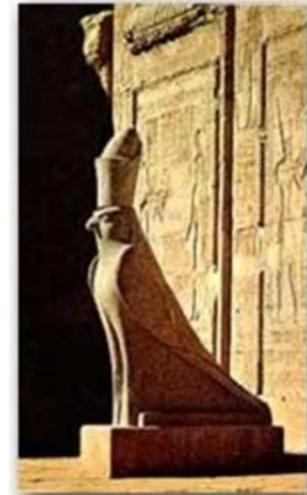


# History of the Coptic Orthodox Church

# 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 School of Alexandria

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

# Coptic Patriarchs 1<sup>st</sup> 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



# 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



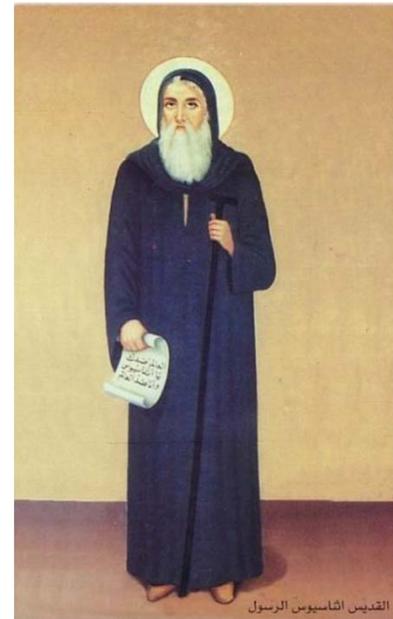
# Dionysius

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



# 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

# 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