

## **PAPHNUTIUS**

A fifth-century archimandrite of Tabennese.

Paphnutius succeeded Victor as [abbot](#) general of the Tabennesiotes (Van Lantschoot, p. 20, n. 24), and preceded Martyrius. He visited [Patriarch Dioscorus](#), exiled in Gangra (Nau, 1903, p. 297), and obtained a miracle from the patriarch, who healed a paralytic. Paphnutius' tenure of office must have been fairly short. The community of the Pachomians appears to have been unsettled during the reign of Marcian (450-457), and the great church of Pachomius at PBOW, [begun](#) under Victor, was completed only under Martyrius.

Paphnutius was celebrated at the White Monastery (DAYR ANBA SHINUDAH), as the extant typika show (London, [British Library](#), Or. 3580A-3, frag. A, ed. Crum, 1905, no. 146; Vienna, Nationalbibliothek, K9726b, ed. Wessely, 1917, vol. 18, no. 266c; Vienna, Nationalbibliothek, K9734). He also is mentioned in the *History of Dioscorus*, preserved in Syriac and in Coptic (see Crum, 1903; and Nau, 1903).

There is reference to Paphnutius in the panegyric, attributed to the [patriarch](#) DIOSCORUS, on MACARIUS OF TKOW (edited from the Bohairic version by Amélineau, 1888, pp. 92-164, and from the Sahidic by Johnson, 1980). His feast day is 6 [Ba'unah](#).

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