **Iostos • Ⲓⲟⲥⲧⲟⲥ • يسطس** | Iostos | Alexandria, Egypt | He was the first Dean of the [Catechetical School of Alexandria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catechetical_School_of_Alexandria) appointed by [St. Mark the Apostle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Mark). He was elected Pope of Alexandria during the persecution against Christians by the [Roman Emperor Hadrian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hadrian). |
| 18 July 129 – 19 October 141 (12 years, 3 months) |  | **St.**[**Eumenius**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Eumenes_of_Alexandria) **Oumenios • Ⲉⲩⲙⲉⲛⲓⲟⲥ • أومانيوس** | Oumenios | Alexandria, Egypt | Second Dean of the [Catechetical School of Alexandria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catechetical_School_of_Alexandria). He was elected Pope of Alexandria during the persecution against Christians by the [Roman Emperor Hadrian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hadrian). |
| 17 November 141 – 14 January 152 (10 years, 2 months) |  | **St.**[**Markianos**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Markianos_of_Alexandria) **Markianos • Ⲙⲁⲣⲕⲓⲁⲛⲟⲥ • مرقيانوس** | Markianos | Alexandria, Egypt | Third Dean of the [Catechetical School of Alexandria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catechetical_School_of_Alexandria). During his Patriarchy, the Christians were persecuted by the [Roman Emperor Antoninus Pius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antoninus_Pius). |
| 29 January 152 – 16 July 166 (14 years, 6 months) |  | **St.**[**Celadion**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Celadion_of_Alexandria) **Kalavtianos • Ⲕⲁⲗⲗⲁⲩⲑⲓⲁⲛⲟⲥ • كلادنيوس** | Kalavtianos | Alexandria, Egypt | He was elected Pope of Alexandria during the persecution against Christians by the [Roman Emperor Antoninus Pius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antoninus_Pius). |
| 1 August 166 – 12 February 178 (11 years, 6 months, 5 days) |  | **St.**[**Agrippinus**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Agrippinus_of_Alexandria) **Aghreppinios • Ⲁⲅⲣⲓⲡⲡⲓⲛⲟⲥ • آغربينوس** | Aghreppinios | Alexandria, Egypt | He was elected Pope of Alexandria during the persecution against Christians by the [Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcus_Aurelius). |
| 18 March 178 – 17 March 188 (10 years) |  | **St.**[**Julian**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Julian_of_Alexandria) **Yulianos • Ⲓⲟⲩⲗⲓⲁⲛⲟⲥ • يوليانوس** | Yulianos | Alexandria, Egypt | He was elected Pope of Alexandria during the persecution against Christians by the [Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcus_Aurelius). |
| 17 March 188 – 22 October 230 (42 years, 7 months, 5 days). | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/3f/Pope_Demetrius_of_Alexandria.jpg/70px-Pope_Demetrius_of_Alexandria.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Pope_Demetrius_of_Alexandria.jpg) | **St.**[**Demetrius the Vinedresser**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Demetrius_I_of_Alexandria) **Demetrios • Ⲇⲏⲙⲏⲧⲣⲓⲟⲥ • ديمتريوس** | Demetrios | Alexandria, Egypt | During his Patriarchy, the Christians were persecuted by the [Roman Emperor Septimius Severus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Septimius_Severus). |

**3rd century**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Coptic_Orthodox_popes&action=edit&section=5)]

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| 18 November 230 – 17 December 246 (16 years, 1 month) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/9/9d/Martyr_Eraclus_of_Antioch.jpg/70px-Martyr_Eraclus_of_Antioch.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Martyr_Eraclus_of_Antioch.jpg) | **St.**[**Heraclas**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Heraclas_of_Alexandria) **Yaraklas • Ⲓⲉⲣⲁⲕⲗⲁⲥ • ياراكلاس** | Yaraklas | [Alexandria, Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexandria,_Egypt) | He is the first Patriarch to carry the hierarchy title "Pope". Which the Bishop of Rome did not use until the sixth century. During his Patriarchy, the Christians were persecuted by the [Roman Emperor Maximus the Tharacian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maximinus_Thrax). |
| 28 December 246 – 22 March 264 (17 years, 2 months, 10 days) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/32/Dionisii_alek.jpg/70px-Dionisii_alek.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Dionisii_alek.jpg) | **St.**[**Dionysius the Great**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Dionysius_of_Alexandria) **Dionysios • Ⲇⲓⲟⲛⲩⲥⲓⲟⲩ • ديونيسيوس** | Dionysios | Alexandria, Egypt | He was the Dean of the [Catechetical School of Alexandria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catechetical_School_of_Alexandria). He was elected Pope of Alexandria during the great persecution against Christians by the Roman [Emperor Decius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Decius). |
| 9 November 264 – 22 April 282 (17 years, 5 months) |  | **St.**[**Maximus**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Maximus_of_Alexandria) **Maximos • Ⲙⲁⲝⲓⲙⲟⲩ • مكسيموس** | Maximos | Alexandria, Egypt | He participated in the [Synods of Antioch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Synods_of_Antioch) against the heresies of [Paul of Samosata](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_of_Samosata). During his Patriarchy, the Christians were persecuted by the [Roman Emperor Aurelian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aurelian). |
| 11 December 282 – 10 January 301 (19 years, 1 month) |  | **St.**[**Theonas**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Theonas_of_Alexandria) **Theona • Ⲑⲉⲱⲛⲁ • ثاؤنا** | Theona | Alexandria, Egypt | [Eusebius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eusebius) the Historian calls him a "pillar of the Church". |

**4th century**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Coptic_Orthodox_popes&action=edit&section=6)]

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| 8 February 302 – 8 December 311 (9 years, 10 months) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/4/4c/Pope_Peter_of_Alexandria.jpg/70px-Pope_Peter_of_Alexandria.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Pope_Peter_of_Alexandria.jpg) | **St.**[**Peter the Seal of the Martyrs**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Peter_I_of_Alexandria) **Petros • Ⲡⲉⲧⲣⲟⲥ • بطرس** | Petros | Alexandria, Egypt | He was the last martyred during [The Great Persecution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diocletian_Persecution) led by the Roman Emperors [Diocletian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diocletian) and [Galerius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galerius). |
| 24 December 311 – 26 June 312 (6 months) |  | **St.**[**Achillas the Great**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Achillas_of_Alexandria) **Archelaos • Ⲁⲣⲭⲉⲗⲁⲟⲥ • أرشيلاوس** | Archelaos | Alexandria, Egypt | He was the Dean of the [Catechetical School of Alexandria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catechetical_School_of_Alexandria), defending the teachings of Orthodoxy. And was elected Pope of Alexandria during the reign of the Emperor [Constantine the Great](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constantine_the_Great). |
| 10 July 312 – 30 April 328 (15 years, 9 months, 20 days) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/e/ec/Veljusa_Monastery_St._Alexander_of_Alexandria.jpg/70px-Veljusa_Monastery_St._Alexander_of_Alexandria.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Veljusa_Monastery_St._Alexander_of_Alexandria.jpg) | **St.**[**Alexander I**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Alexander_I_of_Alexandria) **Alexanderos • Ⲁⲗⲉⲝⲁⲛⲇⲣⲟⲥ • آلِكسندر** | Alexanderos | Alexandria, Egypt | On 18 November 325 AD, St. Alexandros, 19th Pope & Patriarch of Alexandria attended the [1st Ecumenical Council](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Council_of_Nicaea) at [Nicaea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicaea), and was accompanied by his Archdeacon, [St. Athanasius the Apostolic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Athanasius_of_Alexandria). |
| 5 May 328 – 15 May 373 (45 years) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/a4/St_Athanasius_the_Apostolic.jpg/70px-St_Athanasius_the_Apostolic.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:St_Athanasius_the_Apostolic.jpg) | **St.**[**Athanasius the Apostolic**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Athanasius_of_Alexandria) **Athanasios • Ⲁⲑⲁⲛⲁⲥⲓⲟⲩ • أثناسيوس** | Athanasios | Alexandria, Egypt | One of the Church Fathers. Attended the [1st Ecumenical Council](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Council_of_Nicaea) at [Nicaea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicaea) as a Deacon and wrote the [Nicene Creed](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicene_Creed) also known as the Orthodox Creed or Athanasius Creed. He is regarded by majority Western Protestants, scholars, and theologians as the greatest leader of Christianity.[[*citation needed*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Citation_needed)] |
| 27 May 373 – 27 February 379 (5 years, 9 months) |  | **St.**[**Peter II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Peter_II_of_Alexandria) **Petros • Ⲡⲉⲧⲣⲟⲥ • بطرس** | Petros | Alexandria, Egypt |  |
| 14 March 379 – 2 August 385 (6 years, 4 months, 6 days) |  | **St.**[**Timothy I**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Timothy_I_of_Alexandria) **Timotheos • Ⲧⲓⲙⲟⲑⲉⲟⲥ • تيموثاوس** | Timotheos | Alexandria, Egypt | Attended the [2nd Ecumenical Council](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Council_of_Constantinople) at [Constantinople](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constantinople). |
| 28 August 385 – 28 October 412 (27 years, 2 months) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/fc/Goleniscev_Papyrus_-_Theophilus_on_Serapeion_%28crop%29.jpg/40px-Goleniscev_Papyrus_-_Theophilus_on_Serapeion_%28crop%29.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Goleniscev_Papyrus_-_Theophilus_on_Serapeion_(crop).jpg) | **St.**[**Theophilus**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theophilus_I_of_Alexandria) **Theophilos • Ⲑⲉⲟ́ⲫⲓⲗⲟⲩ • ثاوفيلس** | Theophilos | Alexandria, Egypt | St. Theophilus fought against the [pagans](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paganism), the [Arians](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arians) and the [Anthropomorphists](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropomorphism#In_religion_and_mythology), supported by [Emperor Theodosius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theodosius_I). St. Theophilus was succeeded on the Apostolic Throne by his nephew [St. Cyril, 24th Pope of Alexandria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Cyril_I_of_Alexandria). |

**5th century**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Coptic_Orthodox_popes&action=edit&section=7)]

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| 17 October 412 – 10 July 444 (31 years, 8 months, 10 days) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/c/ca/St._Cyril_of_Alexandria.jpg/70px-St._Cyril_of_Alexandria.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:St._Cyril_of_Alexandria.jpg) | **St.**[**Cyril the Pillar of Faith**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyril_of_Alexandria) **Kyrillos • Ⲕⲩⲣⲓⲗⲗⲟⲩ • كيرلس** | Kyrillos | Alexandria, Egypt | Known as the "Pillar of Faith" and "Lamp of the Orthodox Church". On 22 September 431 AD, St. Cyril attended the [3rd Ecumenical Council](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council_of_Ephesus) at [Ephesus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ephesus), which he rebuked and excommunicated [Nestorius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nestorius), Patriarch of Constantinople who denied the Virgin as [Theotokos](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theotokos) ('God-bearer'). |
| 8 August 444 – 17 September 454 (10 years, 1 month, 9 days) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/f/fd/St._Dioscorus.jpg/70px-St._Dioscorus.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:St._Dioscorus.jpg) | **St.**[**Dioscorus the Champion of Orthodoxy**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Dioscorus_I_of_Alexandria) **Dioscoros • Ⲇⲓⲟⲥⲕⲟⲣⲟⲩ • ديسقورس** | Dioscoros | Alexandria, Egypt | Known as the "Champion of Orthodoxy". Last Pope & Patriarch of Alexandria to attend a Western council, the [4th Ecumenical Council](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council_of_Chalcedon) at [Chalcedon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chalcedon) and was accompanied by [St. Marcarius, Bishop of Edkow](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=St._Marcarius,_Bishop_of_Edkow&action=edit&redlink=1). They were exiled by [Emperor Marcianus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcian) and the [Empress Pulcheria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pulcheria) to the [Island of Gangra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gangra), where St. Dioscorus departed and was laid to rest. |
| 13 October 455 – 13 August 477 (21 years, 10 months) |  | **St.**[**Timothy II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Timothy_II_of_Alexandria) **Timotheos • Ⲧⲓⲙⲟⲑⲉⲟⲥ • تيموثاوس** | Timotheos | Alexandria, Egypt |  |
| 14 September 477 – 11 November 489 (13 years, 1 month, 29 days) |  | **St.**[**Peter III**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Peter_III_of_Alexandria) **Petros • Ⲡⲉⲧⲣⲟⲥ • بطرس** | Petros | Alexandria, Egypt |  |
| 11 December 489 – 30 September 496 (6 years, 9 months, 20 days) |  | **St.**[**Athanasius II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Athanasius_II_of_Alexandria) **Athanasios • Ⲁⲑⲁⲛⲁⲥⲓⲟⲩ • أثناسيوس** | Athanasios | Alexandria, Egypt |  |
| 29 September 496 – 12 May 505 (8 years, 7 months) |  | **St.**[**John I**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_I_of_Alexandria) **Yoannis • Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲏⲥ • يوأنس** | Yoannis | Alexandria, Egypt |  |

**6th century**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Coptic_Orthodox_popes&action=edit&section=8)]

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| 29 May 505 – 4 June 516 (10 years, 11 months, 23 days) |  | **St.**[**John II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_II_(III)_of_Alexandria) **Yoannis • Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲏⲥ • يوأنس** | Yoannis | Alexandria, Egypt |  |
| 10 June 516 – 27 October 518 (2 years, 4 months, 15 days) |  | **St.**[**Dioscorus II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Dioscorus_II_of_Alexandria) **Dioscoros • Ⲇⲓⲟⲥⲕⲟⲣⲟⲩ • ديسقورس** | Dioscoros | Alexandria, Egypt |  |
| 10 November 518 – 20 February 536 (17 years, 3 months) |  | **St.**[**Timothy III**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Timothy_III_of_Alexandria) **Timotheos • Ⲧⲓⲙⲟⲑⲉⲟⲥ • تيموثاوس** | Timotheos | Alexandria, Egypt |  |
| 22 February 536 – 5 July 567 (31 years, 4 months, 15 days) |  | **St.**[**Theodosius I**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Theodosius_I_of_Alexandria) **Theodosios • Ⲑⲉⲟ́ⲇⲟⲥⲓⲟⲥ • ثيئودوسيوس** | Theodosios | Alexandria, Egypt |  |
| 25 July 567 – 2 July 569 (1 year, 10 months, 25 days) |  | **St.**[**Peter IV**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Peter_IV_of_Alexandria) **Petros • Ⲡⲉⲧⲣⲟⲥ • بطرس** | Petros | Alexandria, Egypt |  |
| 26 June 569 – 25 June 605 (35 years, 11 months, 16 days) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/c/c6/Pope_Damian_of_Alexandria.jpg/70px-Pope_Damian_of_Alexandria.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Pope_Damian_of_Alexandria.jpg) | **St.**[**Damian**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Damian_of_Alexandria) **Damianos • Ⲇⲁⲙⲓⲁⲛⲟⲥ • داميانوس** | Damianos | [Syria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syria) |  |

**7th century**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Coptic_Orthodox_popes&action=edit&section=9)]

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| 9 July 605 – 31 December 616 (11 years, 6 months) |  | **St.**[**Anastasius**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Anastasius_of_Alexandria) **Anastasios • Ⲁⲛⲁⲥⲧⲁⲥⲓⲟⲥ • انسطاسيوس** | Anastasios | Alexandria, Egypt |  |
| 2 January 617 – 16 January 623 (6 years, 14 months) |  | **St.**[**Andronicus**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Andronicus_of_Alexandria) **Andronikos • Ⲁⲛⲇⲣⲟⲛⲓⲕⲟⲥ • أندرونيقوس** | Andronikos | Alexandria, Egypt |  |
| 17 September 623 – 16 January 662 (39 years) |  | **St.**[**Benjamin I**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Benjamin_I_of_Alexandria) **Binyamin • Ⲃⲉⲛⲓⲁⲙⲓⲛ • بنيامين** | Binyamin | Barshüt, [Beheira Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beheira_Governorate), Egypt | During his Patriarchy in 639, an army of 4,000 [Arabs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabs) led by [Amr Ibn Al-Aas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amr_Ibn_Al-Aas) sent by the Caliph [Umar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Umar), successor to [Muhammad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muhammad), [invaded Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muslim_invasion_of_Egypt) and defeated [Byzantine Emperor Heraclius](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heraclius). Thus ended 200 years of [Byzantine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Byzantine_Empire) persecution of Coptic Orthodox Christians since the [Council of Chalcedon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council_of_Chalcedon). |
| 22 September 662 – 26 October 680 (18 years, 9 months, 3 days) |  | **St.**[**Agathon**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Agatho_of_Alexandria) **Aghathon • Ⲁⲅⲁⲑⲟⲩ • أغاثون** | Agathon | [Mariout, Alexandria, Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Mariout) |  |
| 10 December 680 – 10 December 689 (9 years) |  | **Pope**[**John III**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_III_of_Alexandria) **Yoannis • Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲏⲥ • يوأنس** | Hanna | Samanoud, [Gharbia Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gharbia_Governorate), Egypt |  |
| 16 January 690 – 18 November 692 (2 years, 10 months, 2 days) |  | **St.**[**Isaac**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Isaac_of_Alexandria) **Ishaac • Ⲓⲥⲁⲁⲕ • إسحق** | Ishaac | El-Borolos, [Kafr El Sheikh Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kafr_El_Sheikh_Governorate), Egypt |  |
| 19 December 692 – 31 July 700 (7 years, 7 months) |  | **St.**[**Simeon I**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Simeon_I_of_Alexandria) **Simeon • Ⲥⲩⲙⲉⲱⲛ • سيماؤن** | Simon | Syria |  |

**8th century**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Coptic_Orthodox_popes&action=edit&section=10)]

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| 8 May 704 – 14 February 729 (25 years, 9 months, 7 days) |  | **St.**[**Alexander II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Alexander_II_of_Alexandria) **Alexanderos • Ⲁⲗⲉⲝⲁⲛⲇⲣⲟⲥ • آلِكسندر** | Alexanderos | Banna Abu Sir, [Gharbia Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gharbia_Governorate), Egypt | The Umayyad Caliph [Al-Walid I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Walid_I) did not limit himself to taxing the Copts' finances; he also taxed their patience. He publicly reviled [Jesus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jesus) and once, during a [procession](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Procession), he even spat in the face of an image of the [Virgin Mary](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virgin_Mary). When the Copts protested to the Caliph about the level of taxation he responded with more seizure of property and higher taxes. Such behavior continued under Al-Walid's successors; [Yazid II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yazid_II) not only reinstated all the earlier taxes, he also ordered the destruction of all crosses and sacred images in churches. He also ordered all his subjects to wear a leaden identification badge around their necks, and required that all Copts who wished to engage in business activity have the mark of a lion branded on their hands. Anyone caught without the mark would have his hand cut off.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Coptic_Orthodox_popes#cite_note-CE-1) |
| 26 March 729 – 10 June 730 (1 year, 3 months) |  | **St.**[**Cosmas I**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Cosmas_I_of_Alexandria) **Kosma • Ⲕⲟⲥⲙⲁ • قسما** | Kosma | Banna Abu Sir, Gharbia Governorate, Egypt |  |
| 8 July 730 – 14 February 742 (11 years, 7 months, 7 days) |  | **St.**[**Theodore I**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Theodoros_I_of_Alexandria) **Tawadros • Ⲑⲉⲟ́ⲇⲱⲣⲟⲥ • ثاؤدروس** | Tadros | Egypt |  |
| 14 September 743 – 25 March 767 (23 years, 6 months) |  | **St.**[**Michael I**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Michael_I_of_Alexandria) **Khail • Ⲭⲁⲏⲗ • خائيل** | Khail | Egypt | He was thrown into prison by Abd al-Malik ibn Marwan ibn [Musa bin Nusayr](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Musa_bin_Nusayr). Hence, [King Kyriakos](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kyriakos_of_Makuria) of [Makuria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_of_Makuria) marched north into Egypt at the head of an army said to number 100,000 men to free the Pope. However, once the Makurian army reached Egypt, the Pope was released from prison.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Coptic_Orthodox_popes#cite_note-2) |
| 9 April 767 – 7 February 776 (8 years, 10 months) |  | **Pope**[**Mina I**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Mina_I_of_Alexandria) **Mina • Ⲙнⲛⲁ • مينا** | Mena | Samanoud, [Gharbia Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gharbia_Governorate), Egypt |  |
| 24 January 777 – 24 January 799 (22 years) |  | **St.**[**John IV**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_IV_of_Alexandria) **Yoannis • Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲏⲥ • يوأنس** | Yoannis | Banna Abu Sir, Gharbia Governorate, Egypt |  |
| 26 January 799 – 30 April 819 (20 years, 2 months, 21 days) |  | **St.**[**Mark II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Mark_II_of_Alexandria) **Marcos • Ⲙⲁⲣⲕⲟⲥ • مرقس** | Marcos | Alexandria, Egypt | During his Patriarchy, the Copts were persecuted by the [Abbasid](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abbasid) Sultan, [Harun al-Rashid](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harun_al-Rashid) |

**9th century**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Coptic_Orthodox_popes&action=edit&section=11)]

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| 12 May 819 – 21 February 830 (10 years, 9 months, 9 days) |  | **St.**[**James**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Jacob_of_Alexandria) **Yakobos • Ⲓⲁⲕⲱⲃⲟⲥ • يعقوب** | Yakobos | Nabaroh, [Dakahlia Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dakahlia_Governorate), Egypt | In 829, the Copts of the entire Nile Delta rebelled against the Muslim authorities because of excessive taxation and religious persecution. The revolt spread to Upper Egypt. This was the greatest, the most widespread and the most broad based Egyptian rebellion in the history of Egypt under Islam. |
| 28 February 830 – 13 October 830 (5 months, 17 days) |  | **St.**[**Simeon II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Simeon_II_of_Alexandria) **Simeon • Ⲥⲩⲙⲉⲱⲛ • سيماؤن** | Simon | Alexandria, Egypt |  |
| 30 November 831 – 2 November 849 (17 years, 11 months, 2 days) |  | **St.**[**Joseph**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Joseph_I_of_Alexandria) **Yousab • Ⲓⲱⲥⲏⲫ • يوساب** | Youssef | [Menouf](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Menouf), [Monufia Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monufia_Governorate), Egypt | In 831, [Al-Ma'mun](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Ma%27mun), Caliph of the [Abbasid Caliphate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abbasid_Caliphate) asked the Pope to pacify the rebels. The Pope asked the people for calm and obedience to the oppressor. All heeded him except the [Bashmurians](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peshmurians_revolt) in the northernmost part of the Nile Delta, who refused his advice. Al-Ma'mun finally had to bring a large army with elephants from Turkey to conquer the Bashmurians. Without the help of Upper Egypt the Bashmurians revolt ended up in defeat, a blood bath, and widespread destruction in the marshland of the lower delta. All the surviving population of that area was removed by force to [Syria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syria). |
| 20 November 849 – 30 April 851 (1 year, 4 months, 28 days) |  | **St.**[**Michael II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Michael_II_of_Alexandria) **Khail • Ⲭⲁⲏⲗ • خائيل** |  | Egypt |  |
| 21 July 851 – 30 November 858 (7 years, 4 months, 9 days) |  | **St.**[**Cosmas II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Cosmas_II_of_Alexandria) **Kosma • Ⲕⲟⲥⲙⲁ • قسما** |  | Samanoud, [Gharbia Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gharbia_Governorate), Egypt |  |
| 8 January 859 – 2 May 880 (21 years, 3 months, 11 days) |  | **St.**[**Shenouda I**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Shenouda_I_of_Alexandria) **Shenoute • Ϣⲉⲛⲟⲩϯ • سانوتيوس** | Shenouda | Samanoud, Gharbia Governorate, Egypt |  |
| 25 April 880 – 29 March 907 (27 years, 1 month, 9 days) |  | **St.**[**Michael III**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Michael_III_of_Alexandria) **Khail • Ⲭⲁⲏⲗ • خائيل** | Khail | Egypt | In 882, the governor of Egypt, [Ahmad ibn Tulun](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ahmad_ibn_Tulun), forced the Pope to pay heavy contributions, forcing him to sell a church and some attached properties to the local [Jewish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jew) community. This building was at one time believed to have later become the site of the [Cairo Geniza](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cairo_Geniza). |

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| 29 May 909 – 28 February 920 (10 years, 9 months) |  | **St.**[**Gabriel I**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Gabriel_I_of_Alexandria) **Gabriel • Ⲅⲁⲃⲣⲓⲏⲗ • غبريال** | Gabriel | [Shibin El Kom](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shibin_El_Kom), [Monufia Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monufia_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) |  |
| 28 February 920 – 12 March 932 (12 years) |  | **St.**[**Cosmas III**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Cosmas_III_of_Alexandria) **Kosma • Ⲕⲟⲥⲙⲁ • قسما** | Kosma | Egypt |  |
| 9 April 932 – 2 April 952 (19 years, 11 months, 23 days) |  | **St.**[**Macarius I**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Macarius_I_of_Alexandria) **Macarius • Ⲙⲁⲕⲁⲣⲓⲟⲥ • مكاريوس** |  | Alexandria, Egypt |  |
| 1 August 952 – 19 December 956 (4 years, 4 months, 11 days) |  | **St.**[**Theophilus**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Theophilus_II_of_Alexandria) **Theophilos • Ⲑⲉⲟ́ⲫⲁnⲓⲟⲥ • ثاؤفانيوس** | Theophilos | Alexandria, Egypt |  |
| 20 December 956 – 25 November 974 (17 years, 11 months, 6 days) |  | **Pope**[**Mina II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Mina_II_of_Alexandria) **Mina • Ⲙнnⲁ • مينا** | Mena | Sandela, [Kafr El Sheikh Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kafr_El_Sheikh_Governorate), Egypt |  |
| 28 November 975 – 16 December 978 (3 years, 11 months) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/a1/Pope_Abraham_of_Alexandria.jpg/70px-Pope_Abraham_of_Alexandria.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Pope_Abraham_of_Alexandria.jpg) | **St.**[**Abraham**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Abraham_of_Alexandria) **Avraam • Ⲁⲃⲣⲁⲁⲙ • أبرآم بن زرعة** | Abraam ibn Zeraa | Syria | [Al-Mu'iz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Mu%27izz_li-Din_Allah), [Caliph](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caliph) of the [Fatimid Caliphate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatimid_Caliphate) challenged Pope Abraham "if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move" (Matt 17:20 & Mark 11:23). After 3 days of prayers and fasting the Pope with St. [Simon the Tanner](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simon_the_Tanner) moved the [Mokattam Mountain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mokattam) east of Cairo. The story of this miracle can be found in the [History of the Patriarchs of Alexandria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_Patriarchs_of_Alexandria) written by the historian [Severus Ibn al-Muqaffa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Severus_Ibn_al-Muqaffa). |
| 10 April 979 –21 November 1003 (24 years, 7 months, 10 days) |  | **Pope**[**Philotheos**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Philotheos_of_Alexandria) **Philotheos • Ⲫⲓⲗⲟⲑⲉⲟⲥ • فيلوثاوس** | Philotheos | Egypt |  |

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| 28 September 1004 – 22 November 1032 (27 years, 11 months, 12 days) |  | **St.**[**Zacharias**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Zacharias_of_Alexandria) **Zacharias • Ⲍⲁⲭⲁⲣⲓⲁⲥ • زخارياس** | Zacharias | Alexandria, Egypt | During his Patriarchy, the Copts were persecuted for nine years by the Caliph [Al-Hakim](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Hakim_bi-Amr_Allah). More than 30,000 churches were demolished, including the burning of the [Church of the Holy Sepulcher](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_of_the_Holy_Sepulcher) in Jerusalem. Al-Hakim had seized the Pope, smeared his clothes with the blood of a slaughtered sheep and cast him to hungry lions, but they did not harm him. The Caliph marvelled and ordered that the Pope be allowed to rebuild churches and restore those that were destroyed.[[*citation needed*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Citation_needed)] |
| 13 December 1032 – 29 October 1046 (14 years, 7 months, 11 days) |  | **Pope**[**Shenouda II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Shenouda_II_of_Alexandria) **Shenoute • Ϣⲉⲛⲟⲩϯ • شنودة** | Shenouda | [Minya El Qamh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minya_El_Qamh), [Sharqia Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sharqia_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) |  |
| 24 December 1046 – 23 December 1077 (31 years) |  | **St.**[**Christodoulos**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Christodolos_of_Alexandria) **Khristodoulos • Ⲭⲣⲓⲥⲧⲟⲇⲟⲗⲟⲥ • خرستوذولس** | Khristodoulos | [Manzala](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Manzala), [Port Said Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Port_Said_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) | In the year 1047 the [Seat of the Coptic Orthodox Pope of Alexandria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seat_of_the_Coptic_Orthodox_Pope_of_Alexandria) was moved from [Alexandria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexandria) to [Cairo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cairo). |
| 18 March 1078 – 19 June 1092 (14 years, 2 months, 20 days) |  | **St.**[**Cyril II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Cyril_II_of_Alexandria) **Kyrillos • Ⲕⲩⲣⲓⲗⲗⲟⲩ • كيرلس** | Guirguis | Egypt |  |
| 9 October 1092 – 7 June 1102 (9 years, 7 months, 17 days) |  | **St.**[**Michael IV**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Michael_IV_of_Alexandria) **Mikhail • Ⲙⲓχⲁⲏⲗ • ميخائيل** | Mikhail | [Sakha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xois), [Kafr El Sheikh Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kafr_El_Sheikh_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) |  |

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| 22 November 1102 – 14 September 1128 (26 years, 1 month, 11 days) |  | **St.**[**Macarius II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Macarius_II_of_Alexandria) **Macarios • Ⲙⲁⲕⲁⲣⲓⲟⲥ • مكاريوس** |  | Egypt |  |
| 3 February 1131 – 18 April 1145 (14 years, 2 months, 2 days) |  | **St.**[**Gabriel II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Gabriel_II_of_Alexandria) **Gabriel • Ⲅⲁⲃⲣⲓⲏⲗ • غبريال** | Ela ibn Turaik | [Fustat, Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fustat) |  |
| 29 July 1145 – 11 April 1146 (8 months) |  | **St.**[**Michael V**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Michael_V_of_Alexandria) **Mikhail • Ⲙⲓχⲁⲏⲗ • ميخائيل** | Mikhail | Daqadus, [Dakahlia Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dakahlia_Governorate), Egypt |  |
| 25 August 1147 – 12 May 1166 (18 years, 8 months, 4 days) |  | **St.**[**John V**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_V_of_Alexandria) **Yoannis • Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲏⲥ • يوأنس** | Yoannis | Egypt | [Crusaders invaded Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crusader_invasions_of_Egypt) (1163–1169) and indiscriminately persecuted Coptic Orthodox Christians. |
| 25 June 1166 –14 January 1189 (22 years, 6 months, 19 days) |  | **Pope**[**Mark III**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Mark_III_of_Alexandria) **Marcos • Ⲙⲁⲣⲕⲟⲥ • مرقس** | Farag ibn Abu al-Saad ibn Zarah | Alexandria, Egypt |  |
| 21 February 1189 – 22 January 1216 (26 years, 11 months, 8 days) |  | **Pope**[**John VI**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_VI_of_Alexandria) **Yoannis • Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲏⲥ • يوأنس** | Yoannis | Egypt | After his departure, the Apostolic Throne remained vacant for nineteen years. This is the longest vacancy in the history of the Coptic Orthodox Church. |

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| 30 July 1235 – 23 March 1243 (7 years, 8 months, 23 days) |  | **St.**[**Cyril III**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Cyril_III_of_Alexandria) **Kyrillos • Ⲕⲩⲣⲓⲗⲗⲟⲩ • كيرلس** | Daoud ibn Laqlaq | [Faiyum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faiyum), [Faiyum Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faiyum_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) | After his departure, the Apostolic Throne remained vacant for seven years and seven months because of the intense persecution which did not allow the Copts to elect a successor. |
| 15 October 1250 – 10 December 1261 (11 years, 1 month, 18 days) |  | **Pope**[**Athanasius III**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Athanasius_III_of_Alexandria) **Athanasios • Ⲁⲑⲁⲛⲁⲥⲓⲟⲩ • أثناسيوس** | Bolis | Egypt |  |
| 3 November 1268 – 14 January 1271 (2 years, 2 months, 10 days) |  | **St.**[**Gabriel III**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Gabriel_III_of_Alexandria) **Gabriel • Ⲅⲁⲃⲣⲓⲏⲗ • غبريال** | Gabriel ibn Fakhry | Egypt | With support from some of the Bishops, Pope Gabriel III replaced [Pope John VII](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_VII_of_Alexandria) and reigned for three years until his death, when Pope John VII was reinstated. This is the only occasion in history when the Coptic Orthodox Church had two Popes at the same time. |
| 14 January 1262 – 2 November 1269  15 January 1271 – 21 April 1293 (29 years, 1 month, 8 days) |  | **St.**[**John VII**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_VII_of_Alexandria) **Yoannis • Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲏⲥ • يوأنس** | Youhanna ibn Said as-Sukari | [Cairo, Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cairo,_Egypt) | With support from some of the bishops, Pope John VII was replaced for three years by [Pope Gabriel III](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Gabriel_III_of_Alexandria), who was originally one of the candidates for pope. Pope John VII was restored as pope after the death of Pope Gabriel III. This is the only occasion in history when the Coptic Orthodox Church had two popes at the same time. |
| 17 July 1294 – 13 January 1300 (5 years, 5 months, 28 days) |  | **Pope**[**Theodosius III**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Theodosius_III_of_Alexandria) **Theodosios • Ⲑⲉⲟ́ⲇⲟⲥⲓⲟⲥ • ثيئودوسيوس** | Abdelmasih ibn Ruwail | Bani-Khosaim, [Minya Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minya_Governorate), Egypt |  |

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| 26 February 1300 – 11 June 1320 (20 years, 3 months, 15 days) |  | **St.**[**John VIII**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_VIII_of_Alexandria) **Yoannis • Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲏⲥ • يوأنس** | Youhanna ibn Absal Binyamin | Bani-Khosaim, [Minya Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minya_Governorate), Egypt | During his Patriarchy, the Copts were persecuted by the [Mamluk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mamluk) Sultan, [Al-Nasir Muhammad ibn Qalawun](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Nasir_Muhammad). The [Sultan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sultan) decreed that whoever kills a Christian could have his possessions. |
| 11 October 1320 – 10 April 1327 (6 years, 6 months, 1 day) |  | **St.**[**John IX**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_IX_of_Alexandria) **Yoannis • Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲏⲥ • يوأنس** | Yoannis | Nephia, [Monufia Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monufia_Governorate), Egypt | On 8 May 1321, Muslims destroyed and burned over 60 Coptic churches and monasteries throughout Egypt. |
| 23 May 1327 – 19 January 1339 (11 years, 7 months, 26 days) |  | **Pope**[**Benjamin II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Benjamin_II_of_Alexandria) **Binyamin • Ⲃⲉⲛⲓⲁⲙⲓⲛ • بنيامين** | Binyamin | Dimikarat, [Luxor Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luxor_Governorate), Egypt |  |
| 14 January 1340 – 21 July 1348 (8 years, 6 months, 6 days) |  | **St.**[**Peter V**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Peter_V_of_Alexandria) **Petros • Ⲡⲉⲧⲣⲟⲥ • بطرس** | Boutros Daoud | Egypt |  |
| 15 July 1348 – 13 February 1363 (14 years, 4 months, 26 days) |  | **Pope**[**Mark IV**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Mark_IV_of_Alexandria) **Marcos • Ⲙⲁⲣⲕⲟⲥ • مرقس** | Farag Allah | [Qalyub](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qalyub), [Qalyubia Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qalyubia_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) |  |
| 20 May 1363 – 26 July 1369 (6 years, 2 months, 7 days) |  | **St.**[**John X**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_X_of_Alexandria) **Yoannis • Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲏⲥ • يوأنس** | Youhanna | [Damascus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Damascus), [Syria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syria) | He was the fourth and last Syrian elected Pope of Alexandria. The other three popes elected from among the Syrians were [Pope Damian the 35th](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Damian_of_Alexandria), [Pope Simeon the 42nd](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Simeon_I_of_Alexandria) and [Pope Abraam the 62nd](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Abraham_of_Alexandria). |
| 19 January 1370 – 11 May 1378 (8 years, 3 months, 22 days) |  | **St.**[**Gabriel IV**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Gabriel_IV_of_Alexandria) **Gabriel • Ⲅⲁⲃⲣⲓⲏⲗ • غبريال** |  | Egypt | During his Patriarchy, the Coptic Orthodox Christians were indiscriminately persecuted by Crusaders. |
| 7 August 1378 – 13 January 1408 (30 years, 5 months, 6 days) |  | **St.**[**Matthew**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Matthew_I_of_Alexandria) **Matheos • Ⲙⲁⲑⲉⲟⲥ • متاؤس** | Matta | Bani Ruh, [Ashmunein](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ashmunein), [Minya Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minya_Governorate), Egypt | Also known as El Meskin ("The Poor") for his charitable deeds to the poor. During his Patriarchy, a great number of Coptic Orthodox Christians were indiscriminately persecuted by the Crusaders. |

**15th century**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Coptic_Orthodox_popes&action=edit&section=17)]

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| 4 May 1409 – 16 January 1427 (17 years, 8 months, 12 days) |  | **Pope**[**Gabriel V**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Gabriel_V_of_Alexandria) **Gabriel • Ⲅⲁⲃⲣⲓⲏⲗ • غبريال** |  | [Giza](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giza,_Egypt), [Giza Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giza_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) |  |
| 11 May 1427 – 17 May 1452 (24 years, 11 months, 23 days) |  | **St.**[**John XI**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_XI_of_Alexandria) **Yoannis • Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲏⲥ • يوأنس** | Farag | El-Maksa, [Cairo, Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cairo,_Egypt) | In 1441, the Ethiopian Emperor [Zara Yaqob](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zara_Yaqob) threatened the [Burji Sultan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burji_Mamluks) Sayf ad-Din Jaqmaq to cut the flow of the Nile because of the destruction of monasteries and persecution against Copts led by the Sultan Jaqmaq. However, the Emperor refrained from doing so for the human suffering it would cause. |
| 23 September 1452 – 23 September 1465 (13 years) |  | **St.**[**Matthew II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Matthew_II_of_Alexandria) **Matheos • Ⲙⲁⲑⲉⲟⲥ • متاؤس** | Sulayman | [Upper Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Upper_Egypt) |  |
| 1466 –28 December 1474 (8 years, 10 months, 6 days) |  | **Pope**[**Gabriel VI**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Gabriel_VI_of_Alexandria) **Gabriel • Ⲅⲁⲃⲣⲓⲏⲗ • غبريال** |  | Egypt |  |
| 2 March 1477 – 23 February 1478 (1 year, 3 days) |  | **Pope**[**Michael VI**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Michael_VI_of_Alexandria) **Mikhail • Ⲙⲓχⲁⲏⲗ • ميخائيل** |  | [Samalut](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samalut), [Minya Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minya_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) |  |
| 1 May 1480 – 17 September 1483 (3 years, 4 months, 17 days) |  | **Pope**[**John XII**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_XII_of_Alexandria) **Yoannis • Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲏⲥ • يوأنس** |  | [Naqada](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naqada), [Qena Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qena_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) |  |
| 22 February 1484 – 18 February 1524 (39 years, 11 months, 26 days) |  | **Pope**[**John XIII**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_XIII_of_Alexandria) **Yoannis • Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲏⲥ • يوأنس** |  | [Sodfa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sodfa), [Asyut Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asyut_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) |  |

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| 14 October 1525 – 17 July 1568 (43 years, 25 days) |  | **St.**[**Gabriel VII**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Gabriel_VII_of_Alexandria) **Gabriel • Ⲅⲁⲃⲣⲓⲏⲗ • غبريال** | Roufail | [El-Qusiya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/El-Qusiya), [Asyut Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asyut_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) |  |
| 17 April 1571 – 8 September 1586 (15 years, 4 months, 19 days) |  | **St.**[**John XIV**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_XIV_of_Alexandria) **Yoannis • Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲏⲥ • يوأنس** |  | [Manfalut](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manfalut), Asyut Governorate, Egypt |  |
| 20 June 1587 – 17 May 1603 (15 years, 10 months, 24 days) |  | **St.**[**Gabriel VIII**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Gabriel_VIII_of_Alexandria) **Gabriel • Ⲅⲁⲃⲣⲓⲏⲗ • غبريال** | Shenouda | [Meir](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meir,_Egypt), Asyut Governorate, Egypt |  |

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| 3 July 1603 – 11 September 1619 (16 years, 2 months, 9 days) |  | **Pope**[**Mark V**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Mark_V_of_Alexandria) **Marcos • Ⲙⲁⲣⲕⲟⲥ • مرقس** |  | El Bayadeya, [Asyut Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asyut_Governorate), Egypt | Arabic becomes Egypt's official language. Islamic rulers threatened to cut the tongues of any Egyptian that was found speaking in the Coptic language. Despite the persecutions, the Coptic Popes are credited for preserving the Coptic language. |
| 18 September 1619 – 10 September 1629 (9 years, 11 months, 22 days) |  | **St.**[**John XV**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_XV_of_Alexandria) **Yoannis • Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲏⲥ • يوأنس** |  | [Mallawi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mallawi), [Minya Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minya_Governorate), Egypt | Buried at St.Anba Bishih Monastery in El-Bayadia, Egypt. |
| 7 September 1631 – 3 April 1646 (14 years, 6 months, 23 days) |  | **St.**[**Matthew III**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Matthew_III_of_Alexandria) **Matheos • Ⲙⲁⲑⲉⲟⲥ • متاؤس** | Tadros | Toukh El-Nasarah, [Monufia Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monufia_Governorate), Egypt |  |
| 20 April 1646 – 20 April 1656 (10 years) |  | **St.**[**Mark VI**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Mark_VI_of_Alexandria) **Marcos • Ⲙⲁⲣⲕⲟⲥ • مرقس** | Tadros | Bahgourah, [Qena Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qena_Governorate), Egypt |  |
| 6 December 1660 – 22 August 1675 (14 years, 8 months, 9 days) |  | **St.**[**Matthew IV**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Matthew_IV_of_Alexandria) **Matheos • Ⲙⲁⲑⲉⲟⲥ • متاؤس** | Guirguis | [Meir](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meir,_Egypt), Asyut Governorate, Egypt |  |
| 5 May 1676 – 17 June 1718 (42 years, 3 months) |  | **St.**[**John XVI**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_XVI_of_Alexandria) **Yoannis • Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲏⲥ • يوأنس** | Ibrahim | Toukh El-Nasarah, [Monufia Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monufia_Governorate), Egypt |  |

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| 21 August 1718 – 4 April 1726 (7 years, 7 months, 11 days) |  | **St.**[**Peter VI**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Peter_VI_of_Alexandria) **Petros • Ⲡⲉⲧⲣⲟⲥ • بطرس** | Morgan | [Asyut](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asyut) Asyut Governorate, Egypt |  |
| 12 January 1727 – 21 April 1745 (18 years, 3 months, 8 days) |  | **St.**[**John XVII**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_XVII_of_Alexandria) **Yoannis • Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲏⲥ • يوأنس** | Abdelsayed | [Mallawi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mallawi), [Minya Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minya_Governorate), Egypt |  |
| 30 May 1745 – 18 May 1769 (23 years, 11 months, 18 days) |  | **St.**[**Mark VII**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Mark_VII_of_Alexandria) **Marcos • Ⲙⲁⲣⲕⲟⲥ • مرقس** | Simeon | Klosna, [El Bahnasa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oxyrhynchus), Minya Governorate, Egypt | During his Patriarchy, there was an attempt from the Catholic Church to take over the Coptic Church. They ordained a monk from Jerusalem to be a Catholic Bishop in Egypt, but he was unable to come to Egypt and stayed in Jerusalem. They also ordained Raphael Al Tokhi as their bishop for Upper Egypt, but he was unable to stay there, so the Pope of Rome called him to Rome to stay there. Pope Mark VII wrote many books about the Coptic Church. |
| 23 October 1769 – 9 June 1796 (26 years, 7 months, 14 days) |  | **St.**[**John XVIII**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_XVIII_of_Alexandria) **Yoannis • Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲏⲥ • يوأنس** | Youssef | [Faiyum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faiyum), [Faiyum Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faiyum_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) | During his Patriarchy, [Pope Pius VI of Rome](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Pius_VI) sent an envoy to Pope John XVIII of Alexandria asking him to unite the Church of Alexandria with the Roman Catholic Church under the proceedings of the Council of Chalcedon. Pope John XVIII and all the Bishops in Egypt unanimously refuted the [Tome of Leo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tome_of_Leo) and defended "One Nature-the Logos Incarnate," of the full humanity and full divinity. The famous scholar and theologian [Joseph el-Abbah](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_el-Abbah), Bishop of Girga responded to Pope Pius VI message and rejected the proceedings of the Council of Chalcedon in which [Leo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Leo_I), the Archbishop of Rome preached Christ "in two natures". |
| 4 October 1796 – 21 December 1809 (13 years, 2 months, 19 days) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/e/e2/Pope_Mark_VIII.jpg/70px-Pope_Mark_VIII.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Pope_Mark_VIII.jpg) | **St.**[**Mark VIII**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Mark_VIII_of_Alexandria) **Marcos • Ⲙⲁⲣⲕⲟⲥ • مرقس** | Youhanna | [Tima](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tima,_Egypt), [Sohag Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sohag_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) | During his Patriarchy, the French invaded Egypt. His [seat](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seat_of_the_Coptic_Orthodox_Pope_of_Alexandria) at [Haret Al Rum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Mary_Church_(Haret_Elroum)) was transferred to [Saint Mark's Coptic Orthodox Cathedral, Azbakeya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Mark%27s_Coptic_Orthodox_Cathedral,_Azbakeya) in the year 1800. |

**19th century**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Coptic_Orthodox_popes&action=edit&section=21)]

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| 24 December 1809 – \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1852 (42–43 years) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/2/21/Pope_Peter_VII.jpg/70px-Pope_Peter_VII.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Pope_Peter_VII.jpg) | **St.**[**Peter VII**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Peter_VII_of_Alexandria) **Petros • Ⲡⲉⲧⲣⲟⲥ • بطرس** | Mankarius | [Gawli, Manfalut](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manfalut), [Asyut Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asyut_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) | A Russian ambassador offered the Patriarch Peter VII the protection from the [Emperor of Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emperor_of_All_Russia), [Nicholas I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicholas_I_of_Russia), however the patriarch thanked the Emperor, saying no other protection was needed than God. |
| 5 June 1853 – 31 January 1862 (6 years, 7 months, 13 days) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/1/15/Cyril_IV_of_Alexandria.jpg/70px-Cyril_IV_of_Alexandria.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Cyril_IV_of_Alexandria.jpg) | **Pope**[**Cyril IV**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Cyril_IV_of_Alexandria) **Kyrillos • Ⲕⲩⲣⲓⲗⲗⲟⲩ • كيرلس** | Daoud | [Sawamaa, Girga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Girga), [Sohag Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sohag_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) | He established a Coptic School in Haret El-Sakkayeen. As well as a printing house and printed many church books. |
| 17 June 1862 – 18 January 1870 (7 years, 7 months, 3 days) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/b/b6/Pope_Demetrius_II.jpg/70px-Pope_Demetrius_II.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Pope_Demetrius_II.jpg) | **Pope** [**Demetrius II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Demetrius_II_of_Alexandria) **Demetrios • Ⲇⲏⲙⲏⲧⲣⲓⲟⲥ • ديمتريوس** | Mikhail | Galda, [Minya Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minya_Governorate), Egypt |  |
| 1 November 1874 – 7 August 1927 (52 years, 9 months, 6 days) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/1/1b/Cyril_V_of_Alexandria.jpg/70px-Cyril_V_of_Alexandria.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Cyril_V_of_Alexandria.jpg) | **Pope**[**Cyril V**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Cyril_V_of_Alexandria) **Kyrillos • Ⲕⲩⲣⲓⲗⲗⲟⲩ • كيرلس** | Youhanna | Tezment, [Beni Suef Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beni_Suef_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) | Longest-serving pope of the Coptic Orthodox Church. In 1908, Marcus Simaika Pasha obtained the approval of the pope to build the [Coptic Museum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coptic_Museum) which was inaugurated on 14 March 1910. |

**20th century**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Coptic_Orthodox_popes&action=edit&section=22)]

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| 16 December 1928 – 21 June 1942 (13 years, 6 months, 5 days) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/d/dd/John_XIX_of_Alexandria.jpg/70px-John_XIX_of_Alexandria.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:John_XIX_of_Alexandria.jpg) | **Pope**[**John XIX**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_John_XIX_of_Alexandria) **Yoannis • Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲏⲥ • يوأنس** |  | Dair Tasa, [Asyut Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asyut_Governorate), Egypt | First ever Bishop or Metropolitan ordained Pope. |
| 19 February 1944 – 31 August 1945 (1 year, 6 months, 19 days) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/77/114th_Pope_of_Alexandria.jpg/70px-114th_Pope_of_Alexandria.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:114th_Pope_of_Alexandria.jpg) | **Pope** [**Macarius III**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Macarius_III_of_Alexandria) **Macarius • Ⲙⲁⲕⲁⲣⲓⲟⲥ • مكاريوس** |  | [El-Mahalla El-Kubra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/El-Mahalla_El-Kubra), [Gharbia Governorat](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gharbia_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) | Was ordained metropolitan for Assiut at 24 years old. |
| 26 May 1946 – 14 November 1956 (10 years, 5 months, 17 days) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/8/8d/Joseph_II_of_Alexandria.jpg/70px-Joseph_II_of_Alexandria.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Joseph_II_of_Alexandria.jpg) | **Pope**[**Joseph II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Joseph_II_of_Alexandria) **Yousab • Ⲓⲱⲥⲏⲫ • يوساب** |  | Naghamish, [Sohag Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sohag_Governorate), Egypt | Foundation of the Higher Institute of Coptic Studies. |
| 10 May 1959 – 9 March 1971 (11 years, 9 months, 29 days) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/a3/Cyril_VI_of_Alexandria.jpg/70px-Cyril_VI_of_Alexandria.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Cyril_VI_of_Alexandria.jpg) | **St.**[**Cyril VI**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Cyril_VI_of_Alexandria) **Kyrillos • Ⲕⲩⲣⲓⲗⲗⲟⲩ • كيرلس** | Azer Youssef Atta | [Damanhur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Damanhur), [Beheira Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beheira_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) | Pope Cyril VI (also known in Arabic as "the man of prayer") gave a humble, public image for the Coptic church. One of the more recent popes to become involved in politics, Pope Cyril VI had good relations with Egyptian President [Gamal Abdel Nasser](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gamal_Abdel_Nasser). In the tenth year of his papacy, the holy church celebrates the inauguration of [the new St. Mark Cathedral](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Mark%27s_Coptic_Orthodox_Cathedral) in Dair El-Anba Rowais, which was known also as Dair El-Khandaq. For this occasion and for the return of the relics of St. Mark the Apostle from Rome, after being in the city of Venice in Italy for eleven centuries, a great religious celebration was organized. The celebration was headed by Pope Kyrillos the Sixth and was attended by President Gamal Abdel Naser, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, [Emperor Haile Selassie the First](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haile_Selassie), Emperor of Ethiopia, and many of the heads of different religions and representatives of churches from all around the world. Among those religious leaders was [Mar Ignatius Yacoub the Third](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ignatius_Jacob_III), the Antiochian Patriarch for the Syrian Orthodox. |
| 14 November 1971 – 17 March 2012 (40 years, 4 months, 3 days) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/1/10/Pope_Shenouda_III_of_Alexandria_by_Chuck_Kennedy_%28Official_White_House_Photostream%29.jpg/70px-Pope_Shenouda_III_of_Alexandria_by_Chuck_Kennedy_%28Official_White_House_Photostream%29.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Pope_Shenouda_III_of_Alexandria_by_Chuck_Kennedy_(Official_White_House_Photostream).jpg) | **Pope**[**Shenouda III**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Shenouda_III_of_Alexandria) **Shenouda • Ϣⲉⲛⲟⲩϯ • شنودة** | Nazeer Gayed Roufail | [Abnub](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abnub), [Asyut Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asyut_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) | First Pope to visit the Patriarchs of Rome and Constantinople since 451 AD. Most notably, Pope Shenouda III's reign also saw the rapid diaspora of Coptic people throughout the world for the first time in centuries (including the establishment of hundreds of churches in the United States, Australia, Canada and Switzerland.) Pope Shenouda III had the greatest impact on the Coptic Church's canon, modernizing several regulations to fit not only the needs of the Coptic people, but the traditions of the Church as well. He is formally known as "the man of ministry". From 2000 onward, violent persecution and massacres of Copts by Egyptian Muslims took place: [Kosheh massacres](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kosheh_massacres), [2005 Alexandria riot](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005_Alexandria_riot), [Nag Hammadi massacre](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nag_Hammadi_massacre), [2011 Alexandria bombing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_Alexandria_bombing), [2011 Imbaba church attacks](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2011_Imbaba_church_attacks) and the massacre at the 2011 [Maspero demonstrations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maspero_demonstrations). |

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| **Apostolic Throne** | **Portrait** | **Popes & Patriarchs of Alexandria English • Coptic • Arabic** | **Name before Patriarchate** | **Place of Birth** | **Notes** |
| 18 November 2012 – Present (Since 2012) | [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/36/Tawadros_II_of_Alexandria.jpg/70px-Tawadros_II_of_Alexandria.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Tawadros_II_of_Alexandria.jpg) | **Pope**[**Theodore II**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Tawadros_II_of_Alexandria) **Tawadros • Ⲑⲉⲟ́ⲇⲱⲣⲟⲥ • تواضروس** | Wagih Subhi Baqi Sulayman | [Mansoura](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mansoura), [Dakahlia Governorate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dakahlia_Governorate), [Egypt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt) | In August 2013, Churches and monasteries in Upper Egypt (built in the 4th and 5th centuries) were forced to cancel Sunday Mass for the first time in 1,600 years due to the intense persecution led by the [Muslim Brotherhood](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muslim_Brotherhood).[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Coptic_Orthodox_popes#cite_note-3) Persecution was also carried out by the [Islamic State](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic_State_of_Iraq_and_the_Levant_%E2%80%93_Sinai_Province), including the [2015 kidnapping and beheading of Copts in Libya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_kidnapping_and_beheading_of_Copts_in_Libya), [2018 Minya bus attack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2018_Minya_bus_attack), [Botroseya Church bombing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Botroseya_Church_bombing), [Palm Sunday church bombings](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palm_Sunday_church_bombings) and the [attack on Saint Menas church](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Attack_on_Saint_Menas_church). Construction of the [Cathedral of the Nativity of Christ, Cairo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cathedral_of_the_Nativity_of_Christ,_Cairo), the largest active [Oriental Orthodox](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oriental_Orthodoxy) church in the world. |