



Early Church Study Group: Egyptian Christianity

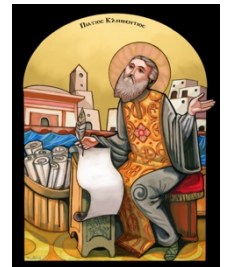
(no previous knowledge required!)

For the first five centuries AD, Egypt was a cultural & theological hotspot, home to notable figures such as St Athanasius and St Cyril of Alexandria as well as the less well-known Clement of Alexandria and the (fabulous) Origen. Our brief survey of these key figures from the early Eastern Church will touch upon the Trinity and Christology as well as helping you figure out whether you might be an Arian, Nestorian, Docetist or Adoptionist (and why that matters!). We'll spend two weeks on each of the four figures. The first session each time will primarily provide a brief overview of the life, work & contribution of the person whilst the second session will involve discussion using extracts from some of their writings. All sessions are FREE.

A Very Short Introduction to Clement of Alexandria

Mon 20th & 27th January 2025

Clement of Alexandria (c.150 - 214 AD) addressed three distinct audiences of his day - unorthodox Christian sects (the "Gnostics"), simplistic Christian believers, and educated non-Christians. His perspective will form a lens through which we will reflect on the key topics of Scripture, Knowledge and Apologetics.



A Very Short Introduction to Origen

Mon 3rd & 10th February 2025

Origen (c. 185 - 254 AD) was an ascetic scholar, teacher, priest, apologist, theological trouble-shooter and prolific author. Arguably the most influential figure in the early Church between St Paul and St Augustine. So why have you heard little or nothing of him? Especially his beautiful & inspired interpretation of the *Song of Songs*...



A Very Short Introduction to St Athanasius

Mon 17th & 24th February 2025

St Athanasius (c. 295 - 373 AD) was a key player in the 4th century formation of the doctrine of the Trinity. For Athanasius the Trinity is not an abstract concept but rather a (theo)logical necessity based on his understanding of salvation as physically rooted in the Incarnation (the achievements of which are "more than the waves of the sea").



A Very Short Introduction to St Cyril of Alexandria

Mon 3rd & 10th March 2025

St Cyril of Alexandria (c. 378 - 444 AD) was a consummate ecclesiastical politician, theologian and biblical commentator and best known as a key player in the 5th century Christological crisis in the run-up to the important Council of Chalcedon (451 AD). Why was Cyril so adamant about the unity of Christ & what does it even mean?!



Each of the Sessions runs 6:30 – 7:45pm in the Liddon Room @ Pusey House, Oxford

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