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Nearly A Thousand Armenian Catholics In Glendale California Turn Out To Hear Syria's Myrna Alakhrass Witness For Christian Unity

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA—Myrna's mystical experiences are incredible. 28 years ago, as a married woman living in Soufanieh in Damascus, Syria, Myrna says she had the first of five apparitions of the Blessed Mother. She told her story this weekend to nearly a thousand parishioners who came to pray with her in English, Arabic, and Armenian. The Melkite Catholic Church in Seattle, Washington hosted her in the Western US for this tour. Myrna was joined by Dr. Antoine Mansour and his wife Christian activist/journalist Claire Mansour. Myrna, now a wife and mother, opened her home in Syria after the first apparition and still keeps it open as thousands come from around the world to light candles and pray for the unification of the feast day of Easter that will bring about Christian Unity. There is no cost for admission and no donations are permitted Myrna told the crowd at St. Gregory's Armenian Catholic Church in Glendale.

The Christian mystic's story is documented in a powerful video made 21 years ago and aired on a major television network. Dr. Mansour is a surgeon who examined the wounds in many stigmata experienced by Myrna during the feast day of Easter when the Orthodox and Catholics celebrate one date for Easter which happens every four years. See www.christianunitynow.com.

Myrna talked about some of the 37 ecstasies she has experienced in her calling to spread messages of unity to the faithful. "God is calling you to the message of love. We are called to pray not only as individuals, but, as families. Jesus says you shall teach the generations the 'word' of unity, love and faith. You are My Church and your hearts belong to Me unless that heart chooses another god. You are the icon that God loves." See www.soufanieh.com.

At masses in the Los Angeles and Seattle areas Myrna is urging awareness of the plight of people living in the Middle East. "I am asking everyone to pray for peace. The area is falling apart. If Christians unite allowing worship and communion regardless of denomination, Christianity will flourish again in the Middle East." See Myrna Alakhrass interviewed on Armenian TV at www.artn.tv. The interview is translated in English.



(L-R): Myrna Alakhrass of Syria, Dr. Antoine Mansour and Claire Mansour (with rosary in her hand), July 9, 2010, at St. Gregory Armenian Catholic Church, Glendale, Calif. Photo by Bob Jimenez.

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