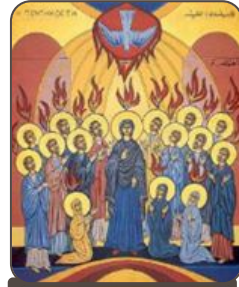


THE EARLY CHURCH TIMELINE

1ST – 4TH CENTURY



The Birth of The Church – The Apostolic Era



Pentecost
30 A.D.
Preaching starts in Jerusalem then Judea



Council of Jerusalem
51 A.D., Acts 15.
Gentile Christians accepted alongside those in the Jewish tradition



St. Mark ordained Ananias bishop in Alexandria 62 A.D.
He also founded the School of Alexandria



Alexandria
center of Greek culture and many schools



Destruction of Jerusalem
70 A.D.



New Testament Books completed

Jesus is born

Jesus dies, resurveys & ascends



Jesus lives on earth

Stephen stoned
34 A.D.

Philip goes to Samaria
34 A.D.

Paul's conversion
35 A.D.

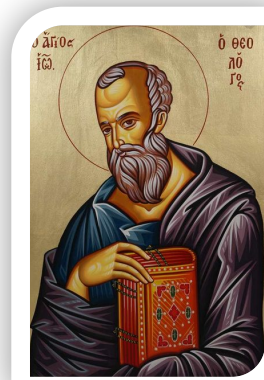
Disciples head to the rest of the world

Mark wrote the first Gospel 52 A.D.
(probably in Egypt)

Disciples write Gospels and letters

Peter & Paul martyred in the reign of the Roman emperor Nero 64 A.D.

St. Mark martyred in Alexandria 68 A.D.



John wrote the Gospel, 2 letters, Revelation end of 1st Century A.D.

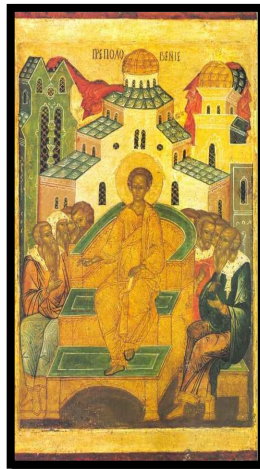
The last apostle of Jesus, John, dies of natural causes in Ephesus

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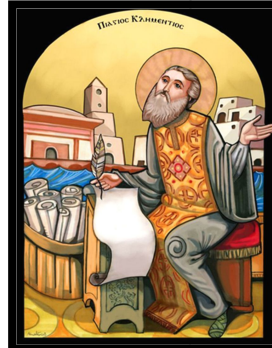
Age of Apostolic Fathers – Age of Martyrdom



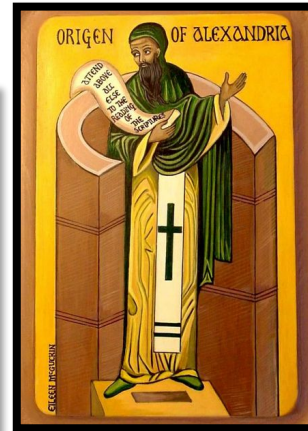
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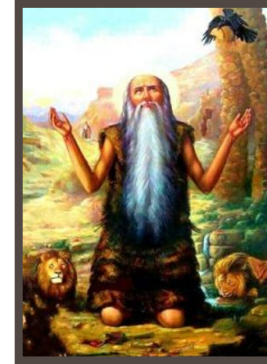
School of Alexandria becomes notable under its dean **Pantaeus**



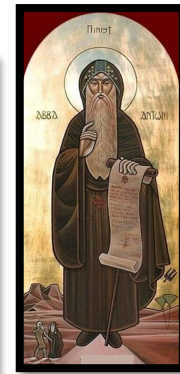
St. Clement ordained into the priesthood by Pope Julian. Dean of School of Alexandria



St. Origen becomes dean of the School of Alexandria



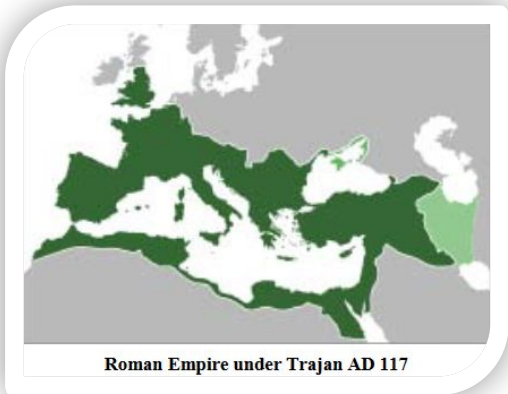
St. Paul the Hermit left all his wealth and fled to the desert 250 A.D.



St. Anthony gives all his money to the poor and goes to the desert 269 A.D.

Monasticism begins in the Coptic Church

Copts adopted the Calendar of the Martyrs started Aug.29th, 284 AD



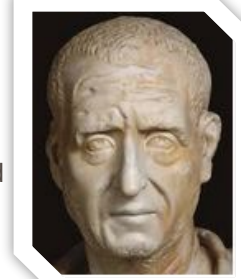
Roman Empire under Trajan AD 117

The Roman emperor Severus in 201/2 persecuted the Christians in Alexandria so Saint Clement left and sought sanctuary in Palestine with Alexander, bishop of Jerusalem, a former student

Holy Bible translated to Coptic 2nd Century

Christianity is declared illegal under Roman Law
Gnosticism flourishes

The emperor Decius had Origen imprisoned and tortured. He was deliberately kept alive in the hope that he would renounce his faith.



Decius Roman Emperor 249-251 A.D.



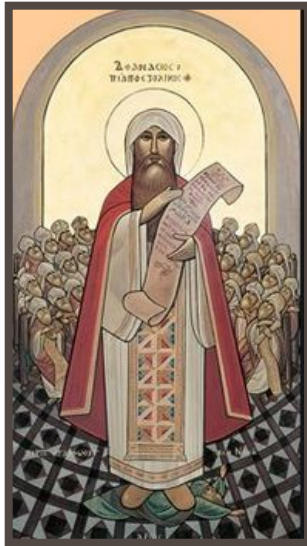
Diocletian 284-305 A.D.

Persecutions against Christians by Roman Emperors continues

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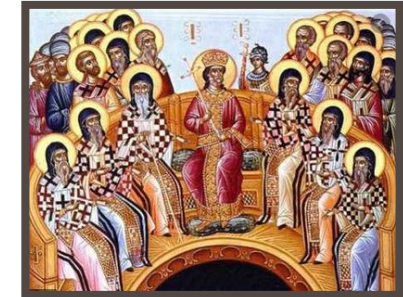
1st Ecumenical Council in Nicaea 325 A.D.



St. Athanasius becomes the 20th Pope 327- 373 A.D.



St. Didymus the Blind, Dean of the School of Alexandria 346-398 A.D.



2nd Ecumenical Council in Constantinople 381 A.D.



Constantine becomes Cesar 306 AD

Christianity became a legal religion

Constantine made Sunday a public Holiday in 321 AD

The Council addressed Arianism Arius was excommunicated

Issuing first part of the Creed

The Council addressed the Macedonian heresy By which the divinity of the Holy Spirit was denied.

Macedonius was excommunicated

Creed concluded

381 A.D. Christianity became the official religion in the roman government itself

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