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# COPTIC AND COPTO-ARABIC LITURGICAL TEXTS RELATING TO MICHAEL THE NEW MARTYR

# MICHAEL THE NEW IN THE MEMENTO SANCTORUM

The Coptic Church commemorates in the *Memento Sactorum* of the Psalmodia two new martyrs called Michael:

- 1) Michael the Hegumen from Tukh who suffered martyrdom on 30 Kiahk 1240 AM (AD 1523). He lived during the Mameluk era, during the patriarchate of Gabriel V.
- 2) Michael the Monk from Damietta who was consecrated in the Monastery of Saint John (the Little?). At one time on his way to Cairo, he renounced his faith and consecration as a monk and married a Muslim woman. After eight days he repented and confessed his faith in front of the king who ordered that his body be burned. He is commemorated in the *Antiphonarion* on 11 Hatour.

The New Martyr Michael — published below — is the one pertaining to a fragment that survived in the Monastery of Saint Macarius.<sup>2</sup> Our texts show that the cult of Michael survived at least until the seventeenth century, as we have the psalis written by Nicodemus.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> U. ZANETTI, Les manuscrits de dair Abû Maqâr, inventaire (Cahiers d'Orientalisme, 11), Genève, 1986, p. 61, Numéro 408 (Hag. 42).

<sup>(2)</sup> Y. N. YOUSSEF, "Michael, a New Martyr according to a Fragment from Saint Macarius Monastery," *BSAC*, 46 (2007), pp. 151–158.

<sup>(3)</sup> Y. N. Youssef, "Recherches d'hymnographie copte: Nicodème et Sarkis," OCP, 64 (1998), pp. 383–402; IDEM, "Nicodème auteur des psalies," OCP, 60 (1994), pp. 625–633.

# THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE TEXTS

In the year 1999, the late Nabih Kamel Daoud published a book about the history of the Church of the Virgin in Ma'adi where he referred to manuscripts in the Church's collection<sup>4</sup> pertaining to the veneration of Michael the New. In his description of the church of Ma'adi, Otto Meinardus did not mention any relics; however, he mentioned that the northern sanctuary is dedicated to Saint Michael (without further precision). This could be an indication of the veneration of Michael the New<sup>5</sup> that we will publish the liturgical texts related to him hereafter.

The Church in Ma'adi is known as al-'Adawia.6

In his inventory of the relics of saints, Otto Meinardus did not include the relics of Michael.<sup>7</sup>

#### THE MANUSCRIPT

The description of the manuscript given by the catalogue of Delaporte is thus:

HYMNES ET PRIERES (bohairique).

1v–19v Psallie, canons, doxologies et paraclèses en l'honneur des patriarches Abraham, Isaacet Jacob. 20r–71r. Hymnes pour le mois de Choiak et références, suivies de la traduction arabe. 73v–224. Psallies acrostiches, Hymnes, etc. mélangées à de nombreuses pieces arabes.

Ms. De 225 feuillets 28x15. Daté (19r.) de l'an 1216 E.M. [1500 ap. J.C.]

Ce manuscrit est coté de 1à 224, y compris 139bis.

Texte mal écrit, par un mauvais copiste.

<sup>(4)</sup> N. K. DAOUD, تاريخ كنيسة السيدة العذراء بالمعادي [History of the Church of the Virgin in al-Ma'adi], Cairo, 1999, see the list of manuscripts on pp. 102–104; see the chapter for the fifteenth century on pp. 35–36.

<sup>(5)</sup> O. F. MEINARDUS, Christian Egypt Ancient and Modern, Cairo, 1977, p. 350.

<sup>(6)</sup> S. TIMM, Das christlich-koptische Agypten in arabischer Zeit, Wiesbaden, 1984, S. 64–69.

<sup>(7)</sup> O. F. Meinardus, Two Thousand Years of Coptic Christianity, Cairo, 2000, pp. 311–323; IDEM, Christian Egypt, Faith and Life, Cairo, 1970, pp. 141–197.

Acquis à Nikiou en 17=671, par Vansleb, dont le cachet sur cire est empreint au premier et au dernier feuillet — AA. 24. Regius, 339. *Invent*. Copte 32.8

# HISTORICAL CONTEXT John XIII (1484–1524)

The martyrdom of Michael took place during the patriarchate of John XIII which was a very difficult time for the Coptic Church. Only a few lines are dedicated to this patriarch in the *Book of the History of the Patriarchs*.<sup>9</sup>

According to Labib, John XIII was a monk from Dayr al-Muharraq.<sup>10</sup>

*Labib's* study of John shows that he was a good pastor. There are also recurring references to the era as being "bad times  $[s\bar{u}']$  / fasād az-zamān]." During his papacy many Christians converted to Islam and this forced John XIII to be more flexible about laws regarding marriage. <sup>12</sup>

We possess another letter from Patriarch John XIII to his colleague Ignatius Nuh of Lebanon, Patriarch of Antioch and Syria (1494–1509).<sup>13</sup> It is a letter of commendation for a Syrian priest named Ibrahim, who had been caught in the complexities of parallel Syrian Orthodox patriarchates: Ibrahim had been consecrated metropolitan of the town of al-Ma'dan by the Syrian Orthodox patriarch of Tur 'Abdin, and not by Patriarch Ignatius Nuh (of Antioch-Syria), who had

<sup>(8)</sup> L. DELAPORTE, Catalogue des manuscrits Coptes de la Bibliothèque Nationale de Paris, Paris, 1912, p. 81–82, no. 98.

<sup>(9)</sup> A. Khater and O. H. E. Burmester, *History of the Patriarchs of the Egyptian Church Known as the History of the Holy Church*, vol. 3, pt. 3 (Textes et documents, 13), Le Caire, 1970, fol. 257r, p. 159 (text), p. 274 (translation).

<sup>(10)</sup> S. Y. LABIB, "John XIII," in *Coptic Encyclopaedia*, vol. 4, ed. A. S. Atiya. New York, 1991, pp. 1346–1347 (I was unable to find this information elsewhere).

<sup>(11)</sup> T. EL-LEITHY, Coptic Culture and Conversion in Medieval Cairo 1295–1524, Dissertation presented to the Faculty of Princeton University in Candidacy for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, January 2005, p. 379 (unpublished).

<sup>(12)</sup> EL-LEITHY, Coptic Culture and Conversion, p. 372.

<sup>(13)</sup> I. BCHEIRY, "Lettera del patriarca copto Yuhanna XIII al patriarco siro Nuh Libanese," *Parole de l'Orient*, 30 (2005), pp. 384–409.

consecrated his own candidate for the position. In his letter, Coptic Patriarch John attempts to give pastoral advice in the midst of a sensitive situation. John concedes that the patriarch of Tur 'Abdin had erred in consecrating a metropolitan for a town outside of his jurisdiction, and insists that the canon of Nicea — which stipulates that there cannot be two bishops for the same city — must be upheld. Yet he still gives Ibrahim his support, and hopes that Patriarch Ignatius Nuh can do so as well. In his letter, Patriarch John XIII invokes St. Severus of Antioch to remind his successor that the canons of the Church were always intended to be *compassionate*.

Patriarch John XIII was all too aware of "the great destruction, ruin and want in every place." Accordingly, the shepherds of Christian flocks were called to be forgiving, gracious, generous, longsuffering, slow to anger, merciful — so as to unite the community, and neither cause damage nor give anyone else the opportunity to do so. Their call was to lead and provide by example the "good" name of Christians in society. These are rather humble goals, rendered in language that is not particularly exalting or inspiring. Given the "difficulty of the time," however, they were appropriate. John's letter is a reminder of the quiet, humble, realistic leadership that helped the Coptic Orthodox Church through one of its most difficult periods. 16

In the sixteenth century, the clerical leadership was largely intact, albeit weakened from the preceding Mamluk era. In correspondence with the Coptic congregation in Sammanud, Patriarch Yuhanna XIII revealed his vulnerability when reminding his flock that "archons do not control the Church. Instead, the Church has power over everyone. All affairs should be decided by the Church and not by the archons."

<sup>(14)</sup> The passage of the letter under consideration here is found in BCHEIRY, "Lettera del patriarca copto Yuhanna XIII," pp. 404–407 (paragraphs 38–40).

<sup>(15)</sup> The syndocal letters between the Egyptian and Syrian prelates always evoke the name of Severus (cf. Y. N. YOUSSEF, "The Quotations of Severus of Antioch in the Book of the *Confessions of the Fathers," Ancient Near Eastern Studies*, 40 (2003), pp. 178–229.

<sup>(16)</sup> M. N. SWANSON, *The Coptic Papacy in Islamic Egypt* — 641–1517 (The Popes of Egypt, 2), Cairo, New York, 2010, pp. 126–127.

<sup>(17)</sup> F. ARMANIOS, Coptic Christianity in Ottoman Egypt, New York, 2011, p. 35.

During the patriarchate of John XIII, we possess a note written by his own hand from the year 1506 in which he laments that the Monastery of St. Antony was "empty, deprived of inhabitants." <sup>18</sup>

A few years before the martyrdom of Michael, in 1488 AD, Patriarch John XIII translated the relics of Saint Mercurius to his church in Old Cairo.<sup>19</sup>

In the following decades, Salib suffered martyrdom in the year  $1512\ AD$ .<sup>20</sup>

Yuhanna XIII died in 1524, and community elders chose to bury him under Salib's newly-constructed shrine at the Church of the Virgin in Harat Zuwayla.<sup>21</sup>

# The Government

The reign of the Burji Mamluk Sultan Qa'itbay (1468–1495) was not pleasant for Copts. He added many taxes that were deemed necessary for the wars he was engaged in. Rich Jews and Christians were remorselessly squeezed.<sup>22</sup>

The Islamic sources estimate that the sixteen campaigns conducted by Qa'itbay alone cost the country an enormous sum of 7,065,000 dinars, at a time when the resources of the country were depleted by the successive plagues that brought down the working class everywhere. This situation recurred during the successive sultanates until the end of the Mamluk rule.<sup>23</sup>

<sup>(18)</sup> See M. SWANSON, "The Monastery of St. Paul, Historical Context" in *The Cave Church of Paul the Hermit at the Monastery of Saint Paul, Egypt,* ed. W. LYSTER, New Haven, Cairo, 2008, pp. 52–53.

<sup>(19)</sup> M. SIMAIKA and Y. 'ABD AL-MASIH, Catalogue of the Coptic and Arabic Manuscripts in the Coptic Museum, the Patriarchate, the Principle Churches of Cairo and Alexandria and the Monasteries of Egypt, vol. 2, Cairo, 1942, p. 295, serial no. 648, call no. 648 Hist; G. GRAF, Catalogue de Manuscrits Arabes Chrétiens conservés au Caire (ST, 63), Città del Vaticano, 1939, p. 184, no. 479.

<sup>(20)</sup> ARMANIOS, Coptic Christianity in Ottoman Egypt, p. 48.

<sup>(21)</sup> Ibid., p. 46.

<sup>(22)</sup> S. LANE POOLE, A History of Egypt in the Middle Ages, New York, 1901, p. 344.

<sup>(23)</sup> LABIB, "John XIII," pp. 1346-1347.

#### THE TEXTS

From the Tarh Batos, we are provided the following information:

The Tarh Adam does not provide any biographical information but simply words of praises.

The doxology Batos is copied from the doxology of Saint Menas.

The Arabic text is rich in information, and provides us with the following information:

The author of the psalis is Nicodemus. This author lived in Cairo where he wrote psalis for all the commemorated saints in this city, including Michael the New; his body was buried in the Church of Ma'adi.<sup>24</sup>

As previously mentioned, Nicodemus used Coptic words while thinking in Arabic, hence with the title of Cyr and John the physicians, he used copoc = wise while physician in Coptic is CHINI; the confusion comes with the Arabic word which has a double meaning (physician and wise).

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

From the biographical data in the liturgical texts, we learn that Michael was a monk who wore the Skhêma<sup>25</sup> and suffered martyrdom on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of Abîb 1210 AM (1494 AD) at the third hour in Cairo. Following his martyrdom, a woman reported seeing a divine sign. His body was translated to the Church of 'Adawiya.

It seems that Michael the monk later converted to Islam, insinuated in the Tarh: "who came from those of the eleventh hour because of his good confession in front of the king and his principals and the leaders of his government in Egypt." He then repented and confessed his Christian faith before the king and all the notables of his kingdom (they could be the Qadis) and the rulers saying: "I choose to die by the same death as my fathers and my grandfathers."

<sup>(24)</sup> Y. N. YOUSSEF, "Recherches d'hymnographie copte: Nicodème et Sarkis," *OCP*, 64 (1998), pp. 383–402; IDEM, "Nicodème auteur des psalies," *OCP*, 60 (1994), pp. 625–633.

<sup>(25)</sup> For the skhêma cf. O. H. E. BURMESTER, The Egyptian or Coptic Church: A Detailed Description of Her Liturgical Services, the Rites and Ceremonies Observed in the Administration of Her Sacraments (Textes et Documents, 13), Le Caire, 1967, pp. 189, 194–196; G. VIAUD, La liturgie des Coptes d'Égypte, Paris, 1978, p. 86.

#### TEXTS AND TRANSLATION

Our texts commemorate Michael who suffered martyrdom on the 4<sup>th</sup> Abîb in the year 1210 AM.

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Hail to you, O Martyr, the great saint who gave his holy body as an accepted gift for Christ

The people respond:

Worthy Isidore the martyr

Hail the Spirit-bearer Apa Michael, the Martyr who died for the truth because of (your) love in Christ. The people respond:

Worthy Apa Michael the martyr

Hail to you, O general Isidore, the martyr, who inherited life with Christ the King.

The people respond: Worthy Isidore the martyr

Hail to you, O martyr, Apa Michael, the monk who received the sublime crown and died by the sword for *Christ* 

Hail (to) the great Isidore, the mighty one of *Christ* the King, hail the just martyrs []

Hail to you Michael [] the monk who became worthy to be numbered among the martyrs
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Psali Adam for the martyr Michael the New

I prayed to you, my God, forgive me, O Emmanuel for the (sake of the) great honoured saint Michael

Everyone honour the *monk* and the victor Michael the *martyr* 

For he became elevated because of the *tortures* that he endured, O mighty Michael the *monk* 

For David said in his psalm: "the just (men) will flourish in the house of the Saviour Jesus<sup>27</sup>

Who is the mighty saint Michael, the new *martyr* of Emmanuel

Much is Your greatness, O king of glory, *Christ* the merciful

Behold, the *just* Michael, the *martyr*, (for) the great *tortures* that you endured for *Christ* 

Rejoice, O *faithful* (ones), in the name of Jesus *Christ* and his *martyr* Michael the *monk* 

Jesus *Christ*, our God, chose His *martyr*, the *monk*, the great Michael, the lover of *Christ* 

*Welcome*<sup>28</sup> to us today, O Michael the holy *just* (one) of Emmanuel

<sup>(26)</sup> Read εγεφιρι.

<sup>(27)</sup> Ps. 92:13.

<sup>(28)</sup> Lit. "You came well."

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Grant us Your *peace*, till the end of the *ages*, heal our sicknesses for (the sake of) this *martyr* 

Have mercy upon us, hearken us, O *Christ* and take away Your anger from us for the (sake of the) mighty Michael

Blessed are You, deliver us from temptations for (the sake of) Your mother and the name of Michael the *martyr* 

And forgive us our *transgression* and confirm us till the *end* 

Our Lord, disperse the enemies of the *Church*. Humble and counsel till the *end* 

Guard us from evil men. Our Lord forgive us our sins.

Bless the (waters) of the river, the plants and the *fruits* for the (sake of the) prayers of Michael the *martyr* 

We pray for the priests, the *deacons* deliver them, for (the sake of) our Lady and Michael the *martyr*.

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Son of God, grant us our Christian perfection for (the sake of) Your mother and the name of Michael the *martyr* 

God, the lover of mankind, grant us a *share* in order to find mercy with the *martyr*.

Hail to the Mother of God Mary the Virgin, hail to the martyr Michael the monk.

Souls repose them in the *Paradise* for the (sake of the) prayers of Michael the *Martyr*.

O *Christ,* the lover of mankind, remember Your servant Nicodemus the dust, I, myself, am Your servant

#### Fol. 15v-14r

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O come all my beloved in order to praise our Lord Jesus *Christ*, to honour the mother of God and Michael the great *martyr*.

Everyone rejoice, today is the day of commemorating the *martyr monk* the victor Michael, the lover of *Christ* 

For you became elevated in martyrdom with all the rest of the saints because of (your) struggle and (your) life.

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The *just* have cried out and the Lord has heard them<sup>31</sup> in their *persecutions*. That is the *God-Carrier* Michael the *martyr*.

Seven *ranks* of the *Church* rejoice with you, O *martyr*, with *odes* and *psalis*, O Michael the *Spirit-bearer* 

The great *monk pleasantly confessed* well before the king and the *nations* in the name of our Lord Jesus *Christ*.

To You is the glory and honour, O our *good Saviour* deliver us from evil for (the sake of) Michael the *martyr* 

Jesus *Christ* is in our midst today with the *choir* of His *angels* and all the *Apostles* for Michael

And also the chosen just ones are filled with admiration. Fortify us, O Son of God, in Your name that is full of glory

Christian people and doctors of the Church utter today with the psalms for your fight, O who has the wisdom

<sup>(31)</sup> Ps. 33 (34): 17–18.

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Deliver, Lord, Your *people* from the hand of evil men and grant them a *share* with Michael the victor.

Blessed are you, our Lord *Christ* son of the *Virgin* Mary, deliver us from *temptation* for (the sake of) Michael the *martyr* 

Great is the honour of Michael in the midst of the *martyrs*, have mercy upon us O Emmanuel, forgive us, O *Good One* 

Our Lord disperse the enemies of the *Church*, O *Church*, humble the counsel through the prayers of this *martyr*.

Rejoice and be happy, O faithful ones in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and His mother Mary the Virgin and saint Michael the martyr

Bless the waters of the river, the plants and the *fruits*, let them grow *according to* Your Blessing for Michael the *martyr* 

We beseech You, the priests, *deacons*, and the *laymen* guard them, *Christ*, our Lord deliver them from *persecution* 

<sup>(32)</sup> Read мфіаро.

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Lord God, our *helper*, raise the horn of the *Christians* through the power of the *cross*, the *Virgin* and Michael the *martyr*.

Hail the God-bearer, Mary the mother of Emmanuel, hail to you brave martyr Saint Michael

All *souls* grant us rest in the bosom of the *just* ones, the fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and for (the sake of) the *martyr* Michael

O our Lord Jesus *Christ* with His mother and His *martyr* remember Your servant Nicodemus in Your kingdom with the *faithful ones*.

#### Fol. 16r-v

ذكصولوجية ادام تقال قبل الطرح الادام

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Assemble all today O *Christians in order to* praise Michael the *martyr* 

And to sing in a joyful voice: "Hail to the holy martyr Michael

Hail to the courageous one of Emmanuel, Hail to the fighter martyr Michael

Hail to him who gave his body to the fire for his true love in the name of Christ

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21ТЕН ИІЄҮХН ИТЄ АПА МІХАНА ПІЙ ПБС Hail to him who wore the imperishable crown in reward of his suffering that he received for *Christ's* sake

Hail to the monk, hail to the ascetic (one), hail to the martyr Michael the struggler

Hail to the fighter for his good fight. Hail to the lover of Christ the King of kings

Through the *prayers* of Michael the *martyr*, Lord

#### Fol. 16r

مرد انجيل عشية وباكر والقداس

Response for the Gospel of the Vespers, the Matins and the Eucharist:

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#### Fol. 17r-16v

ذكصولوجية واطس للشهيد العظيم الشجاع ميخاييل الجديد شهادته رابع شهر ابيب سنة  $\overline{\Delta Cl}$ ثالث ساعة من النهار بالقاهرة المحروسة

Doxology Batos to the great brave martyr, Michael the new, and the day of his martyrdom on the fourth day of the month Abib in the year 1210<sup>33</sup> in the third hour of the day in the protected (city of) Cairo

<sup>(33)</sup> AD 1494.

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If therefore a man should gain the whole world and forfeit his soul;<sup>34</sup> what is this great vanity

Michael the *martyr* obeyed the Divine voice and rejected the whole *world* together with its glory that is full of *passions* 

He gave his *soul* over to death and his *body* to the fire. He endured great *tortures* for the sake of the Son of the living God.

Therefore our *Saviour* lifted him up in His kingdom and gave *good* things that no eyes can see<sup>35</sup>

Heavenly crowns are placed on the head of Michael, the *martyr*, *monk* the *deacon* of *Christ* 

in place of *tortures* that he endured for *Christ* and the *garment* of the *monks* and the *angelic skhema*.

Hail to you O Martyr Michael the new the lover of Christ who shed blood for the name of Jesus Christ

Pray ... the *fighter martyr* Michael the New the lover of *Christ* in order...

<sup>(34)</sup> Mk 8:36.

<sup>(35) 2</sup> Cor 12:4.

## Fol. 20v-17r

طرح ادام للشهيد الجليل مخاييل الجديد الراهب

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ويخلصنا من يد الاعدا المناصبين لنا ويبدد مشورة المعاندين لبيعته وشعبه ويجمع شمل اولاد البيعة بالالفة والمحبة الروحانية ويبعد عنهم انشقاق وكل الموامرات الردية وينشي اولادها النشااة الصالحة المرضية بشفاعة الست السيدة العذرى الطاهرة مارة مريم البتول الزكية وساير مصاف الطقوس النورانية وكل مصاف الشهدا والقديسين فلنصرخ بصوت الفرح قايلين

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فلنمدح هذا الشهيد العظيم بصوت الفرح والتهليل قايلين السلام لك ايها اللابس الجهاد الشهادي ميخاييل الجديد المتوشح بالاشكال الملايكية الذي فار بالخيرات السرمدية السلام لك ايها الشهيد حبيب المسيح وصفيه المختار الذي استحق من الرب اكاليل نورانية غير مضمحلة السلام لشهيد المسيح ميخاييل الذي ابذل حسده للعذاب والحرق النار من اجل حرارة الروح الساكنة فيه وكثرة تشوقه الى ملكوت السموات السلام لشهيد المسيح ميخاييل الذي خرجت صفوف مراتب الشهدا للقايه وسمع الصوت الألمي ادخل الى فرح سيدك السلام لك ايها الشهيد العظيم ميخاييل الجديد الذي صار حسده مينا خلاص لكل الاتين اليه وخلاصا للذين في الشدايد وشفا لذوي الاسقام السلام للمكان الذي وضع فيه حسدك الطاهر وفرحا لاولاد البيعة اسال الرب من اجلنا لكي يرحمنا كعظيم رحمته وينعم علينا بالاعتراف باسمه الى النفس الاخير الحسد راها كمثل درة جميلة المنظر وكمثل طاير اخضر نورانيا وان شابة من الخارجين رات راسك عند قطعها من الجسد صرخت قايله انا نصراني مومنا بالمسيح حتي دهنت وكلمن سمعها ولما ضحروا اوليا الامور من الجسد والتخويفات تكلموا فيما بينهم على قطع راسك فقطعت راسك المقدسة في الساعة الثالثة من يوم السبت المبارك الرابع من شهر ابيب ولما اخذت راسك المقدسة توامروا اوليا الامور الذي حضروا وقت قطع السبت المبارك الرابع من شهر ابيب ولما اخذت راسك المقدسة توامروا اوليا الامور الذي حضروا وقت قطع

راسك فعند ذلك سخطوا جسدك المملو من نعمة روح القدس الى حيث مكان يحرقوا فيه جسدك ولما ارموك في تلك الحفرة القمين المعد لحريق الجير فارموك في ذلك القمين فلم تعمل النار البتة في جسدك ولكن الرب يحفظ جميع اعظا الشهدا وواحدة منها لا تتلف وان كثيرة ممن فيه المخافة من الرب سبحانة واحذ عظامه واعطاه\*

ترجع الى خلفك وانا انت ايها الحبيب فلم يهدلك ترهيباتهم ولا تخويفاتهم لكن كان عقلك مرتفعا الى العلو مستنظرا سعادة ابدية ومملكة سمايية ولم يخاف من عذاب الملوك ولكن كمثل القول الالهي لا تخافوا ممن يقتل الجسد واعترفت جهرا باسم المسيح القايل من فاه الالهي من اعترف بي قدام الناس اعترفت انا به قدام ابي في السموات سالت الملكوت الابدية فانعم الرب عليك عوضا عن افضل الامور العالمية طلبت الاختلاط بالزمرة الملايكية والمراتب النورانية قرعت فتحت لك ابواب الملكوت وسمعت الصوت الفرح القايل ادخل الى فرح سيدك لقد فرحت كورة مصر بجهادك الحسن ايها القابض عليه نعمة روح قدسه وشملته القوة الالهية حتى صار معاندا ومضاددا لكل المترددين اليه من اكابر الدولة بالمملكة المحروسة المصرية حتى صاروا داهشين ومتعجبين من عظم صبرك وقوة شجاعتك يا حبيب المسيح وصاروا ذو قلبين ولم يستطيعوا ان يتكلموا بفضايلك حشية ان يكون عاراً وخزيا لهم\* ولحريق النار واخر من اجل لبس ثياب الخلاص الذي كانت سببا لخلاص الابا انطونيوس ومقاريوس وبخوميوس وابو شنوده واولادهم لباس الصليب ولاسيما يزيادة لباس الاسكيم الطاهر الشكل الملايكي وخوذة الخلاص الذي هو القلنسوة لباس الثلاثة فتية القديسين حقا استحقيت درجة عالية وكمل عليك القول المنصوص في الانجيل الشريف القايل لا تخافوا ممن يقتل الجسد ولا يستطيع ان يقتل النفس خافوا ممن يقدر ان يهلك النفس والجسد جميعا في جهنم ومن اعترف بي قدام الناس اعترفت انا به قدام ابي الذي في السموات ويقول ايضا سلوا تعطوا اطلبوا تجدوا اقرعوا يفتح لكم حقا تقدمت بنشاط وشجاعة وقوة الالهية وتقدمت امام الملك وعظما المملكة يمضي واعترفت جهرا باسم المسيح ولم يهدلك سطوة الملك ولا عظما مملكته ولكن النعمة الالهيه اشتعلت داخلك وتكلمت معهم صارخا قايلا انني اموت الذي ماتوا به اباي واجدادي وانا مستعد ان اموت به وللوقت خرج امرا من الملك بالامهال $^{36}$ الهيه لعل ان\* مديح من اجل التذكار الكريم الذي للشهيد المكرم حبيب الله العظيم الراهب الناسك المتوشح بالاشكال الملايكية بالاسكيم المقدس المدعو لاجل الشهادة ميخاييل الجديد الرب يجعل لنا معه نصيبا وميراثا وثبتا على الاعتراف باسمه الى النفس الاخير ويخلصنا من ساير العوارض والحوادث الزمنية وينعم لها بالرحمة وغفران الخطايا امين

حقا اشرق لنا اليوم تذكارك المكرم والشهيد المبارك ميخاييل محب المسيح يا من قبل اليه الاتعاب في حسده المكرم واهرق دمه من احل اسم يسوع المسيح يا داوود المرتل قم تعال وسطنا اليوم لتقول كرامة [ الشهيد مخاييل الراهب قال كثيرة هي احزان الصديقين ومن جميعها يخلصهم الرب الرب يحفظ جميع عظامهم وواحدة

<sup>(36)</sup> Read بالالهام.

منهم لا تتلف استحقيت كرامات عظيمة ونلت اكاليل نورانية سمايية لا يستطيع الالسن الجسدية تصف يسير من مجد كرامتها واحد من اجل ابذال جسدك للعذاب \*

Tarh Adam for the honoured martyr and monk Michael the New. Let us assemble O God-loving people in order to give honour to Michael the *martyr* who endured *tortures* in his honoured *body*, O chosen Michael who gave his soul to death for the sake of true love, O saint Michael! Let us praise Christ our God with joy and rightly honour the martyr Michael. Hail to the honoured martyr Michael, hail to him who wore the grace of the *monks*. Hail to him who bears the imperishable crown for the grace of the angelic skêma. Hail to the martyr of Jesus Christ, Michael, the brave Michael the God-carrier. Through ... of the honoured martyr, Michael, Lord deliver us from the hands of the enemies opposing us and disperse the counsel of those resistant to His church and His people. And let Him unite the children of the Church in harmony and spiritual love and let Him put away schism, and all conspiracy. Let Him raise her (the Church's) children with good pleasant education. Through the intercessions of the the pure Virgin, the Lady Mary the pure, chaste one, and all the ranks of light, and the ranks of the martyrs and saints. Let us sing with joy saying:

Worthy, Worthy, Michael the martyr

Worthy, Michael the monk

Worthy, Michael the Spirit-bearer.

Let us praise this great martyr with joyful and happy voices saying: "Hail to you O fighter and Martyr Michael the New, who wears the angelic skhêma and gains the Eternal rewards. Hail to you, O beloved of Christ, the chosen friend who became worthy of the imperishable crowns. Hail to the martyr of Christ Michael who offered his body to endure tortures and be consumed by fire because of the fervency of the Spirit dwelling in him and his great desire for the kingdom of Heaven. Hail to the martyr of Christ, Michael whom the ranks of the martyrs came to greet and he heard the divine voice saying: "enter into the joy of your Lord." Hail to you, O great martyr Michael the New, whose body became a harbour of salvation to all who are coming to him and a deliverance from distresses and a healing for the sick. Hail to the place where your pure body rests that has become a joy for the children of the Church. Pray to the Lord on our behalf so that He has mercy upon us according to His great mercy

<sup>(37)</sup> Mt 25:21.

and grant us the confession of His name to the last breath. \*So that during your struggle and severing your head with the edge of the sword he<sup>38</sup> saw a man of light [] at the time your soul was released from your body. He saw it like a beautiful pearl and like a green bird. A young lady, when she saw your head severed, cried out saying: "I am Christian, believing in Christ and she anointed."<sup>39</sup> All who heard her from the rulers were annoyed from threatening and fearing. They agreed amongst themselves to sever your head. Your head was severed in the third hour on the blessed day of Saturday on the fourth of Abib. The rulers were present during your martyrdom. They were enraged against your being that was full of the grace of the Holy Spirit and so ordered your body to be burned. They threw you in the lime-kiln but the fire did not consume your body, for the Lord will guard the members of the martyrs and not one of them will perish. <sup>40</sup>

Some God-fearing people — let God be exalted — took the bones and you did not look back.

And you, O beloved, did not fear their threats and terror. But your mind was elevated to the highest, looking forward to the eternal joy and the Heavenly Kingdom. He did not fear the tortures of the kings, for the divine words state: "Do not fear those who kill the body." You confess openly the name of Christ who said by His divine mouth: "Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My father who is in heaven." You sought the Eternal Kingdom and so the Lord rewarded you with good things to be associated with the angelic ranks and the choirs of light. You knocked and to you<sup>43</sup> the gates of the Kingdom were opened. You heard the happy voice saying: "enter into the joy of thy Lord."

<sup>(38)</sup> These phrases and psalis keep changing between the first person and the second person. We prefer to keep it as close to the original script as possible.

<sup>(39)</sup> It seems that something is missed in this sentence such as she anointed "her head with his blood"?

<sup>(40)</sup> Ps. 33(34):19–20.

<sup>(41)</sup> Mt. 10:28.

<sup>(42)</sup> Mt 10:32.

<sup>(43)</sup> Mt 7:7.

<sup>(44)</sup> Mt 25:21.

The country of Egypt rejoiced in your good fight, that through the grace of His Holy Spirit and the divine power you were able to oppose those great ones of the state of the protected kingdom of Egypt.

They were amazed by your patience and the might of your courage, O beloved one of Christ. They were shaken and unable to utter your virtues so that shame and confusion fell on them...<sup>45</sup>

[you received a crown] for being consumed by fire and one for wearing the garment of salvation, which is that received by Abba Antony, Abba Macarius, Abba Pachomius, Abba Shenoute and their children the Cross-bearers. Moreover, by wearing the pure skhêma, the angelic form, the helmet of salvation,<sup>46</sup> which is the cuculle worn by the holy three young men, truly you became worthy of elevation. The word of the Gospel was accomplished in you: "fear not those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."<sup>47</sup>

"Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My father who is in heaven." He said also: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Truly you advanced with zeal and courage and divine power. You advanced in front of the king and the great ones of the kingdom and you confessed openly the name of Christ. You did not fear the authority of the king and the greatness of his kingdom, because the divine grace was fervent in you. You cried out with them saying: "I will die by the death of my fathers and forefathers. I am ready to die by it!" At once the order of the king was issued.

We praise you in your precious commemoration O honoured martyr, the beloved of God, the ascetic monk who wore the angelic forms of the holy skhêma, who was called for martyrdom, Michael the New. May the Lord grant us a share and inheritance and confirm us in our faith, in order to confess His name to the last breath and deliver us from all obstacles and temporal difficulties, and grant us mercy and the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

<sup>(45)</sup> It seems some text is missing here.

<sup>(46)</sup> Eph 6:17.

<sup>(47)</sup> Mt 10:28.

<sup>(48)</sup> Mt 10:32.

<sup>(49)</sup> Mt 7:7.

Truly, your honoured commemoration shines on us today, O blessed martyr Michael the lover of Christ, who received the passions in his honoured body, who shed his blood in the name of Jesus Christ. O David the psalmist come in our midst today in order to tell us of the honour of the martyr Michael the monk, saying: "Many are the afflictions of the just, the Lord will deliver them from them all. The Lord will guard their bones: not one of them will perish." You became worthy of great honour and you received the luminous heavenly crowns that no fleshly tongues are able to describe even a fraction of its honour. A man offered his body to be tortured.

#### Fol. 21r-20v

طرح واطس للشهيد الجليل ميخاييل الراهب الناسك

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Your blessed commemoration truly rises to us today, O martyr Michael, the lover of Christ

O he who received the *tortures* in his honoured *body* and shed his blood for the sake of the name of Jesus *Christ* 

O David, the *psalmist*, arise and come in our midst today in order to utter the honour of this *martyr Apa Michael* the *monk*.

Many are the *afflictions* of the just, and the Lord will deliver them from them all. He will guard all their bones: not one of them will perish.<sup>51</sup>

Let us assemble, O my beloved, in order to sing with a joyful voice: "Hail to you, O martyr, the lover of Christ Michael

<sup>(50)</sup> Ps. 33(34):19–20.

<sup>(51)</sup> Ps. 33(34):19-20.

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Hail to you O brave holy Martyr Michael who inherited life with the just (ones)

Hail to you, O bearer of God, Michael the ascetic one and the brave courageous one who rejoices with the martyrs

Pray... O *fighter* Michael the new, the lover of *Christ* that

## Fol. 23v

مرد الانجيل للشهيد ميخاييل الجديد

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Response to the Gospel for the martyr Michael the New:

Hail to you O Martyr, the lover of Christ, Michael, who shed his blood for the sake of Emmanuel

Pray... O *martyr* of *Christ*, Michael the New and monk, in order...

# Fol. 26v-24r

ابصالي ادام للشهيد ابوقير ويوحنا وميخاييل رابع اسب

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Preserve us O *Christ,* forgive us, O Emmanuel for (the sake of) Apa Cyri and John and the great Michael

Help us, O Lord, receive unto You, our prayer for (the sake of) Apa Cyri our lord, and John and Michael

For they are elevated, Apa Cyri and John and Michael the Great, in the midst of the *martyrs* 

ТАУГА АНОУ ТЕНИН† 'НФООУ Ш ПІЗУННОТОС ЄӨВЕ НІНАІНОУ† АПА КУРІ АНОУ ТЕНИНТ 'НФООУ Ш

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Have mercy upon us for (the sake of) Your Mother Mary and Apa Cyri, John and Michael the martyrs

Numerous are the *tortures* that they received, the mighty Apa Cyri and John and Michael the New

Behold, we the *faithful ones*, rejoice today on the feast of these *martyrs* of the King of glory

Rejoice, O children of the *Church*, for Apa Cyri the mighty and John who has *wisdom* 

Jesus the Son of God, chose His *martyr* Michael, the great saint and *monk* 

Welcome to you today *martyrs* Apa Cyri the *brave*, John and Michael

All *people* and *nations* honour Apa Cyri and John at all times and Michael the Mighty.\*

Grant us Your *peace*, for (the sake of) Your *martyrs*, Apa Cyri and John the Wise

Those who are afflicted, delivered them from *persecution* for the (sake of the) prayers of Michael the *monk* 

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Blessed are You, O *Christ*, preserve Your *people* from *temptation* and evil men

And disperse the enemies of the *Church*, crush them and their counsel *forever* 

Our *Saviour*, grant us our *Christian* perfection and fortify us till the end of *ages* 

Keep us for (the sake of) Apa Cyri and John, O King of Heaven and Michael the *martyr* 

Bless the (waters) of the river, the plants and the fruits, for the (sake of the) prayers of Apa Cyri and John.

We beseech You to deliver the priests and the *deacons*, O *Christ* our Lord from the hand of the *Tyrant\** 

Son of God, our God, preserve Your people from fear and passion of temptations

God, raise the horn of the *Christians* for (the sake of the) Lady Mary the *Virgin* 

Hail to you Mary the mother of Emmanuel, hail to the all holy and the knowledge of Ezekiel

Hail to the mother of Christ, the pride of Israel, hail to Apa Cyri and John, hail saint Michael

<sup>(52)</sup> Read ημωος `μφιδρο.

ТҮХН МАМТОЙ МӨӨҮ ТӨҮРШ МЕН ИГДІР ТОС МЕМ ТЕКМАҮ ТОҮРШ МЕН ИГДІР ТОС МЕМ ТЕКМАР ТОГРЫ ТОГР

вгиен псецг, инпистос, колуннос одоб хапият униетиоколуннос одоб хапият униетиоRepose *souls* in *Paradise* together with Your mother the queen and *just one*.

Be patient and remember Your servant Nicodemus and forgive him his sins together with the rest of the *faithful*.

#### Fol. 27r-

ابصالي ادام وواطس للشهيد ابوقير ويوحنا والراهب ميخاييل الجديد الشهيد

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Psali Adam and Batos for the martyr Apa Cyri and John and the monk Michael the New martyr

Ask, O my beloved, in order to praise our Lord Jesus *Christ* and to honour the mother of God, Mary the beautiful dove

Remove guile from your hearts, O faithful ones, in order to honour Apa Cyri and John the wise with a content heart

Christian nations rejoiced today at the feast of these martyrs, Apa Cyri and John and Michael

David come in our midst today in order to sing the honour of these *martyrs Apa* Cyri and John the Victorious and Michael the New, the lover of *Christ* 

Have mercy upon us O God, through the *intercession* of the Virgin and Apa Cyri and John the wise and Michael the monk Z Унтагма Унеккансіа бүзшс бфф бинаноўна бубрхшрбуін зен оупаррнсіа апа күрі нем ішанінс нем міхана

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Wonderfully are they elevated, Apa Cyri and John the *martyrs*, and the mighty, victorious Michael the New, the lover of *Christ*.

To you are the power and the honour, O our *Good Saviour*. Forgive us for the sake of Apa Cyri and John the *martyrs*,

Jesus *Christ* the *Creator* chose the *monk* Michael the lover of *Christ* in order to make him a *martyr* 

Welcome today, O martyrs of Christ, Apa Cyri and John the victorious and Michael the monk

All *people* honour you, O mighty Apa Cyri and John his brother and Michael the just, the new.

Grant us, Lord, a share and inheritance with the martyrs, saints Apa Cyri and John and Michael the *God-bearer* 

Have mercy upon us, listen to us, deliver us from the *devils* for (the sake of) Apa Cyri and John his brother and Michael the *just*.

Blessed are you, our Lord, *Christ*, preserve us during *temptations* through the intercessions and prayers of Apa Cyri, John and Michael

ПСЕИМЕОС МІХЯНУ\*ПСЕИМЕОС МІХЯНУ\*ПСЕИМЕОС МІХЯНУ\*ПСЕИМЕОС МІХЯНУ\*

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финв ф† пенвоноос бісі мптап иніхристіанос 21тен иі†20 и†осотокос нен апа күрі нен ішанинс нен ніхана\*

ХЕРЕ ИЕ Ш †ПА<sup>®</sup>P НАРІА ФНАУ НЕН-НАНОУНА ХЕРЕ АПА КҮРІ НЕН ІШАНИНС НІСОФОС НЕН ПІНІЩ† ЕТ-ТАІНОУТ НІХАНА And grant us *patience* in our sufferings and distresses through the prayers of the holy, mighty *saints* Apa Cyri and John

Our *Saviour*, disperse the enemies of the *Church*, O Emmanuel, for (the sake of) Apa Cyri and John the Mighty and the *brave* Michael

Rejoice and be happy in the Lord and say in happiness: *Hail* to you O *martyrs* Apa Cyri, John and Michael

Bless the waters of the river, the plants and the fruits, let them grow, O King of Glory for (the sake of) Apa Cyri and John the Victorious

We beseech You for the priests of the Lord, the *deacons* and the *laymen*, deliver them for (the sake of) Apa Cyri the Mighty, John and Michael the New

Son of God, preserve us from the snare of the *devils*, take away Your anger from us. Fortify us with Your *Cross* 

Lord God, our *Helper*, raise the horn of the *Christians* through the prayers of the *God-bearer* (*You-hanna?* — is this 'God-bearer' St Mary?) and Apa Cyri, John and Michael

Hail to you, O Virgin Mary, the mother of Emmanuel, Hail to Apa Cyri and John the wise and the great honoured Michael

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ω цеи<u>чс інс пхс</u> нем текнул нен мос нем цсеці ,иніхьнсті7иос Grant all souls repose and a *share* with the *Virgin*, and Apa Cyri, John and Michael

O our Lord Jesus *Christ* and Your Mother with the *martyrs*, remember your servant Nicodemus together with the other *Christians*.

# Fol. 79v

طرح واطس من اجل شهيد المسيح السيد اسيدروس ابن بندلايون والشهيد ميخاييل الراهب حسده بدير الست السيدة بالعدروية شرقي مفبل مصر

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ТАНОС СЕФВЕ ПІРАН ТИЗИРІ ПІМОНАДОС МІДАНА ПІВЕРІ ПІМАІ П $\overline{XC}$  ИНЕТАУФЕПЗІСІ ТАНОС СЕФВЕ ПІРАН ТИЗИРІ ТАНОС

охос ием міхану швеы шио∙ кере иютеи ю иі∯ шсюти шию∔ потото мен міхану швеы шио∙

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Tarh Batos for the martyr of Christ, master Isidore son of Panteleon and the martyr Michael the monk. His body is buried in the Monastery of the Lady and Virgin in Adawia on the east bank in front of Old Cairo

Come all God-loving *people* in order to honour these *martyrs*, the *saintly master* Isidore

And the mighty *monk* Michael the New, the lover of *Christ* who suffered *tortures* for the sake of His *good* name

And let us sing *also: "Hail* to you (pl) O *martyrs,* the chosen great Isidore and the monk Michael the New

Hail to you, O Martyr, Isidore the son of the saints, for he rejected this world and its kingdom that is full of sufferings

Hail (to) the great ascetic Michael the chosen athletic who loved Christ the Lord and died by the sword for the sake of the truth хере нак  $\omega$  пир $\omega$ их исилорос хере нестасими хере ніхана пірецаро фнетас $^{53}$ 

Hail to you O brave Isidore, hail to your parents and your sister, hail (to) Michael the Victorious who...

# Fol. 22

مرد الانجيل بطريقة الشعانين

Response to the Gospel to the tune of the Palm Sunday:

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Let us sing to *Christ* our God with *hymns* and joy and let us honour in many ways the *martyr* Apa Michael

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Hail to you O Martyr Michael the lover of Christ who rejoiced with all the saints in the land of the living

السيدة API미Pⓒट ماري جرجس الملايكة تادرس للشهيد ميخاييل الجديد

же асмя

Intercede (for us) Lady (Mary), Saint George, the angels, Theodore, to the martyr Michael the New. For He is blessed (*Youhanna — this sentence is really weird. It's asking St Mary etc to pray to Michael for he is blessed? The only person we or saints pray to is God, not another person or saint. Seems a bit heretical to me.*)

مديح من اجل تذكار ساداتنا شهدا المسيح الذي جمعتهم المحبة الالهية باحضار اجسادهم الى هذا الدير المقدس دير ستنا السيدة المعروف بالعدوية الذي هم السيد الشهيد العظيم راس رووسنا مملكة انطاكية الشهيد ايسيدروس ابن الشهيد بندلايمون والشهيد العظيم الراهب الناسك حبيب المسيح ميخاييل الجديد الرب

A hymn for the commemoration of our masters the martyrs of Christ who were united in divine love and the translation of their bodies to this holy Monastery of our Lady and Virgin known as al-'Adawi. They are the great master and martyr and greatest in the kingdom of Antioch, Isidore son of the martyr

<sup>(53)</sup> The scribe forgot to complete the word.

يجعل لنا معهم ميراثا ونصيبا في يروشليم السمايية امين\*

تعالوا جميعاً ايها الشعوب محبي الاله يسوع المسيح لنسجد لثالوث المقدس ونمجدك بالاغابي والتراتيل الروحانية من اجل التذكار الكريم الذي لشهيد المسيح الشهيد العظيم ذات النسب الكريم والجنس العظيم السيد ايسيدروس ابن السيد الشهيد بندلايمون راس المراتب والطقوس بالمملكة المعظمة انطاكية والشهيد المكرم الراهب العابد محب المسيح ميخاييل الجديد الذي صار من اصحاب الساعة الحادية عشر من اجل اعترافه الحسن امام الملك وكل قواده ورووسا دولته بمصر هذا الذي انعم الرب علينا اولاد هذا الدير المقدس باحضار جسدهم الذي صار فرحا وعز الكل القاصدين اليه فلنقول مع المرتل داوود النبي قايلين ان كثيرة هي احزان الصديقين ومن جميعها يخلصهم الرب الرب يحفظ جميع عظامهن وواحدة منها لا

لقد فرحت كورة مصر ولاسيما بزيادة اولاد المحمع المقدس بحلول جسدكم المكرم بينهم فلنصرخ قايلين هذا هو اليوم الذي صنعه الرب هلموا فلنبتهج ونسر فيه صفقوا يا جميع الامم

Panteleon and the great ascetic martyr-monk, the beloved of Christ Michael the New. May God make us share an inheritance with them in the heavenly Jerusalem. Amen!

So come, O Christ-loving people, in order to worship the Holy Trinity and to praise with songs and spiritual hymns in honour of the commemoration of the martyr of Christ, the great martyr, who is from a noble family and great race, master Isidore the son of the lord martyr Panteleon, who is the highest of ranks in the great kingdom of Antioch, together with the honoured martyr, the lover of Christ, Michael the New, who in the eleventh hour gave his good confession before the king and his principals and the leaders of his government in Egypt. By bringing their bodies to this holy Monastery of which we are children, the Lord has granted us joy and happiness for all who come to Him. Let us say with the Psalmist David the Prophet: "Many are the afflictions of the just, the Lord will deliver them from them all. The Lord will guard their bones: not one of them will be broken.54

The land of Egypt rejoiced, especially the children of this holy congregation by the arrival of your honoured bodies. Let us sing and praise saying: "This is the day that

<sup>(54)</sup> Ps. 33(34):19-20.

بايديكم سبحوا الله الملك بصوت الفرح والتهليل ولنصرخ بصوت واحد قايلين السلام لشهيد المسيح سيدي الامير ايسيدروس الذي استحق هذا المجد العظيم من احل صبره على عذاب الملوك انثي عشر سنة ونالوا شهدا كثير اكاليل وهو ابن اثنى عشر سنة ونالوا شهدا كثير اكاليل الشهادة ممن له مراتب في المملكة انطاكية حين راوا عظم صبره ومحبته التي لا تتزعزع في السيد المسيح السلام لشهيد المسيح السيد ايسيدروس المذي استحق ان يشاهد مخلصنا وملايكته مرارا كثيرة ويمسح حسده من الم العذاب حتى كانه لم يعذب وافضح الملوك والولاة\*

السلام لشهيد المسيح وحبيبه المكرم ايسيدروس الذي مات دفوعا كثيرة من قبل العذاب الذي قبله من الملوك والسيد المسيح يقيمه حتى صاروا جميع اجناد المملكة وكل الشعوب داهشين ومتعجبين من صبره وجهاده ولا سيما عندما ينظروا الى صغر سنه وعظم مرتبته في الامريه وعلو منزلته السلام للذي خرج للقاه عند وقت اخذ راسه جميع طقوس السما والشهدا والصديقين السلام لشهيد المسيح ذات الاسم

the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."55 "All nations clap your hands; shout aloud to God with a joyful and happy voice."56 Let us sing with one voice saying: "Hail to the martyr of Christ, my lord and prince Isidore who became worthy of this great glory because of his patience in tortures inflicted by the kings at the age of twelve years since his childhood, at the age of twelve year. Many of high rank in the kingdom of Antioch received crowns of martyrdom when they saw his great patience and his unshakable love in the Lord Christ. Hail to the martyr of Christ, lord Isidore who became worthy of seeing our Saviour and His angels many times when they came to heal his body from the sufferings of the tortures and he was restored as whole. He put to shame the kings and rulers.

Hail to the martyr and beloved of Christ, the honoured Isidore, who died several times through the tortures inflicted by the kings, and the Lord Christ resurrected him. The soldiers of the kingdom and all the people were amazed and marvelled at his patience and his struggle, especially when they saw his young age and noble rank. Hail to those who came to greet him at the time of his beheading, all the hea-

<sup>(55)</sup> Ps 118.

<sup>(56)</sup> Ps 46:2.

المكرم ايسيدروس ابن الشهدا الذي فاز بالخيرات الدايمة ونال الاكاليل النورانية السمايية الذي لا يستطيع لسان حسداني يصف يسير من كرامتهم السلام لحبيب المسيح العابد المجاهد الشهيد مخاييل الجديد الراهب المتوشح بالاسكيم المقدس الذي كمل عليه قول القايل سلوا تعطوا اطلبوا تجدوا اقرعوا يفتح لكم السلام لشهيد القوي الراهب مخاييل الذي اعترف حسنا الاعتراف الحسن امام الملك وكان\*

عظما مملكته والحكام جهر قايلا انني اخترت ان اموت بالموت الذي ماتوا به اباي واجدادي حتى صار جميع من حضر يضربك الضرب الموجع وانت مع ذلك فرحا مسرورا وعقلك مرتفعا الى فوق منتظر السعادة الابدية السلام لشهيد المسيح مخاييل الجديد الذي قبل الاتعاب على اسم المسيح ولم يهدله سطوة الملك بمصر ولا كل عظما مملكته ولا تحديدهم ولا تخويفاتهم حتى تعجبوا من قوة شجاعته السلام لميخاييل الراهب والشهيد الذي فاز بالحياة الابدية وصارت شهادته عجبا للكثير واظهر الرب فيهم قوة عجاييه السلام لجسدك الطاهر الذي جدد

venly ranks, the martyrs and the just ones. Hail to the martyr of Christ who has the honoured name Isidore, the son of the martyrs who attained the everlasting reward, and received heavenly crowns of light that no earthly tongue is able to describe even a fraction of their honour. Hail to the beloved worshipper of Christ, the victor and martyr Michael the New, the monk who wears the holy skhêma, of whom was accomplished the saying: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."57 Hail to the mighty martyr the monk Michael who confessed the good confession<sup>58</sup> before the king

and all the great ones of his kingdom and the rulers saying: "I chose to die from the death that my fathers and my grandfathers died A11 those in attendance created great havoc, whereas you were happy and joyful. Your mind was elevated, looking forward to the coming eternal happiness. Hail to the martyr of Christ, Michael the New, who endured sufferings for the sake of Christ's name. He felt neither threaten by the authority of the king and all the great ones of his kingdom nor (was he swayed by) their menace and terror. So they

<sup>(57)</sup> Mt 7:7.

<sup>(58)</sup> Abd al-Masih Salib, піхши `нтє пієтхологіон є вотав [The Book of the Holy Euchologion], Cairo, 1902, р. 407.

الفرح في كورة مصر اسالوا الرب من اجلنا يا شهدا المسيح الشهيد العظيم السيد ايسيدروس والشهيد العظيم العابد الراهب ميخاييل الجديد ان يثبتنا على الايمان المستقيم الى النفس الاخير ويديم في البيعة والشعب والامن والسلامة ويليد مشورة كل المعاندين لهم ويعطف قلب السلطة المعظمة وكل اوليا الامور وينظر برحمته وصلاح احوال شعبه ويتعم لنا بصلواتهم امين \*59

were amazed by his might and courage. Hail to Michael the monk and martyr who won eternal life and his martyrdom became amazing to many. The Lord revealed to them great miracles. Hail to your pure body that renewed happiness in the land of Egypt. Pray to the Lord for us, O martyrs of Christ, the great lord Isidore and the great martyr Michael the New, so that He may confirm us in straight faith to the last breath and grant security and peace forever for the Church and people. And let the children of the Church be charitable and have spiritual love and let Him disperse all those who oppose them. Let Him soften the hearts of the great authorities and those governing and let Him look upon His people with His mercy and His goodness and let Him grant us (a place with Him) through their prayers. Amen!

#### **SUMMARY**

This article presents for the first time liturgical texts relating to a new martyr. In addition, it contributes to our knowledge of the Mamluk period, while shedding new light on the history of the church of the Virgin Mary in Ma'adi.

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