



April 2015

CANADIAN COPTIC ORTHODOX SURVEY FEASTS' DATES

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Disclaimer:

1. The Coptic Orthodox Church does not take major decisions, such as changing calendars or Feast dates by conducting a survey or a voting among her children. The final decision for any changes would be a sole action of the Holy Synod of the Coptic Orthodox Church, which is the only authority to discuss and/or to take resolutions in this matter, and only after extensive research in the matter at hand.
2. This survey is not a referendum; it is not a voting of any sort. It is only a tool to understand and quantify the thoughts of the people across Canada concerning this matter, as part of a study and research that will be presented and discussed in the seminar among other challenges meeting the Coptic Orthodox Church in the land of immigration. It will not affect any dates or the celebration of Feasts in the Coptic Orthodox Church.
3. The results of this survey will be included in the full presentation about the issue to be presented in the seminar and discussed in workshops. Recommendations might be one of the outcomes of these workshops.
4. The question about changing the Christmas date should be understood, not as just changing an individual date, but rather of shifting the whole Coptic calendar by 13 days to synchronise it with the Gregorian (current civil) calendar. So 29 Koiak would be 25 December instead of 7 January, and subsequently all the “fixed date-Feasts” will not change their Coptic Calendar date, but the civil calendar date will change by 13 days.
5. Whether or not any workshop recommendation will be acted upon in the future, will depend solely on the discretion of the Holy Synod of the Coptic Orthodox Church.

Notes:

1. To reply to this survey online please click on the following link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/copticfeasts>
2. The deadline to present your answers to this survey is now **Sunday 26 April 2015**.