

HOLY CROSS DAY

The Coptic [Church](#) celebrates the **Feast** of the Cross on the 17th of Tut (27 September) and on the 10th of Baramhat (19 March). The first date commemorates the discovery of the Cross by Queen Helena, the [mother](#) of [Constantine](#) the Great, in the fourth century. The second date commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross from the Persians by the [Roman](#) Emperor Heraclius in the seventh century. Although these two feasts are Byzantine par excellence, the Coptic [Church](#) has a special rite for these days. The tune of [Palm Sunday](#) is used for these feasts as well as for the procession.

There is a hymn praising King Constantine, who ordered the closing down of the idol temples and the reopening of the churches of the Christians. It seems that the cult of [Constantine](#) was imported from the Byzantine church.

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