

"GRANT US THE
JOY OF YOUR
SALVATION."
(Psalm 50:12)

«رَدِّ لِي بِرُوحَتِكَ»
(مز ٥٠: ١٢)



A CHURCH OF JOY



Joy is one of the many characteristics of the Coptic church. Even though she is continuously suffering yet she is joyful. Her feasts are uninterrupted and her hymns with a variety of melodies are unceasing.

Although the Coptic Church is known for bearing the cross, she is eager, despite the suffering, to have her children live in spiritual happiness. She is capable to raise them above all tribulations.

As a church of joy, almost all the days are feasts for the Coptic Church.

Feasts And Fasts



The believers practice fasting, sometimes up to about two months (the Great Lent) in preparation for the Great feast, **EASTER**. Their celebration is based solely on their communion with God when they share the joy of Resurrection.

A Delightful Paradise



John Cassian described the Coptic monks, who spread from Alexandria in the North to Aswan in the south, saying that the voice of praising came out perpetually from monasteries and caves as if the whole land of Egypt became a delightful paradise.

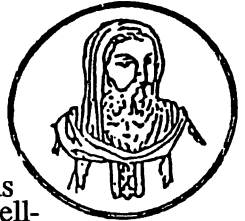
Abbot Apollo

St. Jerome informs us about an Abbot called Apollo who was always smiling. He attracted many to the ascetic life as a source of inward satisfaction and heartfelt joy "in the Lord". He often used to say: "Why do we struggle with sad faces, aren't we the heirs of the eternal life? Leave the sadness to the pagans, and weeping to the evil doers. The believers and the righteous ought to be joyful and happy since they enjoy the spiritual gifts." This attitude is reflected upon the worship in the church, her arts and her aspects of life so that it seems that the church life is a continuous unceasing feast.



Pope Athanasius

In one of his PASCAL letters POPE ATHANASIUS the APOSTOLIC tells us that Christ is our feast. Although there are perpetual feasts, the believer discovers that his feast is in his innermost, that is to say in the dwelling of Christ, the life-giving Lord in him.



Abouna said to me:

"Son, joy is not only being happy, but also making others happy. There are two kinds of people: Those who take their miseries with them wherever they go. And those who take their happiness with them. I wonder which group do you belong to? Wouldn't you like to be a person whom people are always glad to see.? I, personally like to be that person.



اجتماعيات

تهنئ الكنيست:



- ✦ الاستاذ ايهاب بشاي وزوجته السيدة ماجي بولودتها ريكا.
- ✦ المهندس ماجد زقلة وزوجته السيدة نجوى بولودتها ماري.
- ✦ الاستاذ سعيد بني وزوجته السيدة اوديت بولودتها مونيكا.

تتقدم الكنيسة بخالص العزاء:



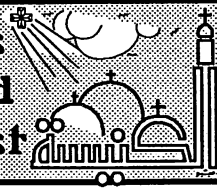
✦ للسيدة الفاضلة اليس سامي، وسائر افراد العائلة، لوفاة نجلها
المرحوم عماد. الرب نسال ان ينيح نفسه في احضان القديسين.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO TAKE PART IN
BUILDING THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

مبارك من له نصيب
في بناء بيت الرب

اعرف كنيسةك Know Your Church

The Feasts of Our Lord Jesus Christ



Our church has very rich traditions and ritual background..... This treasure is a host of feasts which are celebrated throughout the whole year. These feasts have sweet hymns and splendid rights which inflame the spirit. The most important of these feasts are those related to the Lord Jesus Christ. Observing these feasts is a way which help us to enjoy Christ the continuous feast and the source of eternal joy. These feasts are:

ان كنيسةنا القبطية غنية بطقوسها وممارساتها، فلا يكاد يمر يوم على مدار السنة الا وتحتفل فيه بمناسبة معينة، إما خاصة بالسيدة العذراء، او بذكرى شهيد او قديس. ومن اهم هذه المناسبات ما نسميه بـ «الاعياد السيدية» وقد سُميت هكذا لانها خاصة بالسيد المسيح له المجد. وهذه الاعياد هي:

SEVEN MAJOR FEASTS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<i>The Annunciation</i> عيد البشارة Celebrated on Paremhat 29 th <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>	<i>The Nativity</i> عيد الميلاد Celebrated on Koyak 29 th <i>Luke 2:1-19</i>	<i>The Epiphany</i> عيد الغطاس Celebrated on Tobi 11 th <i>Matt. 3:13-17</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i> أحد السعف Celebrated on Sunday preceding Easter <i>Matt. 21:1-17</i>	E A S T E R عيد القيامة <i>Matt. 28:1-20</i> <i>John 20:1-18</i>	<i>The Ascension</i> عيد الصعود Celebrated on the 40 th day after Easter <i>Luke 24:36-53</i> <i>Acts 1:1-12</i>	<i>Pentecost</i> عيد العنصرة Celebrated on the 50 th day after Easter <i>John 15:59-16:15</i> <i>Acts 2:1-13</i>

SEVEN MINOR FEASTS

<i>The Circumcision</i> عيد الختان Celebrated on Tobi 6 th <i>Luke 2:21-39</i>	<i>Entering Temple</i> دخول الهيكل Celebrated on Amshir 8 th <i>Luke 2:21-30</i>	<i>Escape to Egypt</i> الهروب لمصر Celebrated on Pashons 24 th <i>Matt. 2:13-23</i>	<i>The First Miracle</i> عرس قانا الجليل Celebrated on Tobi 13 th <i>John 2:1-11</i>	<i>The Transfiguration</i> عيد التجلي Celebrated on Mesra 13 th <i>Luke 9:28-36</i>	<i>Maunday Thursday</i> خميس العهد Celebrated on Thursday preceding Easter <i>Matt. 26:17-30</i>	<i>Thomas' Sunday</i> أحد توما Celebrated on Sunday following Easter <i>John 20:1-29</i>