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Coptic and Arabic Liturgical Texts Relating to Euphrosyna¹

There are several saints named Euphrosyna:

- 1. Euphrosyna:² a fifth-century holy person of Alexandria.³ When her father Paphnutius, wished for her to marry, she cut short her hair and disguised herself as a man (feast day: 4⁴ or 9 Amshir⁵). The literary genre to which this account belongs is very well represented in Greek hagiography, for example, in the accounts of Eugenia Pelagia, and Hilaria.⁶
- 2. Euphrosyna: a martyr from Syria⁷ whose biographical notice has passed into the recension of the Copto-Arabic Synaxarion⁸ of Upper Egypt. (feast day: 12 Tubah).⁹
- 1 This article is dedicated to the memory of Girgis Daoud Girgis former first curator of the Coptic museum who allowed me to study this manuscript. I wish to thank my colleague Lisa Agaiby for her kind help in reading the English text.
- R. G. Coquin, "Euphrosyna, saint" Coptic Encyclopedia 4, p. 1016. In another entry on the Coptic Encyclopedia we read: "Euphrosyna (feast day: 10 Babah), a fifth-century holy woman of Alexandria who lived disguised as a monk," Aziz S. Atiya, "Saint, Coptic" Coptic Encyclopedia 7, p. 2081a-2087b. It seems this is a confusion between these two dates. No commemoration is attested in the Synaxarion in both dates.
- G. Graf, Geschichte der christlichen arabischen Literatur, Vol 1 (Studi e testi 118), Vatican City: Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, 1944, p. 501.
- G. Graf, Catalogue des manuscrits arabes chrétiens conservés au Caire (Studi e Testi 63), Vatican City: Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana1934, p. 34 Numéro 88:3 Coptic Museum Lit 83. M. Simaika, Yassa 'Abd al-Masih, Catalogue of the Coptic and Arabic Manuscripts in the Coptic Museum, the Patriarchate, the principal Churches of Cairo and Alexandria and the Monasteries of Egypt, Vol. 1, Cairo: Publications of the Coptic Museum 1939, p. 99, Serial number 208 Lit. 83.
- G. Troupeau, Catalogue des manuscrits arabes première partie manuscrits chrétiens. Tome 2, Paris: Bibliothèque nationale 1974, p. 25 Numéro 4774:7. There is a homily on St. Euphrosyne in the library of the church of Saint Menas, A. Khater and O. H. E. Burmester, Catalogue of the Coptic and Christian Arabic Mss preserved in the Cloister of Saint Menas at Cairo, Le Caire: Société d'Archéologie Copte 1967, p. 45, Serial Number 6, Theol. 2, however, the date of commemoration is not mentioned. This manuscript contains mainly the biographies of the nuns Dimiana and Hilaria so we may assume that Euphrosyna mentioned here is the nun disguised as a man like Hilaria.
- 6 M. van Esbroeck, "Hilaria, Saint", Coptic Encyclopaedia 4, pp. 1230-1232. J. Drescher, Three Coptic Legends: Hilaria, Archellites, the Seven Sleepers, Cairo, 1947.
- 7 G. Graf, Geschichte der christlichen arabischen Literatur, Vol. 3, Studi e Testi 146, Vatican City: Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, 1949, p. 332.
- 8 Coquin, R. G., "Le synaxaire des Coptes. Un nouveau témoin de la recension de Haute Egypte", Analecta Bollandiana 96 (1978) pp. 351-365.
- I. Forget, Synaxarium Alexandrinum I, Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium 47-48-49, Louvain 1963, pp. 375-376.

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3. Euphrosyna: (1228-1308AD), an abbess¹⁰ of the convent of Saint George in Harit Zuwayla, Cairo. ¹¹ Considered a saint because of the many healing miracles performed by her, her relics rest in the convents (of St George) in Cairo and Sidi Kreir. ¹²

The texts edited below commemorate Euphrosyna the abbess.

Euphrosyna the abbess

According to the tradition related to her and preserved in the convent of Saint George, Harit Zuwayla, Euphrosyna was born in Egypt around the year 1228. She was orphaned at an early age and adopted by a pious couple. She had determined to choose a vocation dedicated to God and hence refused marriage. One day she experienced a vision in which an elder gave her hair from his beard, and she considered this vision an invitation to monasticism.

In the convent she lived a virtuous life and was diligent in reading the Scriptures and serving everybody with joy. She was elected abbess after the death of her predecessor and was an example in virtue; being a spiritual mother to the nuns. God performed many healing miracles through her, such as the miracle healing of a leper, and the healing of a nun named Martha who was lame.

She reposed on the 9 Amshir 1024 (= 16 February 1308) and Patriarch John Ibn Qiddis led the prayers at the burial ceremony.

She is not mentioned in all the editions of Synaxarium.

Historical background

Euphrosyna was a contemporary of the saint Barsum the Naked who died on 5 Nasi A. M. 1033/28 August A. D. 1317. Many persecutions took place in those days, where Christians were forced to wear the blue turbans and the churches of Old Cairo, Cairo and the countryside were closed; except for a few churches in the monasteries, Alexandria and some villages. During this persecution many Christians denied Christ and converted to Islam and it was reported that in one day 450

M. Wissa, "Harit Zuwaylah", Coptic Encyclopedia 4, p. 1207-1209. Paula Sawirus al-Baramousy, "Churches of Haret Zaweila", Bulletin de la Société d'Archéologie Copte 37 (1998) pp. 73-78.

12 C. Chaillot, The Coptic Orthodox Church – a brief introduction to its life and spirituality, Paris: Inter-Orthodox Dialogue 2005, p. 155.

13 R. G. Coquin, "Barsum the Naked", Coptic Encyclopedia 2, p. 348-349. W. E. Crum, "Barsauma the Naked." Proceedings of the Society of Biblical Archaeology 29 (1907) pp.135-49, 187-206. B. Voile, "Barsum le Nu: Un saint copte au Caire à l'époque mamelouke," in : Saints orientaux, Denise Aigle, (ed.) Hagiographies Médiévales Comparées 1. Paris: De Boccard 1995. pp. 151-168.

¹⁰ For the actual women monastic life cf. C. Chaillot, "La vie des moniales Coptes", Le Monde Copte 16 (1989) pp. 60-65. I. El Masri, "A historical survey of the convents of women in Egypt up to the present day", Bulletin de la Société d'Archéologie Copte 14 (1958) pp. 60-111.

persons converted to Islam.¹⁴ Then a messenger from Barcelona was sent by the king of Spain to intercede for the Christians, so two churches were opened: one is the church of Harit Zuwayla and the other is the Melkite church of St. Nicholas at Hamazawi.¹⁵ Patriarch John Ibn Qiddis was the last patriarch to reside in the church of Abu Seifen in Old Cairo and the first who transferred the patriarchal residence to the church of Harit Zuwayla,¹⁶ where Euphrosyna was abbess. He resided in this church from 1303 A. D., when a great earthquake took place and many parts of Syria and Egypt were destroyed.¹⁷

A colophon of the manuscript Arabic 61 Coptic 2, which is the book of consecration of churches was copied "In the year 1024 of the Martyrs, (=1307 AD) in the seventh year of the closing down of the churches and the Christians were forced to wear the blue turbans." It is worth mentioning that in spite of the people who were converting to Islam and the many churches that were closed down, John Ibn Qiddis consecrated the Chrism oil (Myron), which is used to consecrate the newly baptised as well as churches, twice!¹⁸

We may assume that the transfer of the patriarchal residence to Harit Zuwayla contributed to the fame of Euphrosyna.

In the nineteenth century A. J. Butler wrote of the church of Saint George Harit Zuwayla and noticed the presence of Euphrosyna's relics, but he did not provide her name in his account:

"The chief interest of the church seems to lie in the reputed healing power of its relics. I have seen women sitting cross legged about the floor on the old oriental carpet, with which it is strewn, gossiping together and taking it by turns to nurse the little silk-covered bolster of relics with simple faith in its miraculous virtues."

The Manuscript

The manuscript is 451 (4664). The Doxologies in the Adam tune for St. Euphrosyna Copto-Arabic.

- 14 A. Fattal, Le statut légal des non-Musulmans en Pays d'Islam, (coll. Recherches publiées sous la direction de l'Institut de Lettres Orientales de Beyrouth 10), Beyrouth: l'Institut de Lettres Orientales de Beyrouth 1958, p. 173.
- 15 The emperor of Constantinople also tried to intercede for the Christians in Egypt, Blochet Moufazzal ibn Abil Fazail, Histoire des sultans mamlouks, coll. Patrologia Orientalis 20, Paris: Firmin-Didot 1928, p. 195 [701]. It is noteworthy to mention that the Church of the crucifixion in Jerusalem was destroyed and became a mosque.
- 16 R. G. Coquin, "Patriarchal residence", Coptic Encyclopedia 6, pp. 1912-1913. E. Blochet, Moufazzal ibn Abil Fazail, Histoire des sultans mamlouks, coll. Patrologia Orientalis 20, Paris: Firmin-Didot 1928, pp. 38[544]-40[546],67[573]-73[579],95[601]-92[602].
- 17 For a detailed description of the historical situation in Egypt cf. S. Lane-Poole, A History of Egypt in the Middle Ages, New York: Charles Scribner's son, 1901, pp. 300-302.
- 18 G. Horner, The Service for the consecration of a church and altar according to the Coptic rite, London: Harrison and sons, St Martin's Lane, 1902, p. 25.
- 19 A. J. Butler, Ancient Coptic Churches of Egypt, Oxford: Clarendon Press 1884, p. 272.

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The leaves are stained with water stains and candle grease. Dated to 20th century, 11ff.; 17 lines; 22x 16 cm. The cover is of cardboard.²⁰

The provenance of the manuscript is not attested, however, we may suspect that it was from the convent of Saint George Harit Zuwayla. The scribe is not skilful and his handwriting is very hard to decipher in both Coptic and Arabic, however, the original Coptic text should be written by a learned person of the fourteenth century. Our scribe did not know Coptic and his Arabic is very poor. Spelling is more or less phonetic following the late Bohairic pronunciation.²¹

The contents of the manuscript

In the manuscript we find two hymns for the glorification, ²² a Doxology Adam²³ Psali Batos²⁴ (with a wrong title doxology Adam), and Psali Adam.

The doxology and the psalis contain some biographical data:

Euphrosyna was an orphan. She entered the convent at the age of twelve and having shown spiritual virtues she was chosen to become abbess. She served as a spiritual mother for eighty years until her death.

In addition to this biographical data the text is full of biblical quotations. As in most of the late psalis there is no geographical data or historical reference.²⁵

The Coptic language shows that the author of these texts took some freedom from the grammatical rules in order to keep the rhyme and to maintain acrostic hymn, however, he is consistent in the spelling of <code>qpocina</code> reflecting an Arabic substratum rather than the Greek name εγφροςγηλ 'Cheerful'.

- 20 Samiha Abd El Shaheed Abd El Nour, "Supplement to the Catalogue of the Manuscripts in the Coptic Museum", Bulletin de la Société d'Archéologie Copte 45 (2006) pp. 95-105 especially p. 97.
- 21 H. Satzinger, "Bohairic, pronunciation of Late", Coptic Encyclopedia 8, pp. 60-65
- 22 For this rite cf. Youhanna Nessim Youssef, "Une relecture des glorifications coptes", Bulletin de la Société d'Archéologie Copte 34 (1995) p. 77-83. Id., "Un témoin méconnu de la littérature copte", Bulletin de la Société d'Archéologie Copte 32 (1993) pp. 139-147.
- 23 For the doxologies Yassa 'Abd al-Masih, "Doxologies in the Coptic Churches", Bulletin de la Société d'Archéologie Copte 4 (1938) pp. 97-113.
- 24 For the Psalis cf. Yassa Abd-al-Masih, "Remarks on the Psalis of the Coptic Church", Bulletin de l'Institut des Etudes Coptes 1 (1958) pp. 85-100.
- 25 See for example the psalis of Nicodemus, Sarkis, Hermina, Christodulus, cf. Youhanna Nessim Youssef, "Nicodème auteur des psalies", Orientalia Christiana Periodica 60 (1994) pp. 625-633. Id., "Recherches d'hymnographie copte: Nicodème et Sarkis", Orientalia Christiana Periodica 64 (1998) p. 383-402. Id., "Recherches d'hymnographie Copte (2) Hermina et Christodule", Etudes Coptes IX, Cahiers de la Bibliothèque Copte 14, éd. A. Boud'hors, J Gascou et D. Vaillancourt, Paris 2006, pp. 381-397.

хере не ϖ †агіа † ϖ ехнт²⁶ нахноїнн хере не †агііа †агіа `ммні чросіла аріпресвеўін ехон²⁷ ϖ † ϖ ехнт²⁸ `нте пхс †агіа `ммні чросіа `нте чха `нтнові²⁹ нан евох

السلام لك ايتها القديسة العروسة الحقيقية السلام لك ايتها الناسكة القديسة الحقيقية افروسينا اشفعي فينا ايتها العروس التي للمسيح الحقيقية افروسينا لكي يغفر لنا خطايانا

Hail to you, O saint the true bride hail to you the chaste the true saint Euphrosyna.

Intercede for us O bride of Christ the true saint Euphrosyna in order that He forgive our sins.

لحن للقديسة العفيفة افرسينا يقال في التمجيد والتوزيع

A hymn for the chaste saint Euphrosyna, to be said during the glorification and during communion.

ССЬНОҮТ ГАР ЬЕМ ПІ 4 АМОС ЖЕ П $\overline{\text{ОС}}$ АЧБІСІ `NNІЕРЬАЕ 30 ЄВОЛЬЕМ МІКОПРІА ЧХЕС 31 `NОУЄР-ХОМ 32 ЄЖЕМ ПЕЧЛАОС ПЕРАЛАХ 34 * П $\overline{\text{ОС}}$ ПІЕТБІСІ 35 `NNІЕТӨЕВНОЎТ 36 ЕЧМНОЎ 37 ЄТАМЕТРИКІ 38 МП $\overline{\text{МИТТІК}}$ Н АЧТАМІ 39 `NОЎАРХН ЄЖЕМ МЕММОЛІСТІРІОМ 40 $\overline{\text{ЕӨЎ}}$

مكتوب في المزمور ان الرب يرفع الفقير من المزبلة ويقيمه ريسا على شعبه It is written in the psalm: The Lord raises the needy from the dung-hill and puts him as a ruler of His people³³

برت س الرب الذي يرفع المتواضعين نظر الى مسكنتك الروحانية واقامك على الرياسة ديرنا المقدس

Paralexis

The Lord who raises the humble, saw your spiritual poverty.

41 He established you as the leader over our holy monastery.

- 26 Read twelst
- 27 Read exam
- 28 Read †аублет
- 29 Read `NNENOBI
- 30 Read `мпієрьає
- 31 Read aqxaq
- 32 Read `NAPXON
- 33 The psalm mentions Ps. 112[113]:7-8 фнетачтоүнос оугнкі еводга пкагі оуог ачоісі ноуфатыевнаі еводг оукопріа евречгенсі нен ніархфи ите печдаос
- 34 Read παραλέξιο
- 35 Read петою
- 36 Read `нинстоєвноут
- 37 Read aquay
- 38 Read етеметенкі
- 39 Read ачтаго вро
- 40 Read пенмонастиріон
- 41 Mt 5:3. »the poor of spirit« мізнкі мпіппа

еөреснау еп $\overline{\text{GC}}$ е QUI^{58} `налоу бен піерфаі 59 ес CUN^{60} `мпечран ежен оушн 61 нівен етбен пісна `нөо гCU евбе неєгCU нуен $\overline{\text{п}}$ нромпі еуєжек 62 евох п $\overline{\text{GC}}$ ін $\overline{\text{С}}$ піпетCU2 `ммні ауца 64 ебоун не CU3

еөве фаі есерпема)а

ام الاولاد تفرح وعينها تقره بالفرح وانت ايضا صرتي ريسة واما لاربعين صرتي تشبهي بحنة ابنت فانويل لان تلك قد اكملت اربع وثمانين سنة لم تتريح من * الهيكل وكانت حادمة لله بالصوم والطلبة في الليل وفي

الظهر

فمن اجل هذا استحقت ان تنظر الرب وهو طفل في الهيكل واظهرت اسمه عند كل احد في اسراييل وانتي ايضا من اجل جهادك في ثمانين سنة الرب يسوع العريس الحقيقي اذ دخل معك الى حضره قايل*

The mother of children is rejoicing. Her eyes sing 46 with happiness. You became the mother, leader of forty virgin daughters.

You became like Anna the daughter of Phanuel⁵⁷ for this, she completed eighty four years and did not depart from the temple serving God with fasting and prayers night and midday (=day).

Therefore she was worthy to see the Lord as a child in the temple. She revealed His name to everyone in Israel.

You also for your struggles, for a complete eighty years, the Lord Jesus who is the true bridegroom (allowed) you to enter into His nuptial room.⁶⁶

42 Read всоуноч

печменшелет 65

- 43 Read εγλαλι
- 44 Read `n†apxh
- 45 Read N'ODEPI
- 46 Arabic "are happy"
- 47 Read ереоні
- 48 Read 'NANNA
- 49 Read тауері
- 50 Read ασχωκι
- 51 Read NEAN
- 52 Read `NNEC2ωλ
- 53 Read `мпієрфєї
- 54 Read 'NEANNHCTIA
- 55 Read NEANTOBE
- 56 Read 'nganxwpg
- 57 Lk. 2:36-38.
- 58 Read
- 59 Read `мпоєрфєї
- 60 Read acoywng
- 61 Read oyon
- 62 Read сухнк
- 63 Read ппаторелет

де амі 67 фа * роі пеменріт 68 емі 69 ф тенесос емі 70 ф теффері `нтамау амі 71 фноц 72 ненні бен таматороу 73 `ненег аріп

تعال الى يا حبيبتي هلمي الى يا حمامة يا صاحبت امي هلمي لتفرحي معي في ملكوت الابدية اشفعي فينا

Come to me my beloved, come My beautiful one, come O friend of My mother, come and rejoice with Me in My eternal kingdom. Intercede (for us)...

ذكصولوجية ادام للست افروسينا تقال في التمجيد

сфтем тафарі 74 анау рак 75 пемафх аріповф 76 паі 77 `мпаіфт 78 пехе дад пороу 79

өаі те †фрофнтіа 81 есх ω к 82 евох `мфоуоу 83 ехен таіагіа` ммні чросіна хе есерпов ω 84 `мпесі ω т* е ω і 85 нас `ноуі ω т `ммні пос нен течнау наріа ес ω ітс 86 `ңұмау 87 нас

سمعي يا ابنة وانظري واصغي بسمعك وانسي بيت ابيك قال داوود الملك

هذا النبوة قد كملت اليوم عليه هذا القديسة الحقيقية افروسينا

لانها قد نسيت ابما واتخذت لها اب حقيقي وهو الرب وامه مريم واتخذتما لها اما Doxology Adam for Lady Euphrosyna to be recited during the glorification

"Hear my daughter, see, incline your ear, forget the house of your father." ⁸⁰ The king David said:

This is the prophecy that was accomplished today of this true saint Euphrosyna.

For she forgot her father and took as a true father the Lord and His mother Mary she took as her mother.

- 64 Read agge
- 65 Read печманфелет
- 66 Arabic adds "saying"
- 67 Read AMH
- 68 Read TANMENPIT
- 69 Read амн
- 70 Read амн
- 71 Read амн
- 72 Read oyonoq
- 73 Read таметоуро
- 74 Read тафері
- 75 Read Pek
- 76 Read аріпшва)
- 77 Read `мпні
- 78 Read `мпєют
- 79 Read поуро
- 80 Ps. 44[45] 11
- 81 Read †профитіа
- 82 Read etacxox
- 83 Read 'мфооү
- 84 Read асерпова)
- 85 Read acoi
- 86 Read ACOUTC

Фиіа \uparrow^{88} `N90 Ф †агіа ачросіна де †гнкі 89 Бен піпна тарамаоу 90 Бен пінаг \uparrow хере өієтасорфанос 91 ісхен итеметалоу: вон 92 оугелпіс `нтас ф \uparrow ммаутеч 93 хере өієтасероуфіні 94 Бен өнн \uparrow н \uparrow па 9 р є өве тесареті 95 `мплатікон*

хере өістассейсшй садоүн нен савой `ннос ден †сейсшй⁹⁶ етдек⁹⁷ `нпроні⁹⁸ етсадон

хере өістассштп 99 нас 100 өісте нсенеффас 101 'нтотс енфа енер хере өістерфарін 102 'нпіхашн 'нніпа 3 р еөве теспарөеніа 'нні етдек 103 евох хере тімонарос 104 * хере †агніа хере †асхіа †агіа чросіна

طوباكي ايتها القديسة افروسينا لانك تمسكنتي بالروح واتبعتي بالايمان منذ طفولتها وكان لها السلام للمنيرة في وسط العذارى من اجل فضايلها الروحانية*
السلام للتي زينت داخلها وخارجها بالزينة الكاملة للانسان الجواني

السلام للتي اختارت لها النصيب الصالح الذي لا يترع منها لى الابد السلام للتي لبست الاكليل الذي لعذارى من اجل بتوليتها الحقيقية الكاملة السلام للراهبة *السام للناسكة القديسة افروسينا

Blessed are you O saint Euphrosyna for you became poor in spirit in order to walk in faith.

Hail to her who became orphaned from childhood, placing her hope on God alone.

Hail to the one who shines in the midst of the virgins because of your spiritual virtues.

Hail to the one who is adorned inside and outside with the perfect adornment of the inner person.

Hail to the one who chose for herself the good part which shall never be taken away from her.

Hail to the one who wore the crown of the virgins for her true, perfect virginity.

Hail to the nun, hail to the chaste one, hail to the ascetic saint Euphrosyna.

103 Read єтҳнк 104 Read †монахн

⁸⁷ Read NOYMAY 88 Read oomnat 89 Read теєренкі итеремофі? 90 Read 91 Read өнетарерорфанос 92 Read OYON 93 Read `ннауатч 94 Read өнетасероушии 95 Read **АРЕТН** 96 Read πισολσελ 97 Read єтҳнк 98 Read `мпіршмі 99 Read өнетассштп 100 Read CONANCO 101 Read етенсеньауохч 102 Read өнетасерфория

хере өістасті 105 нас `мпіффен 106 `нте пфнь песоутах етерхфін омос 107 хере піпеттфехнт 108 `нте пінімфіос `ммні де есмос $^+$ `ң $^+$ гамос етсіні өісттако 109

рітен ніпресвід н†агіа ммні фросіні пос арірмот нана мпіко євой нтє неннові* السلام للتي اعطت لها شجرت الحياة للتي تأكل من ثمرتها بغير مانع السلام للعروسة التي للتخت الحقيقي لانها قد الغضت الزيجة الزايلة

بشفاعات القديسة الحقيقية افروسينا الرب ينعم لنا بغفران خطايانا Hail to the one who was given the tree of life she has given its fruit without hindrance.

Hail to the bridegroom of the true bride for she rejected the passing, perishable marriage.

Through the intercession of the true saint Euphrosyna, Lord grant us the forgiveness of our sins.

وايضا دكصولوحية ادام للست افروسينا

анок аієртохиєн 111 Бен оүніф† нфоубоү 112 єбріхін 113 `нпєхас 114 єтхфхєп 115 `нрецернові `нтасахі єпетаіо 116 н†фехнт 117 `мині †агіа цросіна †нахос `нфаірн† 118 хє херє бієтастексіс 119 єсхе 120 Бен ніфноуі `нпко† 121 н†тахіс н†бесофохос 122

اننا احيا بعظم الاتساق لما احرك لساني الضعيف

واتكلم بكرامة هذه العروسة الحقيقية افروسينا واقول هكذا

السلام للتي صارت مرتبتها كاينة في السموات بجانب رتبت والدت الإله And also a doxology Adam¹¹⁰ of Lady Euphrosyna

I dared with great desire to move my humble sinner tongue

To utter the honour of true bride, *saint* Euphrosyna. I will say thus:

"Hail to the one whose rank in heavens is next to the God-Bearer.

- 105 Read онетауті 106 Read `мпюзонн
- 107 Read ΝΑΤΕΡΚΟΊΑΥΟΝΑ 108 Read MEIER TOXALET
- 108 Read иппатауєдет
- 109 Read өнеттако
- 110 It is in fact a Psali Batos see introduction.
- 111 Read аюртохнан
- 112 Read NGIGGGGG
- 113 Read сөрікім
- 114 Read `мпалас
- 115 Read стхохсв
- 116 Read `MITTAIO
- 117 Read †αρελετ
- 118 Read MILLIPHT
- 119 Read өнета тесталіс
- 120 Read єсхн
- 121 Read `мпкф†
- 122 Read и товотокос

хере өетасді¹²³ еөроүдемді `ммос `мифноүі итдевюү¹²⁴

ze ontoc tah 125 piebox NHTOY LE TACOACEX 126 `ннаплемпас¹²⁷ ьен оүнег `нте птово¹²⁸ нем ренпароеніа¹²⁹ нем tackithe HITHE IC $+ \overline{\Pi \lambda}^{\Theta} \overline{P} \overline{E \Theta Y}$ accine 132 ne `noymey 133 `нтфевіо `нтмеу¹³⁴ иффри ф обтасхф мпросоусноу өнетасерпемира сөресөт NIHE RENNOYT NEC 135 оүменфеант 136 итфе-BIOΥ¹³⁷ Π€ иппатфехнт 138 пкарі ETCINI* IC NIMO 139 NEM NIET арані 140 $\mathsf{NCEPKIKON}^{141}$ NNEYOPO 142 EPOY 143 $\times \varepsilon$ $taxw^{144}$ ntceacea 145

السلام للتي نالت في ان تخدم في السموات عوضا* البتولية والنسك الكلى

Hail to the one who was received in heaven in reward of her virginity and perfect ascetic (life)."

Yes, also, your honour is within them for they adorned their lamps with the oil of purity, virginity and asceticism. ¹³¹

ها هوذا العذرى القديسة قد صارت عوضا لك اما عن امك الاولى ايتها التي تركت عنها الزمانيات

ياللتي استحقت ان تتخذ لها يسوع الاهنا العريس عوضا عن العريس الارضي الزايل* Behold, the holy Virgin became to you a mother instead of your first mother, O you who abandoned the temporal (life).

Who was worthy to take for herself Jesus our God as a bridegroom instead of the bridegroom of the perishable earth.

هوذا الموت والمرض الجسداني لم يغلبك انك قد تركيتي عنك الزة¹⁴⁹ اللزايلة Lo, bodily sickness and death did not overcome you, for you left the perishable adornment and you took on the eternal

- 123 Read өнетасы
- 124 Read `мтефевю. The rest of the stanza is missing, the translation is based on Arabic.
- 125 Read петю?
- 126 Read αγcoλceλ
- 127 Read `нноүханпас
- 128 Read пітоуво
- 129 Read †пароєніа
- 130 No Arabic translation for this stanza.
- 131 Mt 25:1-13.
- 132 Read acopom
- 133 Read 'NOYMAY
- 134 Read acopom
- 135 Read NAC
- 136 Read `ноүнанфелет
- 137 Read `нтауєвю
- 138 Read `мппаторехет
- 139 Read mmoy
- 140 Read піфомі
- 141 Read 'NCAPKIKON
- 142 Read `NNOY6PO
- 143 Read epo
- 144 Read Texto

NCINI 146 NTEGI †cελcωλ 147 ntaxρ 0 $\kappa \varepsilon$ gap ε tta λh^{150} NOYCOOINOUI ETCE Π^{151} ьен фотрн инотв $+\overline{\Pi}\overline{\Delta}^{0}\overline{P}$ whicia 152 acwe Π^{153} еөве пеерате 154 иєгрєн 155 песанрі $\overline{\text{інс}}$ πιλυγτος 156 Х иромпі ыей ганьосі NEM METWEMO1157 DEN xen^{158} teapxh* oyopΜΕΝΈΝΟΑ ΠΟΥΧΩΚ ΤΑΘΊ εθριαρφουρι 159 и+хими¹⁶⁰ $\overline{\mathsf{M}}\ \mathsf{M}\overline{\mathsf{M}}\overline$ NTMAY NEW TAPXH eoy^{164} $eietxwas^{165}$ мпө α віо γ^{166} же п $\overline{60}$ ачиег имоу¹⁶⁷ **прарісма** 168

واتخذتني لك الزينة الثابتة

لانك قد ارتفعتي بخورا مقبول المحمرة الذهبية التي للعذرى ذبيحة مقبولة امام ابنها يسوع الكلمة

مخلدة بفضايلك ثلثين سنة في الاتعاب والخدمة قبل ان تصيري في الرياسة ومن بعد كمالهم نلتي ان تلبسي اربعین من العذاری صربی منهم ريسة واما ايتها المشتملة بالتواضع لان الرب قد ملاك نعمة adornment.

For you were offered as acceptable incense in the golden censer, the Virgin (as) an acceptable sacrifice in front of her Son Jesus the Word because of your virtues.

(You spent) thirty year in pains and service before you became abbess and received to wear the schema. 161

She became the mother of forty virgins and the abbess, O you who is covered with humility, for the Lord fill (you) with gifts.

- 145 Read `μπιςολςελ
- 146 Read etcini
- 147 Read πισολσελ
- 148 Read сттахрноут
- الزينة Read الزينة
- 150 Read τεταλο
- 151 Read єсфип
- 152 Read oyeycia
- 153 Read єсфип
- 154 Read міарєтн
- 155 Read NAPPEN
- 156 Read пілогос
- 157 Read ганфемфі
- 158 Read baxen
- 159 Read сөрсерфорін
- 160 Read `н†схных
- 161 A monastic cross for the hermits cf. R. G. Coquin, »A propos des vêtements des moines Egyptiens« Bulletin de la Socitété d'Archéologie Copte 31 (1992) 3-23. K. C. Innemée, Ecclesiastical Vestments in Nubia and Christian Near-East, Leiden 1990. Youhanna Nessim Youssef, »Contribution à l'étude des vêtements monastiques« Abr-Nahrain 34 (1996-1997) 118-121.
- 162 Read acoroni
- 163 Read NOOY
- 164 Read w
- 165 Read OHETXON?
- 166 Read `мпіневіо
- 167 Read `ммфоү
- 168 Read 'NXAPICHA

им петиефонпп 169 `и†софіа иєм †свю иєтатсаво 170 `имефирі `ипа $^{\overline{0}}$ р оү 171 †оуроу 172

ΣΕΡΙΤΟΣ `ΝΤΕ ΝΙΜΑΥΙ `ΝΤΕ ΠΙΠΕΤ2ΦΟΥ ΕΡΑΚΦΡ ${\bf q}^{173}$ ΜΜΟΥ ${\bf q}^{174}$ ΧΕ ΒΕΝ Π2ΗΤ ΑΨΕΒΑΒΙ ${\bf q}^{175}$ *ΜΜΟΜΙ ${\bf q}^{176}$ ΕΤΦΝΗ ΝΕΗ 2ΕΝΙΕΡΟΥ ${\bf q}^{177}$ ΟΥΜΑΘΛΕΜΠΡΟΣ ${\bf q}^{179}$ ΝΤΑ ${\bf q}^{180}$ ΤΑΕΡΑΤΕ ${\bf q}^{181}$ ΝΕΗ ΠΕΤΟΒΟ ${\bf q}^{182}$ ΕΨ2Φλ ${\bf q}^{183}$ ΕΒΟΛ ΕΠΙΟΙΟΙ `ΝΤΕ ΠΕΝΟΥ †ΑΓΙΑ ΜΗΗΙ ΑΨΡΟΣΙΝΑ ΕΤΧΗΚ ΕΒΟΛ

 $\overline{\Pi}$ промпі бен певіос мененса єтоудок 185 євох ереоухі 186 мноу 187 фа оуранос бен пеманфежнт 188 нетмонк 189 євох роц 190 `нніаггехос єўеруахін `мпеньо

من ذا الذي يقدر ان يحصي الحكمة والتعاليم الذي علمهم لبناتك العذاري ايتها

كافت الافكار التي للشرير قد ابطلتها لان من قبلك قد فاضت عين الحياة وينبوع

لان بها فضايلك قد شاع وطهارتك قد ارتفعت الى السما ايتها القديسة الحقيقية افروسينا الكاملة

ثمانين سنة من عمرك ومن بعد كمالهم ارتفعتي الى العلا الى عرسك الذي لا يفنا

افواة الملايكة رتلوا امام

Who is able to count the wisdom and the teaching that you taught to your daughters, the virgins, O queen?

(As for the) rest of evil thoughts, you annihilated them by the heart (from which) pours forth living fountains and rivers.

The *brilliance* of your virtues and your purity rise up to your God. ¹⁸⁴ O true saint Euphrosyna the perfect.

After you completed eighty years of your life, you were taken to heaven t (which is God's) your imperishable bride.

The mouths of the angels sung in front of your soul: Worthy,

- 169 Read псонадолнпі
- 170 Read инстетсьво
- 171 Read ω
- 172 Read †oγpω
- 173 Read арекфрч
- 174 Read `MMWOY
- 175 Read ачвеві
- 176 Read иноүні
- 177 Read ganiapwoy
- 178 This word is omitted in the Arabic translation
- 179 Read оүнстханпрос
- 180 Read `нтє
- 181 Read теаретн
- 182 Read петоуво
- 183 Read αγχωλ
- 184 Arabic »went up to heaven«
- 185 Read εταρεχοκογ
- 186 Read αγωλι
- 187 Read `ммо
- 188 Read пенанфелет
- 189 Read `ньөноүнк
- 190 Read pwoy

`мте**ү**үхн де зіа¹⁹¹ зіа¹⁹²*ш †фелнт¹⁹³ `ммні чросіна

се тен†20 ерок 194 анок 195 Ба пашв прецернові арітшву ехон 196 Бен 197 п $\overline{\mathbf{O}}$ С ефрецерушв ноунні 198 немен 199 терен 200 еусоп тен†20 ерок ш пеннив п $\overline{\mathbf{X}}$ С ерер 201 оуав 202 нем сіаконос 203 нем псепі нте пеклаос ефве чроусіна †кафарос $\overline{\mathbf{Y}}$ С $\overline{\mathbf{O}}$ С смоу енімоу 204 нфіаро ката пекрмот ката ноущі* анітоу ефве чросіна єтенрот

ф† моі `ноуагніа `нипа 0 р нем нігіомі є вве текмау †каварсіа нем чросіна †феант 205 `нтомі 206 хере маріа † $\overline{\text{па}}^{0}$ р пфоуфоу `н†парвеніа хере †феант `мнетсемнос чросіна вієвмер 207 `нсофіа

191 Read azia

192 Read azia

193 Read † фехет

194 Read epo

195 Read anon

196 Read excon

197 It should be nagpen

198 Read 'NOYNAI

199 Read неман

200 Read тнрен

201 Read aper

202 Read `NNIOYHB

203 Read нідіаконос

204 Read німфоү

205 Read †ωελετ

206 Read єстюмі

نفسك قايلين مستحقة مستحقة مستحقة ايتها العروسة الحقيقية افروسينا نعم نسالك نحن الحقيرين الخطاة و ان تطلبي عنا عند الرب لكيما يصنع رحمة معنا

worthy, O true bride Euphrosyna!

Yes, we the poor sinners, beseech you to pray for us before the Lord so that He has mercy upon us all.

نسالك يا ملكنا المسيح ان تحفظ الكهنة والشمامسة وكافت شعبك من اجل افروسينا النقية يا ابن الله بارك ميات الانحار كمثل * حدودهم اصعهم من اجل افروسينا الموتمنة يالله اوهب العفة للبتوليات وافرو يسنا العروسة اللايقة وافرو يسنا العروسة اللايقة

السلام لمريم العذرا فخر البتوليات السلام للعروسة الهادية افروسينا الممتلية من الحكمة We beseech you, O Master Christ to preserve the priests, the deacons and the rest of Your people for the pure Euphrosyna's sake.

Son of God bless the waters of the river according to Your grace and raise them as their measure for the (sake of the) entrusted Euphosyna.

God grant chastity to the virgins and the women for (the sake of) Your pure mother and Euphrosyna the befitting bride.

Hail to Mary the Virgin, the pride of virginity. Hail to the reverent bride Euphrosyna who is full of wisdom.

фотнр ите пікосмос мої 100 `ноугупомоні 208 `ниігнкі ніремеоу 209 мої неоу 210 [] нос х 100 х 100] нос х 100 10

يا مخلص العالم اوهب الصبر للمساكين واوهب الطمانينة للاغنيا واوضع خشيتك في الصيبان واوهب البرودة للاموات واوهب الثبات للبيعة وقرر لنا سلامتك ونعمتك ورحمتك الى النفس الاخير

O Saviour of the World, grant endurance to the poor. The rich (men) give them tranquillity. ²¹² Put Your fear in children.

Grant repose²¹⁷ to the dead and give strength to the church.
Establish Your peace, Your grace and Your mercy till the end.

ابصالية ادام للست العذرى العفيفة افرسينا

anok oypeqepnobi oyog $\operatorname{rankc} \operatorname{etx} \operatorname{dxr}^{218}$ enna $\operatorname{dxemx} \operatorname{dm}^{219}$ enacaxi $\operatorname{etx} \operatorname{dxr}^{220}$ 'm $\operatorname{ittaloy}^{221}$ 'n daig boien epoi $\operatorname{ra} \operatorname{dc}$ ben $\operatorname{tekme} \operatorname{emhi}^{222} \operatorname{etghna}^{223}$ 'n $\operatorname{tetaloy}^{224}$ 'n ted 'n ted cola* re tap taria icxen $\operatorname{tametaloy}^{226}$ menpe

انا خاطي ولساني ضعيف ولا استطيع ان انطق بكرامت هاذ هي القديسة

عالي ياسيد لي بخشيتك لكيما اكرم سيدتي العروسة افروسينا*

لانك مقدسة منذ طفولتك

Psali Adam to Lady the Virgin and the pure Euphrosyna I am a sinner and my humble tongue is unable to utter (things) about the honour of this saint.

Help me my Lord in Your love in order to honour my lady, the bride Euphrosyna.

For this saint loved the life of virginity from her childhood, O

- 207 Read өнсөмсг
- 208 Read ноугупононн
- 209 Read нірамнафоу
- 210 Read NOOY
- 211 Read NIAAWOYI
- 212 Based on the Arabic version
- 213 Read оухвов
- 214 Read `ныречностт
- 215 Read пекны
- 216 Read †cyntexia
- 217 Lit. "coolness"
- 218 Cf. first stanza of the Monday Theotokia. Read етхохев
- 219 Read єчнадженхам
- 220 Read ecaxi
- 221 Read `мптыо
- 222 Read `нтекнеенеі
- 223 Read gina
- 224 Read `NTATAIO
- 225 Read `NTAQC
- 226 Read теметалоу

`n†пар θ аnіа 227 о γ^{228} θ іє θ мє 2^{229} nтово 230

ΔΔΔ ΚΕΝ ΠΙΥΑΛΜΟΟ ευςλαι επετλιογ²³¹ ογ²³² †семие ипа р чросіна +0YP0²³³ eye'ini edoyn w e^{234} поуро `nте поу 235 εγγενπαρθενικον²³⁶ ϵ тгіфагоу ммоу 237 zеоф емафоу `nxe neeyфоміа 239 оү 240 өіетхф 241 ,пітоуоү 242 ачросіна †агіа нпп ϵ Бен паі 243 `мпасішт²⁴⁴ асоі иетефиі²⁴⁵ `иже Θ IETABOT $^{246}*\Theta$ E 247 +KAYCINI²⁴⁸ өаі есерчанос²⁴⁹ ісжен теснеталоу оуромі 250

احببتي البتولية ايتها الممتلية من الطاهارة

من الطاهاره داوود في المزمور تكلم بكرامتك الهادية العذرى الملكة افروسينا

يوتين فيها الى ملك اعني العذاري you full of purity.

David in the psalm talked about your honour O the peaceful virgin the queen Euphrosyna.

Virgins will be brought unto the king of glory behind her.²³⁸

جعلها كثيرة جدا هي مدايحك ايتها المشتملة بالطهارة افروسينا الناسكة هوذا في بيت ابيها كانت بغير عيب اعني المكرمة* ذات النساكة

Numerous are your praises, O you who is covered with purity, saint Euphrosyna

Behold in the house of her father, the pure who was ascetic, was *blameless*

هذها جارية سمية منذ

This one became orphaned in her childhood and a righteous

227 Read †пароєніа

228 Read @

229 Read өнсөмог

230 Read нтоуво

231 Read мпєты

232 Read w

233 Read toypo

234 Read apa

235 Read πωογ

236 Read нранпароєнос

237 Read `ммос

238 Ps. 44 [45]: 15

239 Read несуфимы

240 Read w

241 Read өнетхахг

242 Read мпітоуво

243 Read пні

244 Read `мпєсішт

245 Read 'NATATONI

246 Read өнеттоүвноүт

247 Read oa

248 Read †ACKYNIA

249 Read асерорфанос

250 Read оүрсэн

`н dikeoc аффенф 251 Бен $\mathrm{dytaxpo}$

тв `промпі есоурі²⁵² ьем печеі²⁵³ есфенфі `нф† ьем оутово ммні

к эд зүмог бен тесьронос 254 очог песент ечког 255 рен +APH Π^{256} NTE $\Pi\overline{60}$ λογοςμος ηρομι²⁵⁷фнетачаненс 258 тимос ьен печент нем течнах ЬЕН ОҮДШК ЕЧНЫ²⁵⁹ ммос махіс²⁶¹ течерімі асмеі ммос* ахноос нем псепі `нтімі є в пестоуво умуунымос NIFAMOC NCEPKIKON²⁶² инеерепіүөімін ьен ранпароанікон тесүүхн **ССЕРХАМПІ**Н ZAPITOC NNIGOI NTE $τε c ε φ ε^{264}$ ε c c c ο λ π`ммок²⁶⁵ есоі `нкаварос єнні єратє²⁶⁶ oyoz etecajenac 267 aje 268 NIMONOCTHPION²⁶⁹

صغرها وان رجلا صديق رباها حقا اثنى عشر سنة اقامتهم في (بيتها) وهي كانت خادمة لله بالطهر الحقيقي عشرين سنة ضمن عمرها كان قلبها متعافي محب الرب

واما من حواس الرجل الذي رباها بكلماته بالكمال لحالها man reared her in fear.

Twelve years she remained in his house worshipping God with true purity.

At the fullness of twenty years (of age) her heart was burning in the love of the Lord

The consideration of the man who reared her and his mother, loved her from all his heart. ²⁶⁰

امراته كانت محبة لها* حقا مع باقي القرية من اجل طهارتما الحقيقية

الزواج الجسداني لم تكون تشتهي واشتعلت نفسها بالتولية

> واما جميع شعر راسها حرسته وصارت نقية بالفضايل

ولما ان مضت الى الدير

Moreover his wife truly loved her and the rest of the village because of her true purity.

You did not desire the carnal marriage, and her soul shined²⁶³ with virginity.

She cut the hair of her head, being pure with virtues.

And when she went to the monastery of Cairo (Egypt), she

- 251 Read ачазана)с
- 252 Read acogs
- 253 Read печні
- 254 Read течхронос
- 255 Read eqxog
- 256 Read н†агапн
- 257 Read `мпіршмі
- 258 Read фиєтачфанс
- 259 Read aquei
- 260 Meaning uncertain, both Coptic and Arabic do not give any meaning.
- 261 Read маліста
- 262 Read неаркікон
- 263 Arabic » was consumed by«
- 264 Read итесьфе
- 265 Read MMODOY
- 266 Read инаретн
- 267 Read etacmenac

иремикамі 270 ессотп нас нас н[] бен оуран[]

оуоди рэидинэп*пп εCειτογ²⁷¹ αληθος νίμ AONECOOIMI²⁷² MMOY²⁷³реи иісонаі²⁷⁴ тпос POY 276 NNIPEMELY 277 ечерменре де он же ероувоны 278 ероу 279 ьенте 280 илгемои 281 СЕ ОНТОС ПІРНКІ НЕМ $иетоі^{282}$ иетхои 283 имеені 284 етесе 285 **NOOY КАТА ТЕСХОМ** тенысі сөве фаі єнфенерфотрін²⁸⁶ MMOY^{287} giten nectobe edoyna 288 nepmen 289 ben нпрасмос YC OC TENTO ИТЕКИЕТАГАӨОС ЕӨВЕ ΠΕΚΆΔΟς ΝΕΙ²⁹⁰ ΝΟΥ²⁹¹ нем ніпресвутерос

268 Read apa

269 Read пімонастиріон

270 Read прумихны

271 Read acarroy

272 Read сондосинт

273 Read `ммфоү

274 Read `нинсомсі

275 Meaning uncertain.

276 Read pwoy

277 Read ніраммашоў

278 Read аревонівім

279 Read epwoy

280 Read BATEN

281 Read ніругємом

282 Read инстог

283 Read натхон

284 Read німєвны

285 Read etact

286 Read аназанереуфимин

287 Read имос

288 Read @ ПІДУНАТОС

289 Read NAZMEN

290 Read NAI

بالذي بمصر اختارت لها النصيب الذي من العلا حسان بزايده

من *الذي يقدر يحصيهم حقا صنعتهم مع مجيي الرب

افواه الاغنيا هم كانو يشهدون انها كانت معينة لهم عند الولاة

والمساكين حقا والذين لم تكون لهم قوة كانت لهم الصدقات حسب قوتها فمن اجل هذا لا نتعب اذا ما مدحناها بطلباتها إيها

يا ابن الله * نسال من صلاحك من اجل شعبك ارحمهم مع القسوس

(القادر) فأنجنا من التجارب

chose for her [

Moreover who is able to count the good things that she truly did with those who love the Lord.²⁷⁵

The mouths of the rich bore witness that she was helping them in (front of) the governors.

And also the poor and the powerless she gave them charity according to her capacity.

Therefore we do not tire in praising her. Through her prayers the Mighty One delivers us from temptations.

Son of God, we beseech Your goodness for Your people and the priests to have mercy upon them

 Φ † `NTE NIПІСТОС ФАП 292 NITIAKONOС 293 NIAAIKOС NEM NIKAIPOC MOI NOY 294 NEMAK `NOYMEPOC

хере $\frac{1}{100}$ р виду ` $\frac{1}{100}$ пХс хере $\frac{1}{100}$ каварос ачросіна $\frac{1}{100}$ втетсеннос

 † үхн нівен еүсоп етаүкоү 295 мфаівіос 296 ноі ноү 297 ноүхвоп 298 ьен ппарадікос 299 шоу піречфенгнт наі ба тамет(жюв

ياإلاه المومنين اقبل اليك الشمامسة والعلمانيين مع الاكليروس واوهبهم نصيبا معك السلام للعدرا ام يسوع المسيح السلام للنقية افروسينا الهادية

افروسينا الهادية كل الانفس مع الذين تركوا هذا العمر اوهبهم برودة في الفردوس ابها المتحنن تحنن God of the faithful receive the deacons, the laymen and the clergy and grant them a share with You.

Hail to the Virgin the mother of Jesus Christ, Hail to the pure Euphrosyna the peaceful one.

All the souls who departed from his *life* grant them, coolness in the *paradise*

O merciful One, have pity upon my humility.

²⁹¹ Read NOOY

²⁹² Read феп

²⁹³ Read нідіаконос

²⁹⁴ Read NOOY

²⁹⁵ Read etayxo

²⁹⁶ Read мпывюс

²⁹⁷ Read NOOY

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