



Named after Api-fee or Abib, who is the big serpent which Horus (the sun), the son of Osiris, killed to revenge for his father.

Gregorian Calendar equivalent:
July 8 to August 6



The Church tone, in the month of Epep is the annual tone, but at the end of the Divine Liturgy the Church sings the hymn of (As-omen to kerio).

Here is a brief summary of the feasts and saints commemorations during that month of Epep:

On the fifth of Epep (12 July), the Church celebrates the Apostles feast. It is mainly the martyrdom day of St. Peter and St. Paul. St. Peter was given the task of reaching to the Jews while St. Paul was given the task of preaching to the Gentiles (Gal 2:7). Also the second of Epep, the feast of St. Thaddeaus the Apostle, the 8th Epep, the feast of St. James and on the ninth of Epep, the feast of St. Simon Cleophas the Apostle. It seems to be that we celebrate one third of the 12 apostles' feasts in the month of Epep.

On the third of Epep, the Church celebrates a great saint, Pope Cyril I the Pillar of Faith. Cyril I was the head of Ephesus Ecumenical Council in 431 B.C. and he is the fourth Pope of the Alexandrian Popes. He is one of the heroes of theology in the Christian world.





In Epep, we also celebrate two of the great monastic leaders on the seventh Epep (14 July), the feast of St. Shenouda the Archimandrite and on the eighth Epep (15 July), the feast of St. Bishoy the beloved by Christ.



The 15th Epep (22 July), we remember St. Cyriacus the child and his mother Julietta. The people of Tema care very much for that feast. As we mention Julietta, we mention many women too: The sixth Epep, 13 July, St. Theodosia the Martyr, 17th Epep, St. Ophomia the Virgin and 23rd Epep, St Marina.

The 24th Epep (31 July), we celebrate the child martyr St. Abanoub of Nehissa. As our Church cares and venerates the leaders of monasticism and heroes of faith, it cares for children and amongst is Abanoub.

The 26th Epep, we celebrate a great saint, St. Joseph the Carpenter. We commemorate him when remembering the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt. We rarely remember him otherwise! Rarely do we dedicate churches to him!



The 28th Epep, we celebrate the feast of St. Mary Magdalene who announced the Resurrection to the Apostles in the same month that we celebrate their feast.

This is a brief presentation for the Coptic month of Epep. May the Lord make our days blessed in His Holy name.

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