

## SHEIKH ABD EL-GURNA

### **76. Manuscript sheet**

Sheikh Abd el-Gurna. Hermitage in Tomb 1152

End of 7th-8th century

W. 46 cm, H. 29.5 cm, papyrus

National Museum of Alexandria, Field Inv. No. Coptic MS. 1

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Papyrus sheet from the manuscript of the *Canons of Pseudo-Basil* found in the Gurna hermitage. This collection of more than 100 canons written down on 148 pages is believed to be the only full text of these canons in the Coptic language (Sahidic dialect). They were known prior to this discovery from a late medieval translation of the Coptic text into Arabic. The text on the page to the left is in all likelihood the end of a canon concerning times of prayer and the beginning of a canon on fasting. The book has a blind-tooled leather cover.

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