Liturgical texts relating to the First Council of Ephesus (431): the Origin of the Date of 12th of Tût in the Coptic Calendar

[Textos litúrgicos relacionados con el Concilio de Éfeso (431): el origen de la fecha del 12 de Tût en el calendario copto]

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Abstract: The Council of Ephesus is an important event in the Church History. In this paper, we give an introduction about the main events of this council; we will make an overview about the date of this event in the Byzantine, Syriac and Coptic traditions. We will provide the reader with three sets of the Coptic liturgical texts relating to this council and we will give a brief commentary on these texts.

Keywords: Coptic Bohairic liturgy; Church History.

Resumen: El concilio de Éfeso es una fecha importante en la historia de la Iglesia. En este trabajo, ofrecemos una introducción de los eventos más destacados de este concilio; haremos un recorrido sobre la fecha de esta festividad en la tradición bizantina, siria y copta. Además, ofrecemos al lector tres ejemplos de textos litúrgicos coptos relacionados con este concilio, así como un breve comentario de estos textos

Palabras clave: Liturgia copta bohaírica; Historia de la Iglesia.

Introduction

The council of Ephesus is a turning point in the life of the Church. A Coptic tradition attributes to this council the introduction of the Creed.¹ The sources relating to this council arrived in different languages such as Greek, Latin, Coptic, Syriac, Armenian and Georgian.² In this council, Cyril of Alexandria played an important.³

Despite this rich documentation, very few studies are dedicated to the liturgical texts relating to this council.

The Coptic liturgical texts provide an amazing date of the 12 Tût. In this paper, we will overview of all the dates relating, then we will give the commemoration of 12 Tût in the different calendars in order to show that the council of Ephesus is not mentioned in any at this date.

We will study the different calendars known in the Coptic tradition and we will conclude with the edition of the full texts of different l

Chronological table

The table below gives the development of the events⁴ in this council.⁵

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November 19. The Emperor Theodosius II invitation to the Synod at Ephesus.

Youhanna Nessim Youssef, "The introduction to the Creed (revisited)," *Bulletin de la Société d'Archéologie Copte* 47 (2008), pp. 93-111.

M. Geerard, *Clavis Patrum Graecorum*, Corpus Christianorum, Turnhout: Brepols 1980, volume 4, p.30-32 § 8611.

For an overview of this controversy cf. N. Russel, *Cyril of Alexandria*, The Early Church Fathers, London and New York: Routledge 2000, p.31-57.

⁴ C. Hefele, *A history of the councils of the Church from original documents, volume 3, AD.* 421-451, (Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 1883), pp. 1-110;

⁵ A. J. Festugière, *Ephèse et Chalcédoine, actes des conciles*, Textes dossiers documents, (Paris: Beauchesne, 1982), pp. 12-13. R. Teja, *La "tragedia" de Efeso (431): Herejia y poder en la antigueda tardía* (Santander: Servicio de publicaciones de la Universidad de Cantabria, 1995) [thanks to the reviewer of CCO for attracting my attention to this reference].

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7 May. The Pope Celestine answers a letter giving a beautiful proof of his peace-disposition to Cyril.

15 May the pope Celestine addressed to the Emperor Theodosius saying that he could not be present at the Council

22 June. First session Nestorius is condemned by the Cyrillian council.

26 June. Cyril and Memnon are condemned by the Oriental.

29 June. Sacra sent to the Cyrillian council by Palladius.

1 July. Relation of the Cyrillians to Theodosius carried by Palladius.

10-11 July. The legates of the pope subscribed to the condemnation of Nestorius.

16-17. After three convocations John of Antioch is condemned by the Cyrillians.

22 July. Affair of the priest Charisius at the Cyrillian council.

Sacra confirming the depositions of Nestorius, Cyril and Memnon and putting them under arrest

13 August. The Cyrillian bishops sent to Constantinople wrote the Cyrillian council.

Eight legates of each party are sent to the court by imperial order

- 11. September. The legates of the prefecture of the Orient are received in audience by the Emperor
- 25 October. Maximian is ordained with the assistance of the Cyrillians.
- 31 October, Cyril escape from the prison and returned back to Alexandria.

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End of July Theodosius wrote to John of Antioch and to Simon Stylite for the peace with Cyril

25 December Sermon of Paul of Emesa at Alexandria in front of Cyril.

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1 January Second sermon of Paul of Emesa at Alexandria Spring Letter of John of Antioch and the reply of Cyril

As we can see none of the dates mentioned above corresponds to date of 12^{th} Tût (9^{th} September). The closer date is 11^{th} September when the legates of the Oriental are received by the emperor. Hence it is important to investigate the origin of the date in the Coptic Synaxarion.

The Council of Ephesus in the Coptic literature

Many Coptic texts are related to the council of Ephesus, for example, in one text we find the Abbot Victor of the monastery Pbow playing an important, in another tradition relating this council to Shenoute which is confirmed by the fragments of the *History of the Patriarchs* this tradition is also attested in the doxology Batos of Shenoute

ахношс акбісі ємаціш бен өмн† й†сүнодос йте неніо† йороодогос бен †похіс єфесос Truly, you became elevated in the midst in the Synod of our Orthodox fathers in the city of Ephesus

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⁶ U. Bouriant, Actes du concile d'Éphèse, Mémoires publiés par les Membres de la Mission Archéologique Française au Caire, (Paris: Ernest Leroux, 1892), pp. 2-4.

⁷ C. Lenormant, « Note relative aux fragments du concile œcuménique d'Éphèse » Mémoires de l'Académies des inscriptions et Belles-Lettres, 19 (2) (1852)

D. W. Johnson, "Further Fragments of a Coptic History of the Church: Cambridge Or. 1699R." Enchoria 6 (1976): 7-17. Id., "Nestorius" Coptic Encyclopedia, A.S. Atiya (ed.) volume 6 (New York: MacMillan, 1991), col. 1786a-1787b.

⁹ Nahdat 'l-Kanais, пҳом ѝте †ұҳмоҳіа еөоүав ѝте мромпі ѝфрн† етаүөаос ѝҳе мемо† ѝ†еккҳнсіа ѝремихны ѝороодохос [The book of the holy psalmodia as it was established by the fathers of the Coptic Orthodox church] (Cairo: s.n., 1949), pp. 423-424. This doxology, in the edition of Tukhi, is dedicated to Cyril of Alexandria as Shenoute is not recognized as a saint in the Catholic Church. cf. Y. 'Abd al-Masih, "Doxologies in the Coptic Church. Edited Bohairic Doxologies", Bulletin de la Société d'Archéologie Copte 6(1940), pp. 19-76 espec., p. 48.

ак†фіпі йністоурює піпатріархне йасевне оуог акеронологій й†онологіа ебианец You gave shame to Nestorius the impious patriarch, you confess the good confession

ρεν ογμετογαι $\dot{\nu}$ τριας $\dot{\nu}$ κρευτανδο νοληφοοςίος φιώτ νέμ πώμρι νέμ πίπνα $\overline{\epsilon}$ $\overline{\nu}$ νραν ογνογ $\dot{\tau}$ νοχώτ

In one unity of the Life giving *Trinity* the *consubstantial* The Father, the Son and the Holy *Spirit*, three names one God

оүог аксатем етсин ечаа евольен тфе ечха ймос хе аүерагіахін ймоч сеноүөюс йархниандрітнс And you heard the voice from heaven, proclaiming and saying: You are consecrated Senuthius the archmandrite

The Calendars

In the Byzantine tradition, the commemoration occurs in the Synaxarion of Constantinople on 9 September (12 Tût):

Τῆ αὐτη ἡμερα μνήμνην ἐπιτελοῦμεν τῶν ἑκατον πεντήκοντα ἁγίων θεοφόρων πατέρων τῶν ἐν' Εφέσω

On this day, we celebrate the hundred and fifty God-bearers, fathers in $\mbox{\rm Ephesus}^{\mbox{\tiny 10}}$

The Synaxarion of Constantinople was revised by the order of the Emperor Basil II (975-1025AD)¹¹. In the tenth century, The Melkites started to translate their synaxarium¹² to Arabic where we can find this commemoration in the Manuscript Paris Arabe 254 fol. 7r-v.¹³ The

H. Delehaye, Synaxarium Ecclesiae Constantinopolitanae e codice sirmondiano, (Bruxelles: Société Bollandistes 1954), Col. 31-32.

A. Fortescue, "Synaxarion" Catholic Encyclopedia 14, C. Hebermann (ed.), (New York: Robest Appleton, 1913), s.v. Synaxarion

J.M. Sauget, « Premières recherches sur l'origine et les caractéristiques des Synaxaires Melkites » Subsidia Hagiographica 45, (Bruxelles : s.n., 1969).

G. Troupeau, Catalogue des Manuscrits Arabes- première partie Manuscrits Chrétiens, Tome 1. Bibliothèque Nationale- Département des Manuscrits, (Paris: Bibliothèque Nationale, 1972), Numéro 254, pp. 212-213.

translation of the Melkite Synaxarion will have a great influence on the Copto-arabic synaxarion. We may assume that the date proposed by the Coptic Synaxarion is, in fact, the influence of the Melkite influence. It is worth mentioning that the number of the bishops in the Coptic tradition is two hundred while in the Greek tradition is one hundred and fifty.

While in the Syriac tradition the calendar: for the 9th September (Iylûl) commemoration of Šarbil and his sister, Mor Julian the elder, saint Basilides the martyr, the birth of the Virgin Mary, Joachim and Anna, Yûrâ the martyr. The commemoration of the Council of Ephesus is on 18 January (2 Canûn).

Hence we find that the commemoration of the Council of Ephesus in the Coptic Church is influenced by the Byzantine tradition rather than the Syriac one.

The commemoration is mentioned in the Synaxarion,¹⁵ (c.13 century) however only one manuscript of the Meneloges of the Gospels (12 Tût).¹⁶

This commemoration is absent from the calendars of Ibn al-Rahib, (13 century)¹⁷ Abu Barakat Ibn Kabar (12 Tût) (14 century)¹⁸ and Qalqašandî. (15 century).¹⁹

Roger Akhrass, وتذكارات القديسين في كنيسة أنطاكية السريانية الأرثوذكسية، منشورات دائرة وتذكارات القديسين في كنيسة أنطاكية السريانية – بطريركية أنطاكية وسائر المشرق للشريان الأرثوذكس [Calendar of the Lordly feasts and the commemorations of the saints in the Church of Antioch the Syriac Orthodox, Publications of the centre of the Syriac studies,] (Damascus: Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East for the Syriac Orthodox, 2015), pp. 134-135.

I. Forget, Synaxarium Alexandrinum, «Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium» 1, Arabic 18 (Paris: Poussielgue, 1905), pp. 19-20. R. Basset, Le Synaxaire Arabe Jacobite, (rédaction Copte), 2 Mois de tout et de Babeh, Patrologia Orientalis 1.3 Numéro 3 (Paris: Firmin-Didot, 1904), pp. 259[45]-261[47].

F. Nau, Les Ménologes des évangéliaires Coptes-Arabes, «Patrologia Orientalis» 10.2 Numéro 47 (Paris: Firmin-Didot, 1913), p. 188[24] (Thomas the Apostle), p. 211[47] (Archangel Michael), p. 223[59] (the council of Ephesus and the translation of the relics of Climasand his companions), p. 225[61] (Thomas the Apostle).

¹⁷ A. Y. Sidarus, *Ibn ar-Râhibs Leben un Werk*, «Islmakundliche Untersuchengen» Band 36, (Freiburg: Klaus Schawrz Verlag, 1975), Tafel 7 (Thomas the Apostle).

E. Tisserant, Le calendrier d'Aboul-Barakat, «Patrologia Orientalis» 10.3, Num. 48 (Paris: Firmin-Didot, 1913), p. 254 [10]. Thomas the Apostle and Clement and his companions.

Only few fragments survive from the Coptic calendar of Upper Egypt, a late fragment of the lectionary from White Monastery, (Paris, BNF Copte 43, f.25r (= p. 7 of the quire) commemorates Anba Isaac the Stylite the anchorite.20

The commemoration of the 12^{th} Tût is not mentioned in the seven manuscripts used by Bishop Samuel for his edition of the book the Order of the Church "Tartîb al-Bay'ah"

The Book of Turuhat (pl. 1)

O.H.E. Burmester was the first to study the Turuhat²¹ however his leading studies, very few studies were done in this subject. We will use the manuscript Coptic Museum 323 Lit²² from the fifteen century

Tarh Batos

соу їв ѝπιλβοτ θωούτ παινθωογή μπις ετδεν ефесос ватос

The 12th day of the month of Thot, the Council of the 200 in ephesus -Batos

R.G. Coquin, "Le Calendrier Copte des fêtes de saints chez al-Qalqašandî » Parole de l'Orient 6-7 (1975), pp. 375-411 espec., p. 389.

U. Zanetti, "Leçons liturgiques au monastère Blanc: Six typika," Bulletin de la Société d'Archéologie Copte -46 (2007), pp. 251-304 espec., pp. 278-282.

O.H.E. Burmester, "The Turuhat of the Saints (Tût, Bâbah, Hatûr)," Bulletin de la Société d'Archéologie Copte 4 (1938), pp. 141-194, espec., p.148.

M. Simaika and Y. 'Abd al-Maish, 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, volume 1, (Publications of the Coptic Museum, Cairo: Government Press, 1939), p. 84, Number 171. Not in the catalogue of G. Graf, Catalogue de Manuscrits Arabes Chrétiens conservés au Caire, Studi e testi 63, Città des Vaticano: Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana 1934.

аүөшөүү бен ефесос \dagger вакі* йже \overline{c} йепіскопос* ката фоүарсары йінс \overline{xc} * печіфт йагаөос

اجتمع بمدينة افسس اسقفا بامر سيدنا يسوع المسيح وابيه الصالح

The 200 bishops assembled in the city Ephesus according to the order of Jesus Christ (and) His Good Father

еөве пхшх евох йппатноү†* настшрюс 23 ппасевнс* піршні йгеретікшс* фа пігересіс етгшоү لاجل جحود الغير الالهي نسطور الكافر الانسان الهراطيقي ذو البد الردية For the denying of the Godless Nestorius the *impious*, the *heretic* man who belongs to the evil *heresy*

фнетацхеоуае* појнрі мф \dagger ачаіч нач йфусіс \overline{B} * нем оүгүпостасіс \overline{B} * бен печноус етоі йх ω хев

الذي افترا على* بن الله واوجب طبيعتين وقنومين بعقله الناقص Who blasphemed the Son of God and made him two natures, two hypostases in his inferior mind

ΑΥ†2ΙΩΤΟΥ ΝΧΕ ΝΕΝΙΟ† ΕΘΟΥΑΒ* ΠΙΟ ΝΕΠΙΟΚΟΠΟΟ* ΝΟΥΧΟΜ ΕΒΟΧΡΕΝ ΠΙΘΙΟΙ* 2ΙΤΕΝ ΠΙΠΝΑ ΕΘΟΥΑΒ فتذرعوا هولاء الاباء القديسين الماتين اسقفاً بالقوة من العلا بواسطة الروح القدس Our holy fathers, the 200 bishops clothed themselves²⁴ with might from the Elevated by the Holy Spirit

аүерапаөематігін ймоц+ аүгітц бен тецметархнеросүнн+ аүерезфрігін ймоц+ евохгіжен пецөронос* They واحرموه واعزلوه من him a رياسة کهنوته ونفوه عن priesth him fo

They anathematized him and threw²⁵ him from his high-priesthood and banished him from his throne

²³ Read NECTOPIOC

²⁴ In Arabic "desired ardently" or "agitate the arms while walking' hence going on march.

²⁵ Arabic: "deposed".

ογος αγογας αξογί μογον иівен» єтхю бен печсяхі етсшч инетоүхш μφγεις Β+ ογος ογωω

ولعنواكلمن يقول بقوله

And they everyone who says his abominable statement, saying two Natures and two wills

мененса наі ауфенфоу епоүна на пеню+ йепіскопос* єубрноут PITEN THE TIXE * ETIPI йьнтоу йсноу иівєи

Afterwards, ومن بعد هذا رجعت اماكنهم غالبين بيسوع المسيح الفاعل فيهم كل

fathers, the bishops rathers, the bishops victoriously went²⁶ to their place by Jesus Christ who acts in them every time.

тавь йи<u>бс</u> ебьні ехант $NA\overline{GC}$ NIO+ NETICKOTOC+ $\overline{\text{mc}}$ etjen efecoc ùteyxa

Pray to the Lord on اطلبوا عنا يا ساداتنا our behalf our lords fathers the 200 bishops in Ephesus in order بافسس يغفر لنا that He...

Commentary

In order to respond to the following doctrine of Nestorius:

фнетацxеоүае* поны иф + ачан иач йфүсіс \overline{B} нем ογεγποστλοίς Β* δεν πεάνολο είοι ύχωχεβ

Who blasphemed the Son of God and made him two natures, two hypostases in his inferior mind.

Arabic adds: "back".

The theotokia of Monday states this:²⁷

ТНС ПХС ПІЛОГОС ЄТАЧБІСАРІЗ БЕН ОУМЕТАТФІВ† АЧФОПІ ЙРОМІ ЙТЕЛІОС

йпечхоо йпечооь оүде йпечфорх ката глі йснот нененса †нетоулі

αλλα ογφ
γεις λογωτ ογεγποςταςις λογωτ ογπροςπου λογωτ λτε
 $\phi \uparrow$ πιλογος

Jesus *Christ* the *Word*, who was *incarnated*, without alternation, became *perfect* man.

He did neither alternate, nor mingle or separate *in* any form after the unity.

But He is One Nature, one Hypostasis and one Prosopon for God the Word.

Our text declares this statement:

oyoz ayoyazcazoyî noy on niben* et xw ben ue qcaxi etcw q* nhetoyxw maycic ue

And they cursed everyone who says his abominable statement, saying two *Natures* and two wills.

The acts of the council mention the following statement:

The holy and great synod, therefore stated that the only begotten Son, begotten of God the Father according to nature, true God from true God... We too ought to follow these words and these teachings and consider what is meant by saying that the Word from God took flesh and became man. For we do not say the nature of the Word was changed and became flesh, nor that He was turned into a whole man made of body and soul. Rather de we claim that the Word in an

Nahdat 'l-Kanais, пхюн ѝтє ተተаλμодіа євоуав, р. 158, Theotokia of Monday part 6.

unspeakable, inconceivable manner united to himself hypostatically flesh enlivened by a rational soul, and so became man and was called son of man, not by God's will alone or good pleasure, nor by assumption of a person alone. Rather did two different natures come together to form a unity, and from both arose one Christ, One Son. It was not though the distinctness of natures was destroyed by the union, but divine and humanity together made perfect for us ONE LORD AND ONE CHRIST ²⁸

So we shall confess one Christ and one Lord. We do not adore the man along with the Word, so as to avoid any appearance of division by using the word "with". But we adore him as one and the same, because, because the body is no other than the Word... We ought not, therefore, to split into two sons the one Lord Jesus Christ...²⁹

Hence from this statement we see that only the "nature" was highlighted and not Will, which will be raised by the crisis of the Monothelitism: The teaching that the person of Christ has "one will" or voluntative activity was promulgated by Patriarch Sergius in his statement entitled *Psephos* (633), and officially endorsed by Emperor Heraclius in his *Ekthesis* (638) in an effort (given the increasingly fragile state of Byzantine.³⁰

Hence we can conclude that text provided here above was written after the seventh century as it is more related to the Monothelite controversy of the seventh century while it should be related to the christological controversy of 431. The same confusion occurs also in the life of Samuel of Kalamon where we find that Samuel opposed to the council of Chalcedon.

N. Tanner, S.J. *Decrees of the Ecumenical Councils, volume One Nicaea I to Lateran V,* (Westminster: Georgetown University Press, 1990), pp. 41-42.

²⁹ Tanner, Decrees of the Ecumenical, p. 43.

E. Epsen, "Monothelitism", The Encyclopaedia of Eastern Orthodox Christianity, J.A. McGuckin, (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011), pp. 402-403.

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Tarh Adam

нада по уошой	لهم ایضا دام	To them also Adam
етачхеоүа+ йхе настфрюс+ пізеретікос+ ехен пфнрі йф†	لما جدف نسطور الهراطيقي على بن الله	When the <i>heretic</i> Nestorius blasphemed against the Son of God
оүор ачан нач $*$ бен печсобы етсшч $*$ йфүсіс \overline{B} $\dagger *$ нен оүоүшф \overline{B} \dagger	واوجب عليه براية النجس طبيعتين ومشيتين	And he made Him (Jesus) in his abominable counsel: two <i>Natures</i> and two will
аүөшөү† ехшч+ й с йепіскопос+ еүоі йпістос+ йгрні бен ефесос	فاجتمع عليه ماتبي اسقفاً مومنين بمدينة ³¹ افسس	The 200 <i>believers bishops</i> assembled in Ephesus against him
NAY†20 ероч+ еөречтасөоч евох+ 2а паіхеоуа+ ѝпечтасөоч евох	وسالوه ان يرجع عن هذا التجديف فلم يرجع	They were asking him to return back from this blaspheme. He did not return.
аүсагоүі ероц+ нен инеөненац+* аүфшь еьрні ехшч+ аүерзорігін йноц	فلعنوه وكل من معه* وقدعوه ونفوه	They cursed him with all who are with him and they broke with him and exiled him
аүсенні еүхш йнос+ хе інс п хс + г йгүпостасіс+ оүноү† йоүшт	وجزموا هكذا قايلين ان يسوع المسيح هو ثلثة اقانيم لاهوت واحد	They established saying: "Jesus <i>Christ</i> three <i>hypostases</i> , One God

Not in Coptic.

ѝπεϥφωρϫ επτηρϥ∻ ѝογεογεογ ѝογωτ∻ ογνογ† ѝογωτ∻ ѝπεϥφωρϫ ενεε	لم يفترق البتة لحظة واحدة لاهوت واحد لم يفترق ابدأ	He is not divided at all (even) for one second: One God, He is never divided.
«λλα ογφγειε Νογωτ» ογεγποςταειε Νογωτ» ογνογ† Νογωτ» Νθοφ φ† πιλογος	بل طبيعة واحدة قنوم واحد لاهوت واحد وهو الله الكلمة	But one Nature, one Hypostasis, one God, He is God the Word
?гтен неүхн∗ нте піс йепіскопос∗ п ос ергнот нан	بصلوات المايتي اسقفا الرب ينعم علينا	Through the prayers of the 200 bishops Lord grant us

Commentary

The first stanza confuses Christological doctrine with Trinitarian doctrine as Nestorius never denied the Divinity of Christ.

"When the *heretic* Nestorius blasphemed against the Son of God, And he made Him (Jesus) in his abominable counsel: two *Natures* and two wills

They established saying: "Jesus *Christ* three *hypostases*, One God He is not divided at all (even) for one second: One God, He is never divided.

But one Nature, one Hypostasis, one God, He is God the Word As we mentioned in the previous text, Nestorius did not tackle the problem of "Wills" which will appear two centuries later.

The text here echoes the *theotokia* of Monday (mentions above) as well as the doxology of Shenoute.

The text makes an overview about the heresy of Nestorius however the theological expressions are not accurate

Doxology

No doxology is found in the collection of manuscripts used by Yassa Abd al-Masih,³² however I find a doxology in the Manuscript Paris Copte 123³³ (Pl. 2).

اليوم الثاني عشر من شهر توت تذكار الملاك The 12^{th} of the month of Tût the commemoration of the Angel commemoration of the Angel Michael and the assemble of the 200 in Ephesus

دکصولوجیة واطس للمجمع الثالث الماتین Doxology Batos for the third council

Doxology Batos for the third council of the 200 in Ephesus

Πένιωτ $\overline{\epsilon\theta\gamma}$ αββα κυριλλος*пініст ў ў пініст пініс Natickohoc 34 * ayowoyt throy* ben adecoc 35

Our holy father, Abba Cyril the great high-priest and our fathers the bishops all assembled in Ephesus

тис піманесфоу йні*ю+* йооч мачхи бен тоүми+ оүог аүтахро хе †парөенос+ есмісі μφ+ πιλοσος

Jesus the great shepherd was in their midst and they confirmed that the Virgin gave birth to God the Word

ΘΒΕ ΠΙΚΑΣΙ ΝΈΘΥΑ* ΝΤΕ Nactop³⁶ πiacebhc* xε †παθP йпесии: поут ахха оурши Because of the word of blasphemy of the impious Nestorius that the Virgin did not give birth to God

Y. 'Abd al-Masih,,"Doxlogies in the Coptic Church -unedited Bohairic doxologies I Tût –Kyahk" Bulletin de la Société d'Archéologie Copte 7(1941), pp. 31-61 espec., p. 36.

L. Delaporte, Catalogues sommaire des manuscrits de la Bibliothèque Nationale de Paris (Paris: Piccard, 1912), p. 84 Numéro 123 canons et hymnes (bohairique) pour les six premiers mois de l'année.

Read непіскопос

Read єфєсос

Read исстирюс

αγμος εβολδεν πιπνά $\overline{\text{εθγ}}$ * νάς $\overline{\text{C}}$ ντε αφεςος³⁷* αγκορι νμος ογος αγκορς γμος μποςος αγκορς γμοςος

The 200 of Ephesus became full of the Holy *Spirit* and they reproved him and they destroyed his blasphemous word.

ар ахнөшс шоүміатенөнноү* ш міоүнв йте п $\overline{\text{хс}}$ міфшстнр оүероүшімі 38 * ежен \dagger оікоүменн тнрс

Then blessed are you truly, O priests of Christ, the bright stars on the whole World

TWB2* NI \overline{c} NTE AFECOC 39 * ABBA KYPIXXOC NEM NHEGMEMAU

Pray: the 200 of Ephesus abba Cyril and who are with him.

Commentary

While the doxology is too short and the scribe did not master the Coptic language as it is apparent from the number of mistakes, however his understanding of the history of theology is more accurate than that of the Tarh.

Difnar

The Difnar 40 of Lower-Egypt has this commemoration while it is absent from the Antiphonarion of Upper Egypt. 41

³⁷ Read єфєсос

³⁸ Read εγερογωινι

³⁹ Read єфєсос

For this book cf. G. Gabra "Untersuchungen zum Difnar der koptischen Kirche. I Quellenlage, Forschungsgeschichichte und künftige Aufgaben", Bulletin de la Société d'Archéologie Copte 35 (1996), pp. 37-52, Id., "Untersuchungen zum Difnar der koptischen Kirche. II zur Kompilation", Bulletin de la Société d'Archéologie Copte 37 (1998), pp. 49-68.

The commemoration should be between commemorations of Dioscorus and Stephen. M. Cramer & M. Krause, *Das koptische Antiphonar*, «Jerusalemer Theologisches Forum» 12 (Münster: Aschendorf Verlag, 2008), p. 68 (Dioscorus 7 Tût), p. 74 (Stephen 15 Tût).

We can compare the text with the text of the Antiphornarion, (Difnar)⁴² for which we use the manuscript Coptic Museum 357A Lit.:⁴³

شهر توت المجمع المقد (س) المايتي	اليوم الثاني عشر من بافسس	The 12 th of the month of Tût, the holy council of the 200 at Ephesus
аүөшөү† йхе иеню†* йапіскопос 44 * иен пеніфт күріллос 45 иастфрюс 45	احجمعت اباینا الاساقفة مع ابینا کیرلس علی نسطور	Our fathers the bishops and our father Cyril assembled against Nestorius
фаі етацхеоуа» Бен пецлас етсшц» фнете йпфа йфатц» евольен ршц етгшоу	هذا الذي جدف بلسانة النجس المستحق القطع من فمه الشرير	This who blasphemed with his abominable tongue who is worthy to be cut from his evil mouth
еден тен бс тнрен+ †өеодокос+ пајоуајоу ѝнппстос+ †агіа маріа	على سيتناكلنا والدة الاله فخر المومنين القديسة مريم	Against our Mistress of all, the Mother of God, the pride of the faithful, the holy Mary
ачхос хе йпеснісі $*$ йхе $+ \overline{\Pi} \overline{\Delta}^0 \overline{P} *$ євнх єоуршні $*$ єоуноу $+$ ан пе	قال ان العذرى لم تلد الا إنسان ساذج وليس هو الاه	He said: The Virgin did not give birth not to God but a man

De lacy O'Leary, *The Difnar (Antiphonarium) of the Coptic Church*, Vol. 1, (London: s.n., 1926), p. 11.

Nashaat Mekhaiel,, Untersuchungen zur Entstehungs- und Überlieferungsgeschchte des koptischen Difnars, Aschendorf Verlag, Münster, 2010 (= Jerusalemer Theologisches Forum 14), pp. 42-47.

⁴⁴ Read ѝєпіскопос

⁴⁵ Read несторюс

алла мененса наі+ а ф† фопі йынтч+ бен оүметоүаі ан+ алла бен фоүфф	لكن من بعد هذا حل الله فيهليس جلول اتحاد بل حاول المشية	But afterwards, God became in Him not in unity but in wish
реи тагафорин $*$ еүмөү $†$ еп $\overline{xc}*$ же фүсіс $\overline{b}†*$ оүгүпотасіс йиоүшт	وبهذا السبب يدعون المسيح طبيعتين واقنوم واحد	In this means calling Christ that two natures and one hypostasis
аүөшөү† евол+ йхе наі С+ йепіскопос+ егрні ехен наі	فاجتمعتهولاء الاساقفة القديسين على هولاء	These 200 bishops assembled against these (statements)
аүсемиі бен ноүсахі $*$ йрец \dagger йпшнь $*$ хе \dagger $\overline{\text{па}}^{\circ}$ р $\overline{\text{ебү}}*$ аснісі йф \dagger	وثبتوا بقولهم المحي ان العذرى الطاهرة ولدت الله	They established with their life-giving words: The holy <i>Virgin</i> gave birth to God
фнетачерршмі+ Бен оүметатфів†+ фатечсш† евох+ йпгенос йадам	متانس بغیر تغییر حتی خلص حنس ادم	He became man without changing until He saved the <i>race</i> of Adam
аүсогі йнастфр ⁴⁶ + нем ннеөнемач+ непенса наі де+ аүаіч йанаөема	بكتوا نسطور وشعيته وبعد ذلك نفوه واحرموه	They rebuked Nestorius and who are with him afterwards they anathematized him

⁴⁶ Read NECTOPIOC

аусемиі йганканон+ нем гансвшві ⁴⁷ йшнь+ еуфшп ⁴⁸ Бен ніеккхнсіа+ фа †сунтехіа	وثبتوا قوانين وتعاليم محيية دايمة في الكنيسة الى الدهر	They established <i>canons</i> and teachings of life in the <i>church</i> forever
ФОУМАТЕЙӨНМОУ* Ф МІСПІСКОПОС* СТС ПІ \overline{C} * СТАУӨФОУ \uparrow БЕМ СФССОС	طوباكم يا ايها الاساقفة المايتي المجتمعين بافسس	Blessed are you O <i>Bishops</i> . 200 who assembled at Ephesus
Угтен мієүхн	بصلوات	Through the prayers

Commentary

The first three stanzas highlight the role of Cyril. The author/compiler of this text evokes in the following stanzas the doctrine of Nestorius who claimed that the Virgin Mary ought to be called only *Christotokos*, the Mother of Christ, and any other title given to her designated a false understanding of Christology, betraying (as he thought) a confusion of the divine and human properties in Jesus. Initially, Nestorius preferred to designate the Virgin Mary as *Anthropotokos*, Mother of the Man, but eventually chose to refer to her as *Christotokos*, Mother of Christ, as he sought to bring about unity in his divided church.

The dogma of Ephesus was in fact proclaimed in the year 433 AD, two years after the council with the Formula of Union (in Cyril's Letters as "Let the Heavens Rejoice"), according to which they agreed that Christ was one person (hypostasis). The Council of Ephesus set

⁴⁷ Read гансва

⁴⁸ Read εγαງοπ

the terms of the fundamental Christology of the church, determining the agendas of the next three ecumenical councils to come. 49

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وله ايضا طرح واطس

To them also tune Batos

نطقت كرامتك يأكبرلس شبل الليث

Truly I am amazed and بحق اني لمتعجب my mind is marveled mly mind is marveled ويتحير عقلي اذا when I talk about your honour Cyril the cub.

Virgin على العذري

And the fathers bishops واباينا الاساقفة assembled who who assembled at Ephesus because of cause of Nestorius when he blasphemed against the

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تلد الاه

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Stamenka E. Antonova, "Council of Ephesus (431)", The Encyclopeda of Eastern Orthodox Christianity, J.A. McGuckin, (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011), pp. 164-165.

Read θλωιχι

Read несторюс

⁵² Read ετcωq

Read it should be either εγτλογε ΝΑΙCAXI Or εγτλογο ΝΝΑΙCAXI

ахха асмісі йоүршмі∻ йфрн† йрши иівєи∗ мененсос етачоуфо λχε φ†* αγί αγαραπι ѝьнтч

ساذجا مثل جميع الناس ثم بعد ذلك حل فيه الله بالمشبة

But she gave birth to a بل ولدت انسانا man like every men afterwards God wished and came and dwelt in Him

дауід піпрофитис **ΑΥΡΏΤ€Β∻ Ϧ**LΟΥΙΡΘ πιαλλοφύλος * αφωλι иэд ∻ффф илифүой иєманрі йпісх

جليات الفلسطيني و نزع الخزي عن بني اسراييل

David the prophet killed اما داوو د النبي فقتل Goliath the Allophyles⁵⁴ and removed shame and reproach from Israel's sons55

атетеньштев $nnactop^{56} + onnion+$ ѝепіскопос+ аретенаіч йнаөєна∗ нен печіфт ΠCATANAC

وانتم يا اباينا الاساقفة قتلتم نسطور واحرمتوه هو وابيه الشيطان

You killed Nestorius, O great bishops, you made him anathema with his father Satan

ω νιογηβ ητέ μχς* **ΝΙΜΑΝ€CΦΟΥ ΝλΟΓΙΚΟΝ**❖ ΝΤΕ ΠΙΟΡΙ ΕΘΟΥΑΒ+ ΝΤΕ июреодозос

ايها الكهنة الذي holy flock للمسيح رعاة الخراف الناطقة الذي للقطيع المقدس الذين هم الارثدكسيين

O priests of Christ, the rational shepherd of the of the Orthodox.

Ф июфих йдүнатос* олоб иібелиті укуутся оүве игеретікос йпоннрос и ихахі йтє $\overline{\Pi XC}$

المحاربين جيداً بازا الهراطقة الاشرار اعدا

O brave mighty and the good fighter against the evil heretics, the enemies of Christ.

¹ Sam 17:48-51.

Ps 151: 7.

Read несторюс

ω νιςτυλλος ѝречероушии. е†оікоүменн тнрс∗ инетаутахрои ьеи пиагт стсоутой бей оүмеөмні

тавь йи<u>гс</u> ебьні ехаи» ием паімартурос канмос ием иечарфир йний итечха иеииові нан євох

the straight faith ثبتونا على الامانة المستقمة بالحقيقة

ايا العمد المضيين على O luminous pillars of the whole World who established truly for us

Clems وهذا الشهيد اقليمس واصحابه الشهداء بمدينة sins الاسكندرية ليغفر لنا

Pray to the Lord on our اطلبوا من الرب عنا behalf and this martyr and his companions the martyrs so that He forgive our

Commentary

The text here repeats the same statement as the previous texts regarding the doctrine of Nestorius.

The image of David and Goliath is unique in the whole corpus relating to the council of Ephesus.

Again the last stanza, asking the in prayers of saint Clems is also unique, we should expect the prayers of the 200 hundred bishops assembled in Ephesus. It seems that there are some missing stanzas.

Conclusion

The Council of Ephesus is an important event in the Church History, as this is apparent from its inclusion even in the monastic biographies such as the life of Shenoute and Victor.

The Chronological table in the beginning of the article did not include any date close to the date of the 12th Tût (9th September).

While the Coptic church is a sister church of the Syriac church, however for the commemoration to the Council of Ephesus, we notice

that the source of this date is Byzantine Synaxarion of Constantinople, the Syriac calendar commemorates the council of Ephesus on the 18 January.

The Calendars of Lower Egypt such as the calendar of Ibn Kabar, Ibn al-Rahib, Qalqašandî did not include this commemoration and only one manuscript of the Menologe includes this event.

The Upper Egypt Typikon of the White Monastery commemorates for this day Isaac the stylite.

Only three sets of Liturgical text commemorate this event.

The Turuhat in both tunes, they highlight the doctrine of Nestorius however with anachronism as we find the mention of the "two wills".

The doxology Batos, we find only one manuscript, despite its late date and the ignorance of the scribe, the theological contents are nearly accurate.

The Difnar also echoed the theological doctrines Nestorius concerning the Virgin Mary.

These texts are also used in other liturgical texts such as the doxology batos for Saint Shenoute and the Theotokia of Monday.

This study shows once more the importance of the studying of the liturgical texts for the history and theology.



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Paris Copte 123 fol. 26v-27r (Pl. 2)



 ${\it Manuscript\ Coptic\ Museum-Difnar\ 357A\ Lit} \\ {\it fol.\ 35v-36r}$

(Pl.3)