



Theophany (AKA Epiphany) & Coptic Balabisa!!

Toxic Taro. Sweet Sugarcane. Orange censers.
Pharaonic Traditions and more!





WHAT IS THEOPHANY?



THEOPHANY (GOD - APPEARS) IS THE MANIFESTATION OF THREE PERSONED GOD DURING THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST



TO TARO OR NOT TO TARO!!

NUTRITIONAL FACTS:

A toxic veggie that turns into nourishing food once it is dipped in water

Taro is buried in the ground only to grow in season



Taro has to be peeled before being cooked in water

SPIRITUAL FACTS:

We are purified through the water of baptism



We are buried with Christ in baptism only to be resurrected with Him

We take off garments of sin before baptism, in order to put on new clothes of purity



Sugarcane & Us

SUGARCANE ONLY GROWS IN HOT LOCATIONS
WE ... ONLY GROW THROUGH THE HEAT OF
SPIRITUAL TRIALS

SUGARCANE SEGMENTS GROW TALL & UPRIGHT
WE ... ACQUIRE VIRTUES AT EVERY STAGE OF
OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE. ITS HEIGHT SYMBOLIZES
THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH THAT WE SHOULD AIM
FOR

LIKE SUGARCANE
WE ... MUST HAVE A WHITE HEART AND A
SWEET TASTE





Balabisa ...

is a hieroglyphic word that means both candle and naked and is therefore a perfect tradition symbolizing the light acquired by the naked newborn during baptism

Throughout the night of Epiphany kids parade with a censer made of an orange emptied from its content, with cut out crosses and a candle inside

