

5 Back to Basic Facts:

- **St. Mark** is regarded by the Coptic Hierarchy as the first of the unbroken chain of 117 patriarchs and the first of multitudes of Egyptian martyrs.
- **St. Anthony** the Great who is considered the Father of Monasticism founded Coptic monasticism.
- The Coptic calendar consists of 13 months:

Tout (1st day of the new year- 11th sep)

Hator

Kiahk

Toba

Amshir

Baramhat

Baramouda

Bashans

Paona

Epep

Mesra

Nasie

- The Catechetical School of Alexandria is the oldest Catechetical School in the world.
- There are three main Liturgies in the Coptic Church:
 - 1) The Liturgy according to Saint Basil, Bishop of Caesarea.
 - 2) The Liturgy according to Saint Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople.
 - 3) The Liturgy according to Saint Cyril I, the 24th Pope of the Coptic Church.

Other Resources

Fr Thomas Hopko:

http://ancientfaith.com/announcements/the_samaritan_woman_at_the_well