

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, One God, Amen.

Today is the first Sunday of the new Coptic year. We have five Katamaros for the liturgical reading. And the Katamaros is this book that has the reading. "Kata" means according, "-maros" means the days. So Katamaros means the readings that are arranged and structured according to the days.

There are seasons in the church that have a special reading. Mainly, three seasons in the church.

- The Holy Great Fast
- Holy Week
- And the Holy 50 days.

And, there is a special Katamaros for the Holy Great Fast, and for the Holy Week, and the Holy 50 days.

Other than these three reasons, we have two Katamaros. So, the total is five.

- One for the Sundays,
- And one for the "days".

"Days" means from Monday to Saturday. The Katamaros for the days, are arranged according to the saint of the day. For example, today's is Saint Sophia. If today is not Sunday, we would read for the female saints, and the gospel will be about the ten virgins: the wise five virgins, and the five foolish virgins. The readings of the day from Monday to Saturday are according to the saint of the day.

But the readings of Sunday have another curriculum. We have twelve months in the year. The Holy Week, beside the Great Fast, beside the 50 Days, these compose almost three months. Because 55 days and 50 days will be 105, which is almost three months.

Then we have nine months. The nine months of the Sundays:

- The first three months, Tout, Baba, and Hathor, the church speaks to us about love of God the Father.
 - o Then by the fourth month which is Kiahk, we celebrate the birth of Christ. That's why, Kiahk, Toba, and Amshir will speak about the grace of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.
- Around Amshir, the Great Fast starts, so we have the three months of the Great fast and the Holy Week, and the 50 days.
- Then we end the Holy 50 days by the feast of Pentecost, which it would be the beginning of the last 3 months of the year in which we speak about the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

So, this is the structure:

- First is three months, love of God the Father.
- Second three months, grace of His only begotten Son.
- The third three months will be the Great Fast and the Holy 50 days.
- The last three months would be the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Here, the church covers our relationship with the Holy Trinity through the readings of the Sundays. And there is another special curriculum for the Holy Great Fast. Another curriculum for the Holy Week. And a third curriculum for the Holy 50 days.