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LEADING MIDDLE EASTERN CHRISTIAN UNITY LEADER ASKS AMERICANS TO PRAY FOR PEACE

MYRNA ALAKHRAS OF SYRIA SAYS CHRISTIAN UNITY IS TIED TO FAMILY UNITY ONE OF THE WORLD'S BEST KNOWN STIGMATIST



Upper: Myrna Nazour of Damascus, Syria, mystic and stigmatist, at age 18, poses beside her miniature icon which miraculously exudes oil. She is of Lebanese descent and a Roman Catholic of the Melkite Rite.
Lower: Myrna Nazour at age 26. She is a simple woman of little religious education, but profound wisdom. She was married to a Greek Orthodox in 1982 and has 2 children [1990].



LOS ANGELES—Visiting the Western United States to discuss the need for prayers for peace in the Middle East, Myrna Alakhrass, is urging Americans to be aware of the plight of Christians in the region. "I am asking everyone to pray for peace in the Middle East so Christians can continue to exist. The presence of war throughout the region, and the second class status of Christians in some countries, has driven the faithful out," says the Stigmatist from Damascus, Syria, whose witnessing of the Blessed Mother's apparitions (Our Lady of Soufanieh) twenty eight years ago has made her one of the world's leading spokespersons for Christian Unity. "If Christians unite allowing worship and communion regardless of denomination, Christianity will flourish in the Middle East."

In Los Angeles, Myrna is hosted by Dr. Antoine and Mrs. Claire Mansour. A Christian journalist/activist Mrs. Mansour hosts a website at www.christianunitynow.com where there is more information and historical video of a prayer circle where Myrna experienced the life changing spiritual transformations which led to her leadership worldwide on behalf of unity and peace. LA based physician Dr.Mansour is among the medical experts who has witnessed and verified the Stigmata where blood and oil have oozed from Myrna's head, hands, and feet. The Melkite Catholic Church featured Myrna at their annual diversity convention in Seattle, Washington earlier in the month. Publicized as a leader in the conference, Myrna Alakhrass, appeared with the Most Revered Archbishop Cyrus Bustros, the Most Revered Archbishop Elias Chacour, and the Most Revered Celestino Migliore in a week long meeting for unity and diversity.

"Christian Unity today is tied to family unity. God is calling families to respect, love, and pray for each other. If the family is together the Christian Church will become one." Interviewed in Los Angeles where she is leading a rosary on Friday, July 9th, at 7 p.m. at St. Gregory Armenian Catholic Church (818-243-8400), Myrna says God is asking for a little bit of family time for prayer and church. www.soufanieh.com

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