



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:  
*May 9 to June 7*



**T**he blessed month of Pashons is the ninth Coptic month in the Coptic calendar. It begins in May and continues through the first seven days of June. During this holy month, the Church celebrates one minor Lord's feast: Entry of the Lord Jesus Christ to Egypt – Pashons 24. Now we will take this opportunity to mention a few of the saints and martyrs during the month of Pashons:



**On the seventh day of the blessed month of Pashons, we commemorate the departure of St. Athanasius the Apostolic, the 20<sup>th</sup> Pope of Alexandria.**

St. Athanasius, the Apostolic, was one of the greatest fathers and defenders of the early church. He was exiled from his chair by the Emperor five times for refusing to back down on his Orthodox faith.

**On the ninth day of the blessed month of Pashons, we commemorate the departure of St. Helena, the Empress.**

St. Helena was the mother of the great Constantine, the first Christian Emperor who made Christianity the religion of the Roman



Empire. During the reign of her son, she saw a vision at night as if one said to her: “Go to Jerusalem and search carefully for the Honorable Cross and the Holy places.” Thus St. Helena traveled to Jerusalem searching for the wood of the Honorable Cross. St. Helena found the Honorable Cross along with the cross for the two thieves. In order to which one was the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, she placed each cross on a dead man. When she place the Honorable Cross on the dead man, he rose. St. Helena’s faith increased and her joy multiplied. St. Helena led a righteous life, and she endowed many endowments for the churches, monasteries and the poor. She departed at age of eighty in the year 327 A.D.



**On the fifteenth day of the blessed month of Pashons, we commemorate the martyrdom of the four hundred martyrs at Denderah.**

On this day, four hundred people were martyred in a city located in Upper Egypt called Denderah. This occurred during the last days of Diocletian’s reign, the Roman Emperor who viciously persecuted and murdered thousands of Christians during his reign.

**On the nineteenth day of the blessed month of Pashons, we commemorate the martyrdom of St. Isidore.**



St. Isidore was born in Antioch, the son of Bandalaon, one of the noble men in the empire of Diocletian. His family were Christians and when Diocletian began his persecutions of Christians, Bandalaon secretly moved his family to a mountain to live with a holy man named Abba Samuel. When Diocletian found out about this, he found the family and tried to persuade Bandalaon to renounce his faith in our Lord but he did not and was beheaded.

St. Isidore, who was only twelve years old, was tortured with different kinds of tortures until he would renounce the Christian faith but St. Isidore was steadfast in his belief. His mother and sister were beside him, comforting him and strengthening him to endure. Then the Emperor ordered them to be beheaded. They received the crowns of life.