

DATES AND SUCCESSION OF PATRIARCHS

Significant dates in the lives of notable persons from the past, particularly from the ancient past, are often a matter of conjecture. In some [cases](#) a paucity of historical source material makes it impossible to determine when particular events took place, and in other instances discrepancies in the sources that are extant make such a determination frustratingly tenuous. Since such uncertainty is a feature of the biographical data available for many of the Coptic patriarchs, the following list can give only the approximate dates for some of these leaders. For the period up to 1243 the table relies solely on the *History of the Patriarchs* compiled by Sawirus ibn al- Muqaffa'. Supplementary sections of subsequent writers and editors provide the dates for the remaining patriarchs.

Writers following other sources will give dates for some of the patriarchs that vary slightly from those listed below. Thus, some discrepancy in patriarchs' dates may be found within *The Coptic Encyclopedia*.

In the list below the provenance of each patriarch has been designated in a separate column, and the rulers of Egypt during each patriarchal reign have been listed in another column. The list has been classified into sections representing the main historical periods:

Greco-Roman and Byzantine, medieval Arab, modern, and contemporary. Full biographies of all patriarchs have been included in the body of our alphabetized text, save in the case of the present patriarch, whose dates are recorded but whose life critique has to be deferred until after the end of his tenure for an objective evaluation of his total work and service.

Greco-Roman and Byzantine Period

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|---------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 1. Mark | 43-68 | Alexandria Nero | 54-68 |
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2.	Anianus	68-85	Alexandria	Nero	54-68
				Galba	68-69
				Otho	69
				Vitellius	69
				Vespasian	69-79
				Titus	79-81
				Domitian	81-96
3.	Abilius	85-98	Alexandria	Domitian	81-96
4.	Cerdon	98-109	Alexandria	Nerva	96-98
				Trajan	98-117
5.	Primus	109-122	unknown	Trajan	98-117
6.	Justus	122-130	unknown	Hadrian	117-138
				Hadrian	
7.	Eumenius	130-142	unknown	Antonius	117-138
				Pius	138-161
8.	Marcianus	143-154	unknown	Antonius	138-161
				Pius	
9.	Celadion	157-167	unknown	Antonius	138-161
				Pius	
10.	Agrippinus	167-180	unknown	Marcus	161-180
				Aurelius	
11.	Julian	180-189	unknown	Marcus	161-180
				Aurelius	
				Commodus	180-192
12.	Demetrius	189-231	unknown	Commodus	180-192
I				Pertinax	193
				Didius	193
				Julianus	
				Septimius	193-211
				Severus	
				Caracalla	211-217
				Marcinus	217-218
				Heliogabalus	218-222
				Alexander	222-235
				Severus	
				Alexander	222-235
13.	Heraclas	231-247	unknown	Severus	
				Maximinus	235-238
				Bulbinus	
				and	238
				Pupienus	
				Gordianus	238-244
				III	
				Philippus	244-249
14.	Dionysius	247-264	unknown	Philippus	244-249

			Decius	249-251
			Gallus	251-253
			Valerianus	253-260
			Gallienus	260-268
15. Maximus	264-282	unknown	Gallienus	260-268
			Claudius II	268-270
			Aurelianus	270-275
			Tacitus	275-276
			Florianus	276
			Probus	276-282
16. Theonas	282-300	unknown	Carus	282-283
			Numerianus	283-284
			Diocletian	284-305
17. Peter I	300-311	unknown	Diocletian	284-305
			Galerius	305-310
18. Achillas	311-312	unknown	Galerius	305-310
			Licinius	308-324
19. Alexander I	312-326	unknown	Licinius	308-324
			Constantine I	306-337
20. Athanasius I	326-373	unknown	Constantine I	306-337
			Constantius II	337-361
			Julian	361-363
			Jovian	363-364
			Valens	364-378
21. Peter II	373-380	unknown	Valens	364-378
			Gratian	375-383
			Valentinian II	375-392
22. Timothy I	380-385	unknown	Theodosius	379-395
		unknown	Theodosius	
23. Theophilus	385-412		Arcadius	379-395
			Theodosius II	395-408
			Theodosius II	408-450
24. Cyril I	412-444	Anba Maqar	Theodosius II	408-450

25.	Dioscorus I	444-458	unknown	Theodosius II	408-450 450-457
26.	Timothy Aelurus II "The Cat"	458-480	unknown	Marcian Marcian	450-457
27.	Peter III (Mongus)	480-488	unknown	Leo I Zeno Zeno	457-474 474-491 474-491
28.	Athanasius II	488-494	unknown	Zeno	474-491
29.	John I	494-503	Anba Maqar	Anastasius	491-518
30.	John II	503-515	al-Zujaj (Enaton)	Anastasius	491-518
31.	Dioscorus II	515-517	unknown	Anastasius Justin I	491-518 518-527
32.	Timothy III	517-535	unknown	Justin I Justinian	518-527 527-565
33.	Theodosius I	535-567		Justinian Justin II	527-565 565-578
34.	Peter IV	567-569	al-Zujaj (Enaton)	Justin II	565-578
35.	Damian	569-605	Tabur Abu Yuhannis	Justin II Tiberius II	565-578 578-582
			Maurice		582-602
			Phocas		602-610
36.	Anastasius	605-616	unknown	Phocas Heraclius	602-610 610-634
37.	Andronicus	616-622	unknown	Heraclius	610-634

Medieval Arab Period

38. Benjamin I	622-661	Qibriyus	Heraclius	610-634
			'Umar	634-644
			'Uthman	644-656
			'Ali	656-661
			al-Hasan b.	661
			'Ali	661-681
39. Agathon	661-677	Alexandria	Mu'awiyah I	661-681
			Mu'awiyah I	661-681
			Yazid I	680-683
40. John III	677-686	Anba Maqar	Muawiyah II	683
			Marwan I	684-685
			'Abd-al-Malik	685-705
41. Isaac	686-689	Anba Maqar	'Abd-al-Malik	685-705
42. Simon I	689-701	al-Zujaj (Enaton)	'Abd-al-Malik	685-705
43. Alexander II	705-730	al-Zujaj (Enaton)	'Abd-al-Malik	685-705
			al-Walid ibn	705-715
			'Abd	
			al-Malik	
			Sulayman	715-717
			'Umar ibn	717-720
			'Abd al-	
			Aziz	720-724
			Yazid II	
			Hisham	724-743
44. Cosmas I	730-731	Anba Maqar	Hisham	724-743
			Hisham	724-743
45. Theodorus	731-743	Tamnurah (Mareotis)	Hisham	724-743
46. Kha'il I	744-767	Anba Maqar	al-Walid ibn Yazid	743-744
			Yazid III	744
			Ibrahim	744
			Marwan II	744-750
			al-Saffah al-	750-754
			Mansur al-	754-775
47. Mina I	767-774	Anba Maqar	Mansur	754-775
			al-Mahdi	775-785
48. John IV	775-799	Anba Maqar	al-Mahdi	775-785
			al-Hadi	
			Harun al-	785-786
			Rashid	786-809
49. Mark II	799-819	Anba Maqar	Harun al-	786-809
			Rashid	
			al-Amin	809-813
			al-Ma' mun	813-833

50. Jacob	819-830	Anba Maqar	al-Ma'mun	813-833
51. Simon II	830	Anba Maqar	al-Ma'mun	813-833
52. Yusab I	830-849	Anba Maqar	al-Ma'mun al-Mu'tasim al-Wathiq al-Mutawakkil	813-833 833-842 842-847 847-861
53. Kha'il II	849-851	Abu Yuhannis	al-Mutawakkil	847-861
54. Cosmas II	851-858	Anba Maqar	al-Mutawakkil	847-861
55. Shenute I	858-880	Anba Maqar	al-Mutawakkil	847-861
56. Kha'il III	880-907	Anba Maqar	al-Muntasir	
			al-Musta'in al-	861-862
			Mu'tazz al-	862-866
			Muhtadi	866-869
			Ahmad ibn Tulun	869-870
			Ahmad ibn Tulun	870-884
			Khumarawayh	884-896
			Jaysh ibn	896
			Khumarawayh	
			Harun ibn	896-904
Khumarawayh				
Shayban ibn	904			
Ahmad al-Muktafi	904-908			
57. Gabriel I	909-920	Anba Maqar	al-Muqtadir	908-932
58. Cosmas III	920-932	unknown	al-Muqtadir	908-932
59. Macarius I	932-952	Anba Maqar	al-Muhtadi	932-934
			al-Radi	935
			al-Ikhshid	936-946
			Abu al-Qasim	946-960
			Unujur	
60. Theophanes	952-956	Anba Maqar	Abu al-Qasim	946-960

61. Mina II	956-974	Anba Maqar	Unujur Abu al-Qasim	946-960
			Unujur Abu al-Hasan 'Ali	960-966
			Kafur Abu al-Fawaris ibn 'Ali	966-968 968-969
62. Abraham	975-978	Layman	al-Mu'izz al-Mu'izz	972-975 972-975
			al-Aziz	975-996
63. Philotheus	979-1003	Anba Maqar	al-Aziz	975-996
64. Zacharias	1004-1032	unknown	al-Hakim al-Hakim	996-1021 996-1021
65. Shenute II	1032-1046	Anba Maqar	al- Zahir al- Zahir	1021-1035 1021-1035
			al-Mustansir Abu Tamim	1035-1094
66. Christodoulus	1047-1077	al-Baramus	al-Mustansir	1035-1094
67. Cyril II	1078-1092	Anba Maqar	al-Mustansir	1035-1094
68. Mikha'il IV	1092-1102	Anba Maqar Sinjar	al-Mustansir	1035-1094
			al-Musta'li	1094-1101
			al-'Amir	1101-1130
69. Macarius II	1102-1128	Anba Maqar	al-'Amir	1101-1130
70. Gabriel II	1131-1145	Layman	al-Hafiz	1130-1149
71. Mikha'il V	1145-1146	Anba Maqar	al-Hafiz	1130-1149
72. John V	1147-1167	Abu Yuhannis	al-Hafiz	1130-1149
			al-Zafir	1149-1154
			al-Fa'iz	1154-1160
			al-'Adid al-'Adid	1160-1171 1160-1171
73. Mark III	1167-1189	Layman	Salah al-Din	1171-1193
74. John VI	1189-1216	Layman	Salah al-Din	1171-1193

			al-'Aziz	1193-1198
			'Imad al-Din	1198-1200
			al-Mansur Muhammad	1200-1218
			al-'Adil	1218-1238
75. Cyril ibn Laqlaq III	1235-1243	unknown	al-Kamil	1238-1239
			al-'Adil II	1239-1249
			al-Salih Najm al-Din	1250-1252
76. Athanasius III	1250-1261	Anba Maqar	Shajarat al-Durr	1252-1257
			'Izz al-Din Aybak	1257-1259
			al-Mansur Nur al-Din	1259-1260
			'Ali Sayf al-Din	1260-1277
77. John VII	1262-1268	unknown	Qutuz al-Zahir	1260-1277
			Baybars al-Zahir	1260-1277
			Baybars	
	1271-1293	unknown	al-Zahir	1260-1277
78. Gabriel III	1268-1271	unknown	Baybars	
			Barakah Khan	1277-1279
			Salamish	1279
			Qalawun	1279-1290
			al-Ashraf	1290-1293
79. Theodosius II	1294-1300	Abu Fanah	Khalil al-Nasir	1294
			Muhammad	
			al-'Adil	
			Kitbugha	1294-1926
			Husam al-Din	1296-1299
			Lajin	1299-1309
			al-Nasir Muhammad	
80. John VIII	1300-1320	Shahran	al-Nasir Muhammad	1299-1309
			Baybars-Jashankir	1309-1310
			al-Nasir Muhammad	1310-1341
81. John IX	1320-1327	unknown	al-Nasir Muhammad	1310-1341

82. Benjamin II	1327-1339	Jabal Turah	Muhammad al-Nasir	1310-1341
83. Peter V	1304-1348	Anba Maqar	Muhammad al-Din Abu Bakr	1341
			al-Ashraf Kujuk	1342
			al-Nasir Ahmad	1342
			al-Salih Isma'il	1342-1345
			al-Kamil Sha'ban	1346
			al-Muzaffar Hajji	1347
84. Mark IV	1349-1363	Shahran	al-Nasir Hasan al-Nasir Hasan	1347-1351
			Salih Salah al-Din	1351-1354
			al-Nasir Hasan	1354-1361
			al-Mansur S	1361-1363
85. John X	1363-1369	unknown	Muhammad al-Ashraf Sha'ban	1363-1377
Gabriel IV	1370-1378	al-Muharraq	al-Ashraf Sha'ban	1363-1377
			'Ala al-Din 'Ali al-	1377-1381
87. Matthew I	1378-1409	al-Muharraq	Mansur	1377-1381
			al-Salih al-Din Hajji	1382
			Barquq	1383-1389
			Salah Hajji	1389-1390
			Barquq	1390-1398
			al-Nasir Faraj	1398-1405
			al-Mansur 'Abd al-	1405
			'Aziz	1406-1412
88. Gabriel V	1409-1427	Qalamun	al-Nasir Faraj al-Nasir Faraj	1406-1412
			al-'Adil Musta'in	1412
			al-Mu'ayyad	1412-1421
			Shaykh al-Muzaffar Ahmad	1421
			Sayf al-Din Tatar	1421
			Nasir al-Din	1421-1422
			Muhammad	1421-1422
89. John XI	1427-1452	unknown	al-Ashraf Barsbay	1422-1438
			al-Ashraf Barsbay	1422-1438
			Jamal al-Din	1438
			Yusuf	
			Jaqmaq	1438-1453
90. Matthew II	1452-1465	al-Muharraq	Jaqmaq	1438-1453
			Fakhr al-Din	1453

			'Uthman	
			Sayf al-Din	1453-1460
			Inal	
			Shihab al-	1460
			Din	
			Ahmad	1460-1467
			Sayf al-Din	
91.	Gabriel	1466-1475	Khushqadam	1460-1467
	VI	Antunius	Sayf al-Din	1460-1467
			Khushqadam	
			Sayf al-Din	1467
			Yalbay	
			Timurbugha	1467
			Qa'itbay	1468-1495
92.	Mikhal	1476-1478	Qa'itbay	1468-1495
	VI	unknown		

Modern Period (1500-1798)

			Qa'itbay	1468-1495
94.	John XIII	1484-1524	al-Nasir	1495-1498
		al-Muharraq	Muhammad	
			al-Zahir	
			Qansuh	1498-1499
			al-Ashraf	1499-1500
			Janbalat	1500-1516
			Qansuh al-	1516-1517
			Ghuri	1512-1520
			Tuman-bay	1520-1566
95.	Gabriel	1525-1568	Selim I	1522-1566
	VII	Suryan	Sulayman I	
			Sulayman I	
			Selim II	1566-1574
96.	John XIV	1570-1585	Selim II	1566-1574
		al-Baramus	Murad III	1574-1595
97.	Gabriel	1586-1601	Murad III	1574-1595
	VIII	Bishoi		
			Muhammad	1595-1603
98.	Mark V	1602-1618	III	1603-1617
		Anba Maqar	Ahmad I	
			Mustafa I	1617-1618
			'Uthman II	1618-1620
99.	John XV	1619-1634	'Uthman II	1618-1620
		Antunius		
			Mustafa I	1620-1623
			Murad IV	1623-1640
100.	Matthew	1634-1649	Murad IV	1623-1640
	III	al-Baramus		
		Anba Maqar	Ibrahim I	1640-1648
101.	Mark VI	1650-1660	Ibrahim I	1640-1648
		Antunius		

			Muhammad IV	1648-1687
102. Matthew IV	1660-1675	al-Baramus	Muhammad IV	1648-1687
103. John XVI	1676-1718	Antuniyus	Muhammad IV	1648-1687
			Sulayman II	1687-1691
			Ahmad II	1691-1695
			Mustafa II	1695-1703
104. Peter VI	1718-1726	Antuniyus	Ahmad III	1703-1730
			Ahmad III	1703-1730
105. John XVII	1726-1745	Antuniyus-Bula	Ahmad III	1703-1730
			Mahmud I	1730-1754
106. Mark VII	1745-1769	Antuniyus	Mahmud I	1730-1754
			'Uthman III	1754-1757
			Mustafa III	1757-1774
107. John XVIII	1769-1796	Antuniyus	Mustafa III	1757-1774
			'Abd al-Hamid I	1774-1789
			Salim III	1789-1805

Contemporary Period (1798 to the present)

108. Mark VIII	1796-1809	Antuniyus	Salim III	
			Muhammad	1789-1805
			'Ali	1805-1848
109. Peter VII	1809-1852	Antuniyus	Muhammad	1805-1848
			'Ali	
			Ibrahim	1848
			'Abbas I	1848-1854
110. Cyril IV	1854-1861	Antuniyus	'Abbas I	1848-1854
			Sa'id	1854-1863
111. Demetrius II	1862-1870	Anba Maqar	Sa'id	1854-1863
			Isma'il	1863-1882
112. Cyril V	1874-1927	al-Baramus	Isma'il	1863-1882

			Tawfiq	1882-1892
			'Abbas II	1892-1914
			Husayn	1914-1917
			Kamil Fouad	1917-1936
113. John XIX	1928-1942	al-Baramus	Fouad	1917-1936
			Farouk	1936-1952
114. Macarius III	1944-1945	Bishoi	Farouk	1936-1952
			Farouk	
115. Yusab II	1946-1956	Antuniyus	Muhammad	1936-1952
			Najib Jamal	1952-1954
			'Abd al-	1954-1970
116. Cyril VI	1959-1971	al-Baramus	Naser Jamal	1954-1970
			'Abd al-	
			Naser	
			Anwar al-	
			Sadat	1970-1981
117. Shenouda III	1971-	Suryan	Anwar al-	
			Sadat	
			Husni	1981-
			Mubarak	

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