

Coptic Lesson 9: Three New Coptic Letters

Letter	Shape	Pronunciation	Example
Soo	Ⲫ̄ Ⲫ̄	Soo	<i>ⲡⲓⲉ̄ ⲛ̄ⲧⲉⲛⲃ</i> (Pi-Soo en-tenh= six wings)
<i>The only use of this letter is the number 6; it always has a bar over it, which denotes that it is a number</i>			
Exsi	Ⲫ Ⲫ	x (as in Phone)	<i>ⲟⲣⲑⲟⲗⲟⲗⲟⲥⲱⲛ</i> (ortho-zthox-on = orthodox)
Epsilon	Ⲫ Ⲫ	V (as in nave) Long O (as in no) E (as in hero)	<i>ⲥⲧⲁⲣⲟⲥ</i> (stav-ros = cross) <i>Ⲓⲱⲁⲛⲛⲟⲩ</i> (you-an-no = John) <i>ⲕⲣⲣⲓⲉ</i> (Ke-riee = Lord)
<p><i>If Ⲫ follows ⲁ or Ⲏ it is pronounced v:</i></p> <p><i>If Ⲫ follows Ⲑ it is pronounced o:</i></p> <p><i>Otherwise Ⲫ is pronounced e</i></p>		<p><i>ⲁⲪ = av ; ⲎⲪ = ev</i></p> <p><i>ⲐⲪ = oo</i></p> <p><i>Ⲫ = e</i></p>	

Examples

Word	Pronunciation	Word Meaning	
ⲁⲭⲡⲪ̄	Agp soo	Sixth hour	
ⲁⲟⲗⲟⲗⲟⲥⲓⲁ	Zoxo-lo-gia	Doxology (praise)	
ⲁⲗⲓⲟⲥ	A-gios	Worthy	
Ⲏⲣⲁ	Eva	Eve	
Ⲏⲛⲁⲣ	Es-nav	Two	
Ⲡⲁⲛⲗⲁⲣ	Man-lav	Malawy, Egypt	
ⲁⲗⲗⲙⲗⲟⲩⲓⲁ	Al-lee-loo-ia	Alleluia	
Ⲡⲁⲛⲛⲟⲥ	Nan-noos	Doll	
ⲕⲣⲑⲁⲣⲁ	Kee-tha-ra	Harp	

