

PETER OF SCETIS, SAINT

A sixth-century tax collector who became a monk at Scetis (feast day: 25 Tubah). The notice in the Coptic [SYNAXARION](#) does not indicate Peter's place of origin, but only his function as a tax collector and the hardness of his character, to the point that he was nicknamed "Without Pity." After a dream that showed him the [judgment](#) of God, he gave everything to the poor and fled to Scetis, where he became a monk and lived with great devoutness.

According to the Greek Synaxarion, [Peter](#) was named a tax collector under Justinian (527-565) and was created a patrician. According to the Greek Life ([Bibliotheca Hagiographica Graeca](#) 3, no. 2366), he fled to the Thebaid.

This is [perhaps](#) the same person who is described at length by E. Stein (pp. 723-29).

The [recension](#) of the [Synaxarion](#) of the Copts from Upper Egypt celebrates [Peter](#) the Devout at 25 Tubah. This notice appears to be borrowed from the Greek [Synaxarion](#) at the same date. It also forms part of "Vitae patrum" in the [Armenian](#) recension.

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