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Although the number of monks living in Natrun [Egypt] has dwindled to a handful, their way of life can have changed very little over the centuries. They still subsist mainly on the hard balls of breads infrequently baked, which must be soaked in water before they can be broken. They may live within a monastery in complete isolation. Neither can the context have changed very much, for all outside the walls is still desolation, and within, complete simplicity. The walls of defence and the characteristic

keep and drawbridge may date from the ninth century when Berber raids had become frequent and annihilating. But the white domes of the chapels and the refectories with their stone tables, made to seat 60 men, speak of the days of the five thousand and of those who visited them—names which still echo down Christian history: St Athanasius, St Jerome, St Basil who introduced monasticism to Greece, St Marion who took monasticism to Palestine, and Rufinus the historian of the monks of Egypt.

100 years ago

THE TABLET • 22 AUGUST 1914

It is with inexpressible sorrow that we have to announce the death of the Pope [Pius X]. His Holiness had so far recovered from the illness which attacked him last year that hopes had been entertained that he might still be spared for the welfare of the Church. But he was in his eightieth year, and there can be no question that his powers, already weakened by his illness, were still further reduced by the sorrow with which, as he said, his heart was wrung at the outbreak of the great conflict in Europe ... On

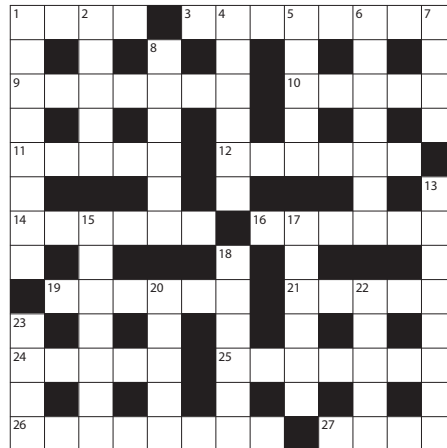
Sunday he rose as usual, but was so weak that he was ordered back to bed. But Monday night was a bad one, and on Tuesday [...] it was decided to issue bulletins morning and evening. The bronchitis trouble developed, and was accompanied by feverishness. On Wednesday his state had become so critical that by evening death seemed imminent ... At half-past two on Thursday morning death came, and released the sufferer from the heavy weight of the great burden of the Supreme Pontificate.

PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 424 | Axe

Across

- 1 Ancestor of a race of giants, as mentioned in Exodus (4)
- 3 Wife of Ananias who, like her husband, dropped dead after lying to God through Peter (8)
- 9 Devotional exercise marking the Incarnation three times daily (7)
- 10 Trees associated with Holy Week (5)
- 11 God in the 6 Down religion (5)
- 12 Strauss opera based on a character unnamed in the gospels (6)
- 14 Turkey's highest peak familiar in the Old Testament (6)
- 16 Town in Umbria associated with St Rita (6)
- 19 Translation of some part of the Old Testament Scriptures in the Chaldee or Aramaic language (6)
- 21 Unaccompanied choral composition with sacred lyrics (5)
- 24 White linen square priests wear about the neck and shoulders (5)



- 25 One of the "seven men of good reputation" chosen to take care of practical matters in the church at Jerusalem (7)
- 26 Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem (8)
- 27 Region that included Ephesus and Colossae in Paul's time (4)

Down

- 1 Alternative word for the Palestine vernacular in Christ's time (8)
- 2 Divine attendant (5)

- 4 Umbrian city associated with St Clare (6)
- 5 Pontifical (5)
- 6 Muslim (7)
- 7 Universal feature of primitive basilican type of church architecture (4)
- 8 Eighth-century saint venerated particularly at Amiens (6)
- 13 Syncretic religion of West Africa and the Caribbean (8)
- 15 Schism between Rome and the East, 482-519 (7)
- 17 Alternative name for the cape lined with fur worn in some religious orders (6)
- 18 King of the ancient Egyptian gods (either spelling) (4-2)
- 20 Language of the Septuagint (5)
- 22 Alternative name for biblical Zoan, one-time capital of Egypt (5)
- 23 German composer of weekly cantatas for St Thomas' Church, Leipzig (4)

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Crossword Competition 23 August

The Tablet, 1 King Street Cloisters, Clifton Walk, London W6 0GY. Please include your full name, telephone number and email address, and a mailing address. A copy of *Bible: the story of the King James Version 1611-2011*, by Gordon Campbell, OUP, will go to the sender of the first correct entry drawn at random on Friday 5 September.

● The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 13 September issue.

Solution to the 2 August crossword No. 421

Across: 1 Lois; 3 Black Sea; 9 Deanery; 10 Edrei; 11 Abana; 13 Asenath; 14 Agatho; 15 Assisi; 18 Ituraea; 20 Rasta; 22 Abram; 23 Theresa; 25 Lysanias; 26 Bede. **Down:** 1 Lydda; 2 Ida; 4 Layman; 5 Crete; 6 Servatius; 7 Abishai; 8 Seraph; 12 Ahasuerus; 14 Abigail; 16 Scred; 17 Martha; 19 Ammon; 21 Agape; 24 Eve.

Winner: Patricia Gonzalez, of Fleetwood, Lancashire.

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Solution to the 2 August puzzle

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