

## **BANI KALB**

A village, today called Bani Majda, situated on the left bank of the Nile 3 miles (5 km) west of Manfalut (north of ASYUT). Al-Maqrizi (1853, Vol. 2, p. 506; 1845, pp. 42 [text], 101 [trans.]) mentioned a monastery there, uninhabited in his time (fifteenth century) but serving as a [church](#) for the Christians of Manfalut. According to him, it was consecrated to the [archangel](#) Gabriel. However, J. Vansleb (1677, p. 361; 1678, p. 217) wrote that it is dedicated to the archangels Gabriel and Raphael. S. Clarke (1912, p. 209, no. 2), who reproduced the official list of the patriarchate, gives [Saint MICHAEL](#) as patron of the church. Such permutations among the titular archangels of churches are very common.

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