



Particular to the birth of the sun or what is known as the “summer shift”.

Gregorian Calendar equivalent:  
*August 7 to September 5*



**H**ey kids! Guess what we’re going to talk about today? Very good! We are going to talk about the blessed Saint Mary, the Virgin, in the book called the Synaxarium. Do you know what the Synaxarium is? Well, let me tell you. The Synaxarium is a book that has all the special dates of things that happened to saints. For example, the day they were born, when they went to heaven, and all the interesting things they went through. This book is very, very old but we still use it today to help us remember all the great saints. Did you also know that the Synaxarium is dated according to the Coptic calendar? Good job! Can you tell me something interesting about the Coptic calendar? You’re great! There are 13 months in the Coptic calendar and the last month has only 5 days in it! Isn’t that cool? The month before this “Little Month” is called “**Mesore.**” Now let’s see what else the Synaxarium tells us about this month.

In the Synaxarium, it is told to us that there are many precious days for our mother Saint Mary that we celebrate. Three of them come in the great month of Mesore. Can you try and guess which days? Perfect! The 7th, the 16th, and the what? The 21st! Very good! Now



on the first day, the 7th, we celebrate that God sent angel Gabriel to St. Mary's father. Do you remember his name? Awesome! His name was Joachim. One night he had a wonderful dream and in this dream, he was told that he was going to have the blessed St. Mary that he and his wife, do you remember his wife's name? Excellent! Her name was Anna. They were both going to have the baby that they had been praying for such a long time. He was also told that their daughter was going to be a very special girl indeed. Can you guess what he did when he woke up? Perfect! He ran immediately and told his wife Anna! They were both so happy and couldn't wait until their blessed child was to be born.

On another day after St. Mary departed, the Lord promised his pure apostles that they would see her again. They sat waiting and praying for a long time until they finally saw her on the great day of the 16th of the month of Mesore. They saw her sitting on the right hand of her Son and her Lord, surrounded by the angelic Host, as David prophesied and said, "At your right hand stands the queen" (Psalm 45:9). Can you believe it? It was incredible! May her intercessions be with us all, Amen.

Finally, there is one more day that we celebrate the blessed St. Mary in the month of Mesore. Do you remember which day? Terrific! The 21st! On this day, we remember the 21st day in the month of Tobe when our beloved mother, St. Mary, went to heaven to live with our amazing King, Jesus. And so every month we remember the day our precious mother left the earth and started her new life in heaven.

Okay kids, it was great telling you about the wonderful days of the honorable St. Mary. Make sure you listen closely on Sunday when Abouna reads the Synaxarium to find out about more saints in our church. God bless you and be with you.



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