



Named after Ka-Ha-Ka, the god of good, who is the sacred bull Apis.

Gregorian Calendar equivalent:
December 10 to January 8



In this blessed month of Koiahk, we celebrate the commemoration, martyrdom, and departure of some of our honorable saints. Some of them are:

Koiahk 3: Entrance of Saint Mary into the Temple in Jerusalem

Koiahk 4: Martyrdom of St. Andrew the Apostle, the brother of St. Peter
Departure of the Holy Prophet Nahum

Koiahk 7: Martyrdom of St. Barbara and St. Juliana

Koiahk 8: Departure of St. Samuel the Abbot (Abba Samuel the Confessor)

Koiahk 11: Commemoration of the Honorable Angel Michael, the Archangel

Koiahk 12: Commemoration of St. John the Confessor

Koiahk 14: Martyrdom of Saints Simeon of Menouf, Abba Hor and Abba Mina
the Elder

Koiahk 17: Commemoration of the Departure of St. Luke

Koiahk 21: Commemoration of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
Martyrdom of St. Barnabas, one of the Seventy Apostles

Koiahk 22: Commemoration of the Archangel Gabriel

Koiahk 23: Departure of David, the Prophet and King
Departure of St. Timothy, the Anchorite

Koiahk 24: Birth of St. Takla-Haymanot, the Ethiopian



Koiahk 25: Departure of St. John Kama

Koiahk 26: Martyrdom of St. Anastasia

Koiahk 27: Martyrdom of St. Anba Bisadi (Psote), the Bishop

And finally at the end of the blessed month of Koiahk on the 29th, we celebrate the **Glorious Feast of the Nativity** (Christmas) of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the Glorious Feast of the Nativity, we participate with the Lord's angels in their rejoicing and praise, "*Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men*" (Luke 2:14).

We have in our Coptic Orthodox Church a very special fast before the celebration of the Glorious Feast of the Nativity. The fast of the Nativity is forty-three days in reference to the following:



1. The forty day fast of Moses for receiving the "Ten Commandments" in the land of Sinai (Ex 24:18).
2. The three day fast in commemoration of the miracle of moving "EL MOKATTAM" mountain.

The last thirty days of this fast fall in the Coptic month "Koiahk" during which we enjoy singing special hymns, "joy hymns", of this month.