



Named after Renno, the god of severe wind or death. During this month the season of vegetation ends and the earth becomes dry.

Gregorian Calendar equivalent:  
*April 9 to May 8*



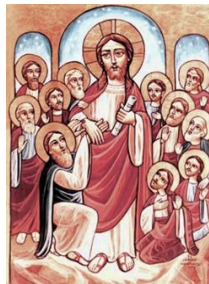
The Coptic month is identified with a particular ancient Egyptian deity. Some months are associated with two or more gods. The Egyptians chose the names of the months due to the season of the climatic changes for agriculture. Today their meaning has been largely relegated to the religious domain, marking Christian festivals. Every day of the Coptic calendar is devoted to a particular Christian saint, a disciple of our Lord Jesus or an Old Testament prophet.

Some months of the Coptic calendar are more revered than others, but tradition holds that all the year's months are blessed. The eighth month of the Coptic calendar is Parmoute. There are some important occasions in the month of Parmoute.

The fifth day of Parmoute is the commemoration of the great prophet Ezekiel, who was a priest. Nebuchadnezzar exiled him to Babylon. There, the Spirit of the Lord was upon him and he prophesied about wondrous things for 22 years. When the children of Israel worshiped idols in Babylon, he rebuked them and their leaders rose up and killed him.



Parmoute the 6th is the commemoration of the appearance of the Lord to St. Thomas the apostle on the eighth day from the glorious Resurrection.



On that day also was the departure of St. Mary of Egypt, who continued in sinful conduct for 17 years until the mercy of God touched her life, then she went and lived in the desert for 47 years till she died.

On the seventh day of Parmoute is the departure of the righteous Joachim, the Lord Christ's grandfather.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of Parmoute is the martyrdom of St. James the apostle, the brother of St. John the apostle as he was killed by the order of Herod and he received the crown of martyrdom. It was said that his body was transported to Spain, where St. James the elder considered be its apostle.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Parmoute is the martyrdom of St George, prince of the martyrs, who was tortured for seven years and finally he received the crown of martyrdom.



In that month also on the 29<sup>th</sup> is the departure of St. Erastus, who was one of the seventy apostles. He was ordained a bishop for Jerusalem. God worked great signs and wonders on his hands. For example, he changed bitter and salty water to sweet water. After he reached a good old age, he departed in peace.



On the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month also is the martyrdom of St. Mark, the apostle and the evangelist. He was the first Pope of Alexandria and one of the seventy apostles.

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