



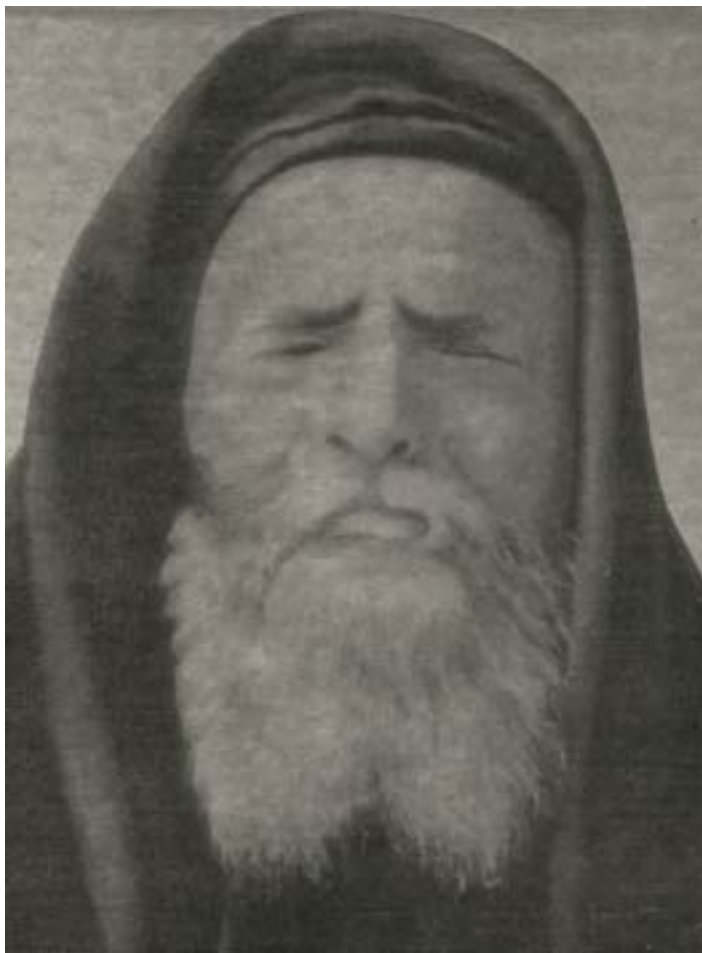
*The Hegoman:*  
*Father Michael El-Bheri*  
**ΠΕΡΙΩΤ ΜΙΧΑΗΛ ΗΓΕΜΟΝΑΣ**

**F**ather Michael was born in 1847 AD in Ashenin El-Nasara, Maghagha, Mina, Egypt. His parents loved the Lord and were pure and holy in thoughts and deeds. Father Michael's father died while our saint was in his 12<sup>th</sup> year of life. He witnessed his father's spirit carried by angels and shouted, "My father, My father!" One of the angels glanced at Father Michael's way and said, "Pray for your end to be like his end." Then the vision suddenly disappeared.

**Following his mother's** death a few years later, Father Michael became a disciple of Father Theodorus, a monk from St Mary's Monastery in El-Mohark. Our saint decided to become a monk upon the advice of his confession father and became a monk of the El-Mohark Monastery under the monastery leadership of Father Paul St Abraham.

**After the necessary trial period of 18 months,** Father Michael was ordained a monk and became a disciple under the study of Father Salib El-Aloani who was widely known for his spiritual way of life.

**In 1874, St Athanasius, the Bishop of Sanapo and Koskam,** ordained Father Michael into the priesthood.



St Michael proceeded and advanced in the life of holiness, purity, and virtue where he became a spiritual and confession father for many monks.

**His holy life extended** outside the walls of the monastery where he became a father for thousands of Christians. The Lord gave Father Michael the grace of healing the sick and exiling devils.

**Father Michael** departed in February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1923 AD after he completed his life in holiness and virtue, 50 of those years spent in monastic life. At the time of his departure one of the Ethiopian monks in the monastery saw his spirit carried

away by the angels. While carrying his spirit the angels were reported to have been singing hymns.



St Michael left behind many writings explaining passages of the Holy Bible, the Creed, and Orthodox Theology. Anba Lukas the Bishop of Manfalot in his book, "The History of the Life of Anba Abraham's Successor, the Star of Koskam Mountain's Desert," reported some of St Michael's miracles and teachings.

May the blessings of his holy prayers be with us all. Amen. ✙