

# **Egypt and the Holy Land on the Agenda of Syriac Christians' Journeys and Pilgrimages: Some Brief Remarks**

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## **Abstract**

This paper reviews the research on the Syriac Christians' interaction with Egyptian desert and the Holy Land. It brings into discussion the spiritual image of the fathers of Egyptian monasticism and their reception in the initiatory and spiritually formative journey of Syriac ascetics to Egypt and Jerusalem. Based on some monastic literary narratives on Syriac pilgrims coming in contact with these areas of great spiritual importance, the article theorizes over the hypothesis launched by J.-M. Fiey, O. Meinardus, Sebastian Brock, Florence Jullien and others, and attempts to provide an overview of the topic and supply comprehensive information as a basis for future research.