

# The monthly festivals in our Coptic [Ethiopian] calendar

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The Ethiopian calendar has 12 months which are consisted of 30 days each, and the last additional month which is 5 or 6 days. Throughout the month each day is assigned to be a commemoration of a certain saint an angel or martyr or a monk; so here we try to mention **the most commonly known** saints in a month.

<b>The first day.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The birth of our lady Virgin Mary.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>St. Raquel the archangel</b></li> <li>• <b>St. Bertilimeu the apostle.</b></li> <li>• <b>St. Stephen the first martyr,[in some places they commemorate him in the 17<sup>th</sup> day.]</b></li> <li>• <b>The 150 holy bishops who are assembled in Constantine.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>The 2<sup>nd</sup> day.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Abel The son of Adam and Eve.</li> <li>• Job the Righteous.</li> <li>• St.Taddious the apostle.</li> <li>• St.Abba Heriakos the writer of the Anaphora of our lady Mary.</li> </ul>
<b>The 3rd day.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The entrance of our holy mother to the sanctuary.</li> <li>• St. Fanuile the archangel.</li> <li>• St. Cyril the pillar of the faith and St. Clistianos pop of Rome.</li> <li>• St.abba Libanos.</li> <li>• St.Abune Zena-Maricos.</li> </ul>	<b>The 4th day.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St.Yohhanis[John]the apostle.</li> <li>• St. Enidrias[Andrew] the Apostle</li> </ul>
<b>The 5th day.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The holy Holy-Spirit[one of the three persons of the holy Trinity.]</li> <li>• St. Sakuile the archangel.</li> <li>• St. Ermias [Jeremiah] the prophet.</li> <li>• St.Ezekiel the prophet.</li> <li>• St. Peter and Paul the Apostles.</li> <li>• St. Abune Gebre-Menifes Kidus.</li> </ul>	<b>The 6th day.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The arrival of virgin Mary in Deber-qusquame[in Egypt]during her flight.</li> <li>• Lord Jusus; His Circumcision is commemorated on this day].</li> <li>• Adam and Eve our 1<sup>st</sup> parents.</li> <li>• Isaiah the prophet.</li> <li>• St. Elias [Elijah]the prophet.</li> <li>• St. Ezra the prophet.</li> <li>• St. Basil the great.</li> <li>• St. Abba Abraham the Syrian.</li> <li>• St. Mary the Egyptian.</li> </ul>

The 7th day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Trinity day.</li> <li>• St. Iyakiam the father of the virgin.</li> <li>• St. Atnatious the Apostolic.</li> <li>• St. Dioscorus the champion of orthodoxy.</li> <li>• St. Abba Shenoda.</li> <li>• St. Abba Giorgis of Gasich.</li> </ul>	The 8th day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The four beasts who carry the throne of the Lord.</li> <li>• St. Afinin the archangel (8 hedar).</li> <li>• St. Moses the prophet.</li> <li>• St. Abune Kiros.</li> </ul>
The 9th day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Samuel the prophet.</li> <li>• The 318 holy fathers who assembled in Nikia.</li> <li>• St. Abba Bersuma the father of Syrian monks.</li> <li>• St. Abune Estinfase-Kirstos.</li> </ul>	The 10th day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Holy Cross of our Lord.</li> <li>• St. Yodit.</li> <li>• The three holy men Anania, Azaria, Mesail.</li> <li>• St. James the son of Alphaeus.</li> </ul>
The 11th day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Hanna the mother of virgin Mary.</li> <li>• St. Fassilades the martyr.</li> <li>• St. Gelawdawos the martyr.</li> <li>• St. Yared the hymnographer.</li> <li>• St. Abune Hara-Dingel.</li> </ul>	The 12th day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The archangel St. Mikail.</b></li> <li>• St. Matthew the Apostle.</li> <li>• St. Dematrous the 12<sup>th</sup> pop of Alexandria.</li> <li>• The 200 holy bishops assembled in Ephesion.</li> <li>• St. Tewodros the martyr.</li> <li>• St. Lalibila the king.</li> </ul>
The 13th day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Rufaile the archangel.</li> <li>• St. Abune Zera-Beruk.</li> </ul>	The 14th day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Abune Aregawi [Zemikail].</li> <li>• St. Mermehenam the martyr.</li> <li>• St. Gebre-Kirstos.</li> </ul>
The 15th day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Nathaniel the apostle.</li> <li>• St. Efirame the Syrian.</li> <li>• St. Kirkos the martyr and his mother Eyluta.</li> <li>• St. Minas the martyr.</li> <li>• St. Emba-Merina.</li> </ul>	The 16th day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The covenant given to our mother holy Virgin Mary.</li> <li>○ The resurrection and assumption of the virgin.</li> <li>○ Gideon the Judge.</li> <li>○ St. Elisabeth the mother of John the Baptist.</li> <li>○ St. Filatawos the martyr.</li> <li>○ St. John the golden Gospel.</li> </ul>
The 17th day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ St. James Son of Zebedee.</li> <li>○ St. Epifanios bishop of cuprous</li> <li>○ St. Abune Gerima of Medera.</li> <li>○ St. John the golden mouth.</li> </ul>	The 18th day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ St. Ewostatios the father of Ethiopians and the Armenians.</li> <li>○ ST. Philip the Apostle.</li> </ul>

The 19th day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ St. Gabriel the archangel.</li> </ul>	The 20th day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The construction of the church of holy virgin by our Lord before the Apostles.</li> <li>○ St. Elsa [Elisha] the prophet.</li> <li>○ St. John the short.</li> <li>○ St. Kalebe the king.</li> </ul>
The 21st day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>The feast of our holy mother St. Mary.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Joel the prophet.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Gorgorious the brother of St. Basil.</b></li> </ul>	The 22nd day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ St. urail the archangel.</li> <li>○ St. Luke the Evangelist.</li> <li>○ St. Deksius the bishop.</li> <li>○ St. Antonio the first monk.</li> </ul>
The 23rd day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ St. David the prophet.</li> <li>○ St. Solomon the king.</li> <li>○ St. Daniel the prophet.</li> <li>○ St. Giorgis [George]the prince of martyrs.</li> </ul>	The 24th day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The 24 heavenly priests who cense the throne of the almighty God.</li> <li>○ St. Tommas of the Meras [one of the 318fathers.]</li> <li>○ St. Abune Tekle Haymanot the father of the Ethiopian monks.</li> <li>○ St. Kiristos-Semera.</li> <li>○ St. Moses the Black.</li> </ul>
The 25th day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jonah the prophet.</li> <li>○ St. Merkorious the martyr.</li> <li>○ St. Salome the cousin of the Virgin Mary.</li> </ul>	The 26th day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ St. Yosef [Joseph] the guardian of the virgin.</li> <li>○ St. Joshua the disciple of Moses.</li> <li>○ St. Tomas the Apostle.</li> <li>○ St. Abune Selama the 1<sup>st</sup> bishop of Ethiopia.</li> <li>○ St.Abune Habete-Mariam.</li> </ul>
The 27th day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The crucifixion of our Lord.</li> <li>○ St. Lazarus the beloved of our Lord.</li> <li>○ St.Fikitor the martyr.</li> <li>○ St. Mekarious the great the father of monks.</li> <li>○ St.Tsige Dingle.</li> <li>○ St.Abune Meba-Tsion.</li> </ul>	The 28th day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Emmanuel [our lord].</li> <li>○ Our fathers Aberham,Yishaqe,and Yakob.</li> <li>○ St. Constantine the Great.</li> <li>○ St. Sosina.</li> <li>○ St. Abune Philipos.</li> </ul>
The	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>The Feast of our lord[Beale-</b></li> </ul>	The	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Samson the judge.</li> </ul>

29th  
day.

**Egziabher**]. His birth and  
resurrection is  
commemorated on this day

- St. Peter the seal of martyrs.
- St. Arsema the Martyr.

30th  
day.

- St. Yohannes [John] the Baptist [in some places they commemorate him in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> day.]
- St. Markos [Mark] the Apostle.