Coptic Lesson 1: Coptic Letters Similar to English Letters

Almost half the Coptic Alphabet is similar (in shape and some times phonetic expression) to the English Alphabet. Therefore, if you already know how to read English, you already 50% proficient in reading Coptic. Let's first learn the letters that look and sound like English letters: Below is the shape of the letter (in Caps and small), its name and its pronunciation

Note: not all pronunciation rules will be included, just the basic ones, to avoid confusion.

Letters that look like English letters and are prononced similarly								
Letter	Shape	Pron	Example	Letter	Shape	Pron	Example	
Alpha	Aa	А	A RT	Vita	Bß	V B	VALVE BELL	
Ei	Ee	E	PEN	Zeta	ζζ	Ζ	Z 00	
Yota	lı	1	SIT	Карра	Кк	к	LI K E	
Mey	Uu	М	MOON	Ney	иИ	N	NEAR	
0	00	0	NOT	Sima	Cc	S	C <i>ITY</i>	
Tav	τ	Т	T EST	Oou	Wω	Oa	B oa rd	
Le	Letters that look like English letters but are pronounced differently							
			Letter	Shape	Pron	Example		
LetterShapePronExampleEetaHHEEFEET			Ro	Рр	R	R OAD		

	Khe XX	SH KH	SH OWER " KH IAR" (ARABIC:	
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Now that you know almost half the Coptic Letters, let's read some easy words using these letters:

Word	Pronounciation	Word Meaning
Авва	Avva	Ava (father, as in bishop)
Тлос	Ta-oos	Peacock (Arabic: Ta-oos)
Сарра	Sa-ra	Sari (Abraham's wife)
Ċne	Es-ne	The city of Esna in Egypt
Сір	Seer	Well (Arabic: Zeer)
ζαχαρια	Za-ka-raya	Zakaria
Версии	Ver-seem	Grass (Arabic: Barseem)
C ωκ	Sawk	Close(Arabic: "sok")
Кнк	Keak	Cake
Сіна	Se-na	The city of Sinai, Egypt