

# Homework Lesson #1 & #2

## July 6, 2014

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- Dear Beloved Coptic Soldiers,
- I hope you enjoyed your first Coptic class. I would like you to do the following.
  - A. Review lesson #1 & #2 letters and practice pronouncing the letters.
  - B. In this file you will find the Coptic Alphabet and instructions on how to write the letters. Please familiarize yourself with the alphabet and practice writing the letters on Slide #1 and #2 below.
  - Please note that we have posted the audio/video of the first class on the church's website and other resources for your use.
  - Please be on time for this Sunday's class, we will start, God willing at 6:30pm sharp.

God be with you... *Fr. Abraham Wassef*









**Table 3. Summary of the  
Names and Pronunciation of the Coptic Alphabet**

Letter		pronunciation
Alpha	Ⲁ ⲁ	A as in <u>f</u> ather , or as in <u>f</u> an
Veeta	Ⲃ ⲃ	V, B based on position in the word
Gamma	Ⲅ ⲅ	G, N, GH based on position in the word
Delta	Ⲇ ⲇ	TH, D TH as in <u>th</u> en, (D in names)
Ei	Ⲉ ⲉ	E as in <u>p</u> en, or as <u>r</u> ain
Soo	Ⲋ ⲋ	it is the numeral 6
Zeeta	Ⲍ ⲍ	Z as in <u>z</u> ebra
Eeta	Ⲏ ⲏ	EE as in <u>m</u> ee <u>t</u>
Theeta	Ⲑ ⲑ	TH as in <u>th</u> ink
Iota	Ⲓ ⲓ	I, Y based on position in the word
Kappa	Ⲕ ⲕ	K as in <u>c</u> oo <u>k</u>
Lavla	Ⲍ ⲍ	L as in <u>l</u> ook
Mei	ⲏ Ⲑ	M as in <u>m</u> other
Nei	Ⲓ ⲓ	N as in <u>n</u> ancy
Eksee	ⲕ Ⲍ	X as in <u>b</u> o <u>x</u>
O	Ⲑ ⲑ	O (Short) as in British <u>no</u> t
Pee	Ⲓ ⲓ	P as in <u>p</u> eter
Ro	Ⲕ ⲕ	R as in <u>r</u> oom
Seema	Ⲇ ⲇ	S, Z based on position in the word
Tav	Ⲉ ⲉ	T as in <u>t</u> ake
Epsilon	Ⲋ ⲋ	V, I, O based on position in the word
Fei	Ⲍ ⲍ	F as in <u>f</u> an
Kei	ⲏ Ⲑ	K, SH, KH based on position in the word
Epsee	Ⲓ ⲓ	PS both p and s are pronounced
Oo	ⲕ Ⲍ	O(Long) as in <u>th</u> ro <u>w</u>
Shai	Ⲏ ⲏ	SH as in <u>sh</u> ake
Fai	Ⲑ ⲑ	F as in <u>f</u> an
Khai	Ⲓ ⲓ	KH as in Arabic <u>Kh</u>
Hori	ⲕ Ⲍ	H as in <u>h</u> ouse
Ganga	Ⲏ ⲏ	J, G based on position in the word
Cheema	Ⲑ ⲑ	CH as in <u>Ch</u> urch
Tee	Ⲓ ⲓ	TEE as in <u>t</u> ea
Jinkim	Ⲕ	Makes the letter a Separate syllable










### The Coptic Alphabet

Alpha	Ⲁⲁ	A (ART)	ⲁⲛ (an = not)	Pee	Ⲡⲡ	P (as in Paul)	ⲡⲁⲕⲟⲧ (pa-iot = my father)		
Vita	ⲂⲄ	V (VALVE)	ⲁⲃⲃⲁ (ava=father)	Ro	Ⲡⲣ	R (ROAD)	ⲣⲣ (rir = pig)		
		B (BELL)	ⲛⲛⲃ (neeb = master)	Sima	ⲘⲘ	S (CITY)	Ⲙⲣ (sir= well)		
Ghamma	Ⲅⲥ	G (as in Good)	ⲁⲩⲓⲟⲘ (A-gios = Holy)	Tav	Ⲙⲧ	T (TEST)	ⲧⲉⲃⲧ (tevt= fish)		
		Gh Ę (as in Oghnia (Ar: Song))	Ⲅⲁⲃⲣⲓⲛⲁ (Ghav-riel = Gabriel)	Epsilon	ⲘⲎ	V (as in nave)	ⲘⲧⲁⲣⲟⲘ (stav-ros = cross)		
		NG (as in Angel)	ⲁⲩⲩⲉⲗⲟⲘ (Angelos = Angel)			Long O (as in no)	ⲓⲟⲗⲁⲛⲛⲟ (you-an-no = John)		
Delta	ⲁⲁ	ZTH (as in Then)	ⲁⲓⲣⲟⲛ (Ztho-roon = gift)	E (as in hero)	ⲕⲣⲓⲉ (Ke-riee = Lord)	Fee	ⲘⲤ	PH (as in Phone)	Ⲥⲉⲣⲓ (phe-ri = new)
		D (as in David)	ⲁⲗⲩⲁ (Da-Veed = David)	Khe	ⲘⲬ	K (Kin)	Ⲭⲛⲓⲉ (keemi = Egypt)		
Ei	ⲎⲎ	E (PEN)	Ⲏⲛ (en = monkey)			in some Greek words:			
Soo	ⲈⲈ	Soo	ⲡⲓⲞ (Pi-Soo = the six)			SH (SHOW)	Ⲭⲉⲣⲉ (shere = hail)		
Zeta	ⲘⲘ	Z (ZOO)	ⲘⲎⲘⲎ (zen-zen = lizard)	Arabic KH Ⲭ "KHIAR" (cucumber)	ⲬⲣⲓⲥⲟⲘ (ekhristos = Christ)	Epsi	ⲘⲨ	PS (as in Psalmody)	ⲡⲁⲗⲙⲟⲘ (psal-mos = psalm)
Eeta	ⲞⲞ	EE (FEET)	ⲛⲣⲡ (eerp = wine)	Oou	ⲘⲞ	Oa (Board)	ⲁⲟⲕ (thoak =thine)		
Theta	ⲐⲐ	TH (as in Think)	Ⲑⲗⲓ (Thai = this)	Shai	ⲘⲞ	Sh (as in Shake)	ⲙⲁⲓ (shai =feast)		
		T (as in Tree)	ⲁⲩⲡⲁⲗⲉⲥⲉⲉ (As-pa-zes-te = Greet)	Fai	ⲘⲞ	F (as in Fish)	ⲙⲟⲓ (foi= hair)		
Yota	ⲒⲒ	I (SIT) Y (YET)	ⲓⲁⲃ (yab= elephant)	Khai	ⲘⲞ	Arabic KH Ⲭ "KHIAR" (cucumber)	ⲁⲎⲛ (khen= with/in)		
Kappa	ⲘⲘ	K (LIKE)	ⲕⲛⲕ (keek = cake)	Horee	ⲘⲞ	H (as in House)	ⲛⲁⲗⲣⲉⲛ (nah-ren = before)		
Lola (Lavla)	ⲌⲌ	L (as in Lamb)	ⲁⲗⲗⲁ (al-la= but)	Jenja (Ganga)	ⲘⲞ	G (as in Go)	ⲁⲗⲡ (Agp = hour)		
Mey	ⲘⲞ	M (MOON)	ⲙⲁ (ma= place)			J (as in Joy)	ⲗⲉ (Je = For)		
Ney	ⲞⲞ	N(NEAR)	ⲁⲛ (an = not)	Cheema	ⲘⲞ	ch (as in church)	ⲟⲓⲟⲓ (choice= lord)		
Eksi	ⲘⲘ	ks (as in thanks)	ⲁⲗⲓⲟⲘ (aksios= worthy)	Tee	ⲘⲞ	Ti or tee (as in teepee)	ⲟⲟⲧ (sotee= save)		
O	ⲐⲐ	O (NOT)	ⲟⲓⲗⲓ (oily = ram)						











# 1. Consonant Letters

Letter	Name	Pronunciation	How to write it
<b>ᠨ</b>	<b>Nei</b>	<b>N</b> (as in <u>N</u> o)	
<b>᠑</b>	<b>Fay</b>	<b>F</b> (as in <u>F</u> ish)	
<b>ᠫ</b>	<b>Ro</b>	<b>R</b> (as in <u>R</u> oom)	
<b>ᠲ</b>	<b>Tav</b>	<b>T</b> (as in <u>T</u> ake)	
<b>ᠬ</b>	<b>Hori</b>	<b>H</b> (as in <u>H</u> ouse)	
<b>ᠬ</b>	<b>Kappa</b>	<b>K</b> (as in <u>c</u> ook)	
<b>ᠵ</b>	<b>Zeeta</b>	<b>Z</b> (as in <u>Z</u> one)	
<b>ᠭ</b>	<b>Ganga</b>	<b>J</b> (as in <u>J</u> im) <b>G</b> (as in <u>G</u> o) If followed by <b>ᠢ</b> , <b>ᠠ</b> , <b>ᠨ</b> all other situations.	






## 2. Vowel Sounds

Vowel (s)	Name	Pronunciation	How to write it
Ǿ	Alpha	A (as in Fa <u>th</u> er) (or as in Fa <u>n</u> )	
Ǝ	Eyy	E (as in Ra <u>in</u> ) (or as in Pe <u>n</u> )	
ɪ	yota	I (as in Di <u>d</u> , Ki <u>ng</u> ) Or Y (as in <u>y</u> ellow) if followed or preceded by another vowel	
H	Eeta	EE (as in Me <u>e</u> t)	
o	o	Short O (as in no <u>t</u> )	
ω	oo	Long O (as in Broa <u>d</u> ) ( <i>open long O</i> )	
oʔ		Long O (as in Broo <u>m</u> ) ( <i>closed long O</i> ) <b>Note:</b> When oʔ is followed by another vowel, it is pronounced as if there is a w between them e.g. oʔǾ is pronounced <b>owwa</b> oʔɪ is pronounced <b>owwi</b> oʔH is pronounced <b>owwee</b>	 
ɳ	Jinkim	makes separate syllable (n = en)	






## Consonant Letters (cont.)

Letter	Name	Pronunciation	How to write it
λ	Lavla	L (as in <u>L</u> ook)	
μ	Meyy	M (as in <u>M</u> other)	
ξ	Eksee	X (as in a <u>x</u> )	
π	Pee	P (as in <u>P</u> epper)	
Ϸ	Seema	Z (as in <u>Z</u> one) (in words of Greek origin when followed by the letter M) S (as in <u>S</u> ame) In all other situations.	
ϕ	Feyy	F (as in <u>F</u> an)	
ϣ	Shai	SH (as in <u>S</u> hake)	
ϫ	Khai	Kh (as in German <u>A</u> chtung).	
ϸ	Cheema	Ch (as in <u>C</u> hurch)	
†	Tee	Tee (as in <u>T</u> ea)	

# 1. Some Consonant Letters (cont.)

Letter	Name	Pronunciation	How to write it
<b>Ბ</b>	<b>Veeta</b>	<p><b>V</b> (as in <u>v</u>ase) when followed by a vowel</p> <p><b>B</b> (as in <u>b</u>aby) when it is the last letter of the word</p> <p>Note: If followed by a consonant, it is pronounced <b>B in most cases</b>. - The following are examples of words where b is followed by a consonant but pronounced <b>V</b></p> <p><b>ᲗᲑᲑᲗ</b> (ava) Bishop's title <b>ᲠᲟᲑᲗ</b> (tovh) ask, pray <b>ᲙᲑᲠ</b> (evshi) slumber <b>ᲠᲙᲑᲠ</b> (tevt) fish</p>	
<b>Დ</b>	<b>Gamma</b>	<p><b>G</b> (as in <u>G</u>o) if followed by <b>Კ, Მ, Რ, Ს</b></p> <p><b>N</b> (as in <u>N</u>o) if followed by <b>Დ, Ვ, Თ, Ი</b></p> <p><b>GH</b> (As in Arabic غ ) in all other situations</p>	
<b>Თ</b>	<b>Delta</b>	<p><b>D</b> (as in <u>D</u>o) in proper names</p> <p><b>Th</b> (as in <u>th</u>is) in all other cases</p>	
<b>Კ</b>	<b>Theeta</b>	<p><b>T</b> (as in <u>T</u>ake) if preceded by <b>Კ, Რ</b></p> <p><b>Th</b> (as in <u>th</u>ink) in all other cases</p>	
<b>Რ</b>	<b>Epsee</b>	<b>PS</b>	



Letter	Name	Pronunciation	How to write it
	<b>Keyy</b>	<p><b>K</b> (as <u>co</u>ok)  <i>In all Coptic words</i> (or in <i>Greek words that borrowed into the Coptic language</i>)  e.g. ⲬⲬⲙⲓ (keemi) Egypt  Ⲭⲱ (ko) put  ⲈⲮⲬⲬ (evkee) ask, pray  (sometimes pronounced <i>evshee</i>)  ⲰⲮⲬⲬ (psikee) soul  (sometimes pronounced <i>psishee</i>)</p> <p><b>SH</b> (as in <u>Sh</u>ake)  in <i>Greek words</i> when followed by Ⲉ, Ⲭ, ⲓ or Ⲯ  e.g. ⲬⲈⲣⲈ (shere) Hail</p> <p><b>KH</b> (as in German <u>Ach</u>tung) in <i>Greek words</i> in other situations  e.g. ⲠⲓⲬⲣⲓⲥⲧⲠⲠⲠ  (pikhristos) Christ</p>	
	<b>Epsilon</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>long o</b> as in <u>roo</u>m  If preceded by o  (See Page 1 – 2)  as in ⲬⲛⲟⲮⲧ, ⲠⲟⲮⲣⲟ</li> <li><b>V</b> as in <u>v</u>ase If preceded by ⲁ or Ⲉ  as in ⲈⲮⲁ, ⲁⲁⲮⲓⲁ</li> <li><b>i</b> as in <u>d</u>id  in all other situations.  as in  ⲬⲮⲙⲛⲟⲥ, ⲙⲁⲣⲧⲮⲣⲟⲥ</li> </ol>	
	<b>So-o</b>	This is not a letter, It denotes the numeral 6.	