

AL-MAHALLAH AL-KUBRA

A city located in the middle of the Delta in the [Gharbiyyah](#) province. In earlier Arabic [sources](#) it was known simply as al-Mahallah and in Coptic as]sairi.

The early history of [Christianity](#) in [al-Mahallah al-Kubra](#) is obscure because the city is seldom mentioned in [sources](#) before the [Arabic](#) period. However, by the year 1257 [al-Mahallah al-Kubra](#) was a bishopric, as evidenced by the attendance of [Bishop Gregory](#) of al- Mahallah at the consecration of the chrism in Cairo in that year (Munier, 1943, p. 34).

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