

EVANGELIARY

A manuscript or book containing the text of the four Gospels, or, more usually, the sections from the Gospels meant to be read in liturgical services, arranged according to the liturgical calendar. The extant medieval manuscript evangeliaries of the Coptic church (the oldest being of 1249/1250) contain Gospel pericopes (biblical passages) with the Arabic version facing the Coptic or in Arabic alone, followed by double *menologia*. One, like the Greek *menologion*, lists saints, for whose commemorative days Gospel pericopes are indicated, and another, peculiar to the Copts, lists saints whose commemorative days have no proper Gospel reading.

These two types of *menologion* taken together are valuable for reconstructing the heortological calendar (a calendar for feast days) of the [Coptic church](#) of Alexandria. In modern times the readings from the Gospels for use in the morning and evening offices of incense and in the eucharistic liturgy of the Coptic church are included in the printed editions of the LECTONARY, together with liturgical readings from other biblical books. The Coptic Catholics have twice printed an evangeliary as such, one for the entire year in Arabic only (Cairo, 1930) and one for Sundays and major feasts only in Coptic and Arabic (Cairo, 1931).

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