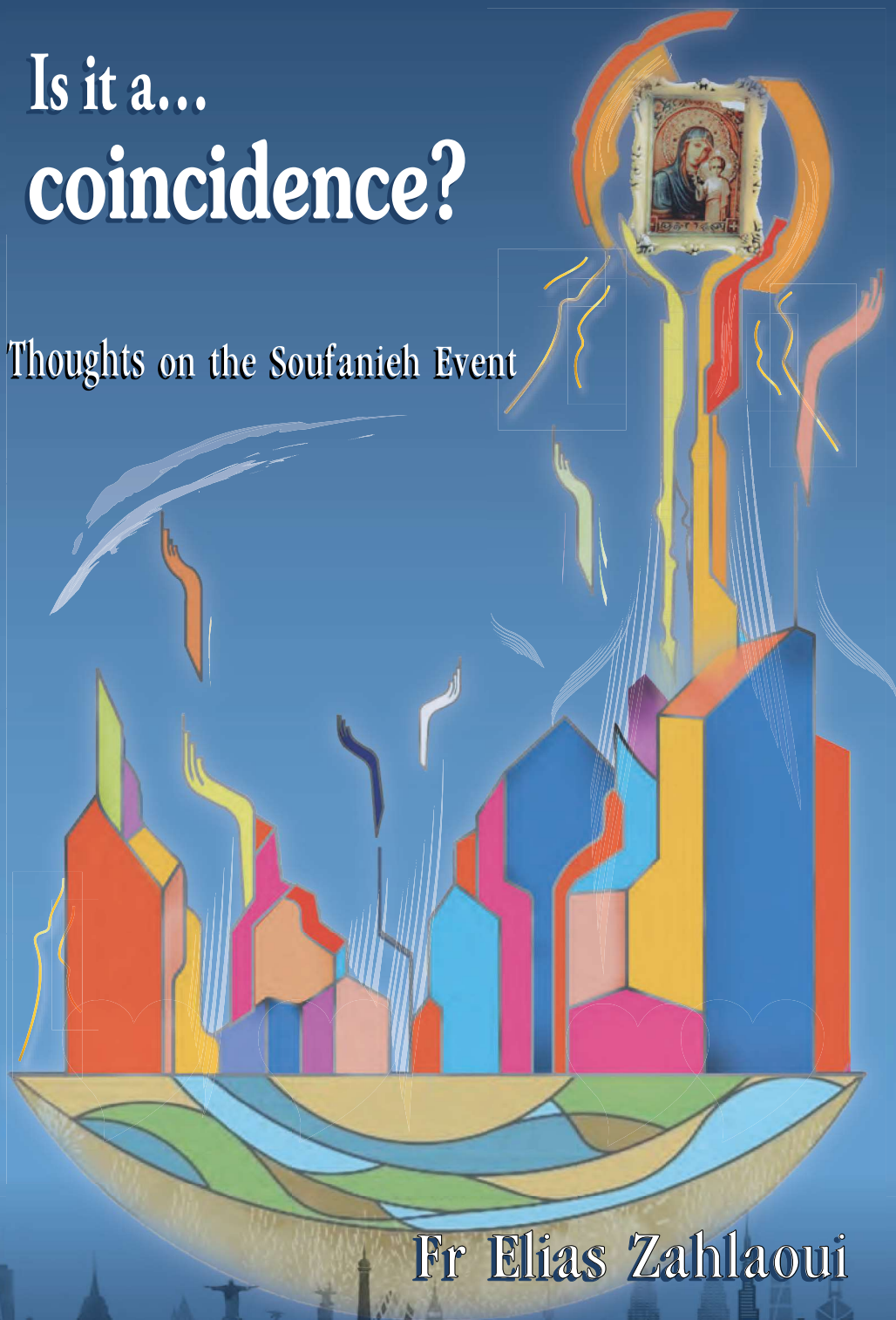


Is it a... coincidence?

Thoughts on the Soufanieh Event



Fr Elias Zahlaoui



A selection of pictures of the event and its results



The tree in which the Virgin appeared. The blue circle indicates the branch on which she was sitting before she got up and moved towards the roof of the house, crossing the metal railing, leaving behind her a trail of light.



“The House of the Virgin” in the Soufanieh at the beginning of the event.



The humble Soufanieh Alley, at the beginning of the phenomenon.



“The House of the Virgin” in the Soufanieh Alley, 2002.



The roof of apparitions: Myrna’s father surrounded the place where oil poured from the hand of the Virgin with cement blocks to protect it. In 1984, this was replaced by a statue of the Virgin, presented by Fr Antoun Al Muaallem.



The original state of the ladder that led to the roof... It is worth noting that it did not have wooden steps, nor did the wall overlooking the courtyard of the house exist at the time of the apparitions.

Basic Facts

Myrna and the chosen family

Myrna between her parents, John Al Akhras and Nuha Nassour, her sister Lina, and her brother Amer. (before the birth of Diana and Shafeeq)



With Mrs Alice, Nicola's mother. The children: Johny, the son of Myrna's brother. Jean and Myriam, Myrna's children.



"How lovely the family whose motto is unity, love, and faith is! Its path is mine, and her support is my mother!"

Lord Jesus Christ, November 26, 2001



Aside of the family's life of the Nazzours during the times of occasions and events that abounded in the unique history of the Soufanieh.





Mr Sameer Hanna who was miraculously healed from a brain and heart thromboses, as well as paraplegia, in the first half of December, 1982, leaving the room of the “Miraculous Icon”.



Mrs Safaa Abou Fares, after she was miraculously healed from a sudden blindness, on Friday, January 7, 1983.



Mr. Hussein Jalabi, mayor of Tadmur, recovered after being paralyzed in a car accident.



The young man Fadi Bahem, healed from a congenital paralysis, on December 19, 1983.



In this period, oil exuded from hundreds of pictures that people had written their names on and left them in the house. Because of their large number, they were stacked on top of each other, but the surprising thing is that from a number of many stacked pictures, only one would exude oil while the others remained absolutely dry!... This is why we called this period, “The month of oil”.



Oil exuding from a brass icon that belongs to Mr Samer Mardeeni

The oil month

Oct. 20 - Nov. 25, 1983



Fr Maalouli examining the pictures that exuded oil.



Myrna recording the names written behind the pictures that exuded oil.



The oil month

Oct. 20 - Nov. 25, 1983



Basic Facts

The holy oil



In the second apparition, the Virgin Mary asked Myrna to anoint the foreheads of those present with oil. Myrna did so with her index finger. The Virgin then asked Myrna to anoint her forehead, as well. With intuitive respect, Myrna used her thumb for that. From that day, the Virgin allowed Myrna to bless the faithful with the holy oil when it appeared on her hands.



"As to the oil, it will continue to appear on your hands for the glorification of my son, Jesus, whenever he wishes."

The Holy Virgin, on Nov. 26, 1990



Oil stays on her hands until she anoints the foreheads of all the faithful, whatever their number is! Tens, hundreds, or even thousands!



The close relatives gather to collect the last of the oil that has collected under the wedding ring, when Myrna's hands dry up after she anoints the last of the faithful.

Basic Facts

Transformation of vision

1984









Without seeing, Myrna places her fingers on the eyes of the Virgin in the icon, that Fr Alam Alam had presented to her.



Myrna was able to distinguish only the "Holy symbols" during her transformation of vision.

The Orthodox
lawyer and theologian

He used to affirm that what happened to Myrna was similar to what happened to St Paul, and that the light that she had seen, and lost vision following it, was the divine light.



This is why he repeatedly sang the Transfiguration hymn. He was adamant that Myrna was going to regain her sight in three days. (P. 68)



He reads the Bible (Acts: 9) St Paul's loss of vision, during the transformation of Myrna's vision on the evening of Nov. 26, 1984.

He did not leave the house for three days in prayer and meditation.

The moment Myrna recovered her vision, on the evening of Nov. 29, he started singing non-stop: "Christ Is Risen From The Dead..." amidst applause and cheers... and he was kneeling as he does in church before the altar, as if he were alone in the presence of God.





The image of the Lady of Soufanieh which exuded oil, yesterday (Thursday), being moved from the Bishopric of Khabab to the Cathedral, in an official procession headed by Bishop Boulos Borkhosh, and his deputy, Fr Muwaffaq Al Eid.

[\(PP 92, 379\)](#)



On Sunday, March 3, 1990, the miraculous image was returned from Khabab Cathedral to the Bishopric, in an official and popular procession headed by Bishop Boulos Borkhosh, Bishop of Horan, in the presence of Frs: Muwaffaq Al Eid, the Bishop's Deputy; Semaan Seidawi, the Paulist Khabab parish priest; Jean Kanakri; Yousef Maalouli; and Elias Zahlaoui. [\(P. 89\)](#)



The first marks of Christ's stigmata appeared during the ecstasy of November 4, 1983, exactly three weeks before their full manifestation on November 25. ([Message 2, P. 39](#))





The wounds were opened and bled for the first time on November 25, 1983 at 2:30 p.m.

The opening of the wounds for the first time Nov. 25, 1983



Fr Maalouli trying, in vain, to extend Myrna's fingers, during the ecstasy.
([Message 3, P. 39](#))

Basic Facts

The Stigmata

1983

April 16, 1987



The stigmata of Jesus Christ opened in Myrna's body at 14:46 in the presence of Frs Yousef Maalouli and Elias Zahlaoui.

Maundy Thursday

April 16, 1987





Fr Yousef Maalouli with Myrna moments after the opening of the forehead wound – Maundy Thursday, 1990



Myria Natpour - Stigmata (1990)
Soufianich - Damas (Syrie)

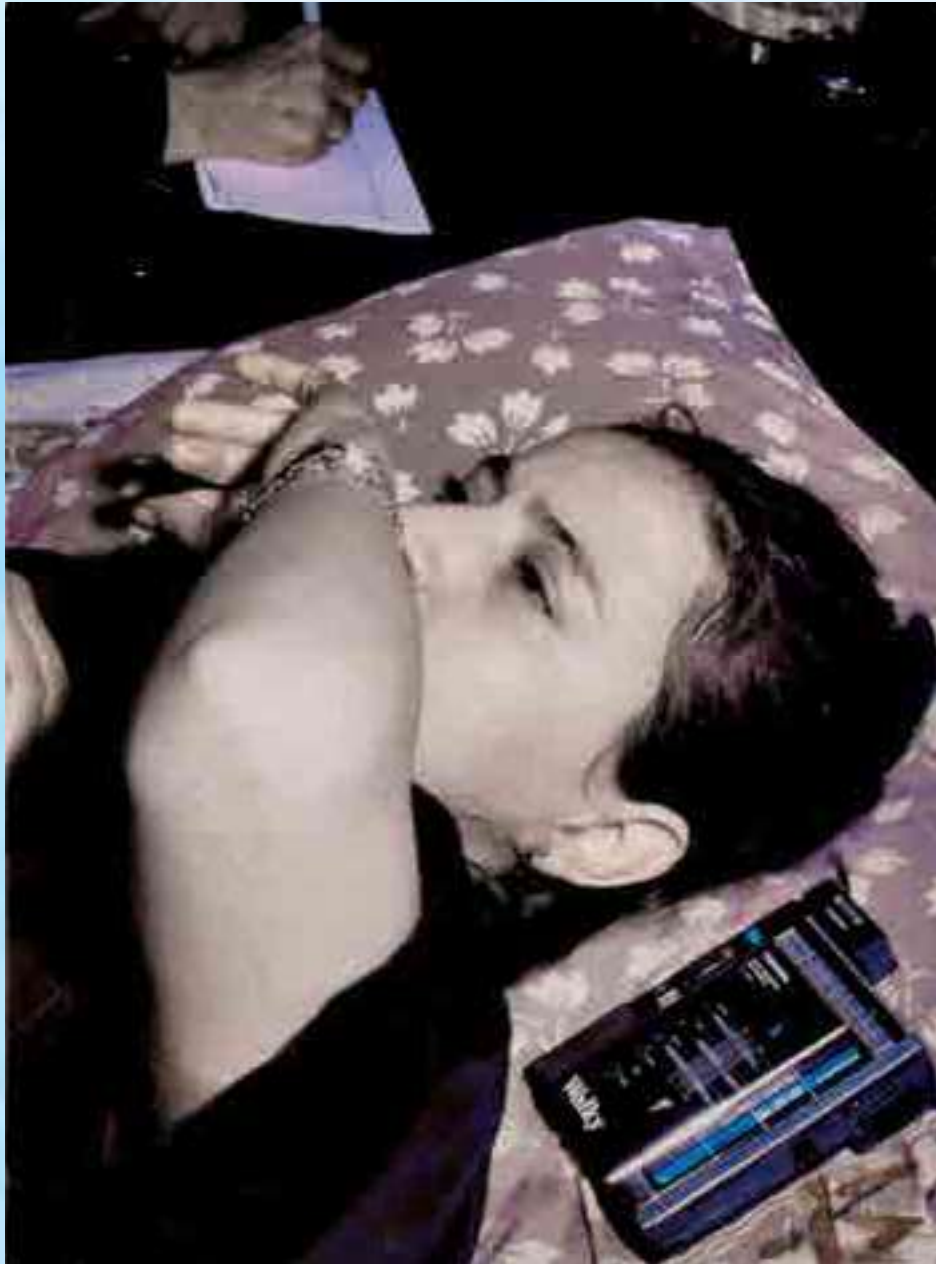




The opening of the stigmata – Maundy Thursday – 1990



Beginning of the healing of the forehead wound



This was a unique ecstasy, because it is the only one that included a secret that the Virgin entrusted to Myrna - Sep. 7, 1984 ([Message 5, P. 40](#))

The ecstasy of the “only secret” in Soufanieh

Sept. 7, 1984







Fr Jean-Claude Darrigault, journalist in "Antenna 2" TV Station, examining Myrna's pulse during the ecstasy. ([Message 11, P. 42](#))



The appearance of oil on Myrna's face before entering the ecstasy, the evening of the Feast of the Lady's Ascension. ([Message 15, P. 43](#))

Ecstasy of the Lady's Feast

August 14, 1987





Myrna was on a visit to the town of Maad, when some people noticed her absence. They looked for her, only to find her kneeling in the town's church in a state of ecstasy.

[\(Message 20, P. 45\)](#)



When she regained consciousness, after the ecstasy, she related what happened with her... The traces of oil that exuded from her hands and face during the ecstasy are still visible.

Ecstasy of Los Angeles - USA

1989

August 18, 1989



Ecstasy of the seventh anniversary

1989

November 26, 1989



Myrna in a state of ecstasy, the evening of Sunday, November 26, 1989
([Message 23, P. 45](#))



Professor, Fr Adel Theodore Khouri, writing down the message of the ecstasy.

April 14, 1990



Oil exuding from Myrna's eyes and hands prior to the ecstasy.



Fr Maalouli writing down his notes and the message of the ecstasy.
([Message 24, P. 46](#))

Ecstasy of the town of Brasschaat - Belgium

— 1990 —

August 15, 1990



Myrna in a state of ecstasy, next to the altar in the church of the Sacred Heart, and Fr Boulos Fadel writing down his notes and the message of the ecstasy.



Medical doctor, Guy Claes, examining Myrna's pulse, and Fr Boulos Fadel and Fr Vandervort appear in the photograph.

Ecstasy of Holy Saturday

April 14, 2001

2001



The people in the mirror, from the right: Dr Antoine Mansour; photographer, Gabriel Berberian; Maya Patsalides; and Myrna's mother. From the left: Fr Boulos Fadel; poet Riad Najmeh; and Myrna's son, Jean Immanuel.



Holy Saturday

April 14, 2001

[Message 27, P. 47](#)



Holy Week

2004

Wednesday, April 7, 2004



Under the eyes of the family...



Wednesday,

April 7, 2004



The Scandinavian medical team starts initial examination of Myrna on April 7, 2004.



Dr Knut Kvernebo, head of the medical team, writing down his notes.

Holy Week

2004

Maundy Thursday



Follow up and support from the family!



Fr Adel Theodore Khouri, Dean of the Faculty of Theology in Münster University, celebrating the Divine Liturgy.



Some Western medical doctors, with Dr Wafeeqa Kallasi (Lebanon).

Holy Week

2004

Maundy Thursday



The side wound, under meticulous observation by the Scandinavian medical team.



We point out that Myrna never used any cleansing solutions on the wounds, except the usual washing with ordinary water.

Holy Week

2004

Good Friday



The Lebanese doctors asked for a meeting with Myrna, before they travelled. This was recorded on the roof, with the participation of the present doctors. While Myrna was descending the stairs, following the meeting, oil appeared on her face.

Here are some of the doctors (left to right): Prof. Samy To'meh, Prof. Seleem Gosteen, and Dr Yoland Shbeer. In the background, appears the Danish theologian member of the medical team, Christian Niels Hivit.



Good Friday

April 9, 2004



Left to right:
Dr Antoine Mansour/America,
Dr Philip Loron/France, Myrna.

Also, among the present
doctors are the following:
From France: Dr Michel
Dagouno. From Lebanon:
Dr Sameer Saleibi. From
Germany: Dr Riyad Hanna,
A Syrian living in Germany.
This is in addition to the
medical team, and some
Syrian doctors.



Holy Week

2004

Good Friday



With obedience, patience and a smile, Myrna accepts the continuous medical follow-up despite the severe embarrassment and fatigue she endures!



Good Friday

April 9, 2004



Right to left: Dr Riyad Hanna/Germany
Dr Antoine Mansour/
America, in a discussion
with Dr Kvernebo, the
head of the medical
team. ([P. 352](#), [P. 144](#))



Participation in prayers and hymn
singing, in many languages, by the
pilgrim guests.



Holy Week

2004

Ecstasy of Holy Saturday



Dr Kvernebo following up on Myrna, and is in constant dialogue with her.



Medical follow up of the side wound continues



Fr Boulos Fadel writing down meticulously the details and notes, and the message of the ecstasy.



Holy Week

2004

Ecstasy of Holy Saturday



Myrna sees Jesus after the ecstasy and receives the message... in his voice!

<https://youtu.be/TJanemmFnHw>



Prayer and hymn singing never stop... before, during, and following the ecstasy!

Easter Sunday

2001

April 11, 2004



Celebrating Glorious Easter. Right to left: Majed Ghareeb, from Lebanon; the governor of Damascus, Dr Bashar Al Mufti; Fr Elias Zahlaoui; Governorate official for old Damascus; manageress of the governor's office; Myrna.

Easter Sunday

April 11, 2004

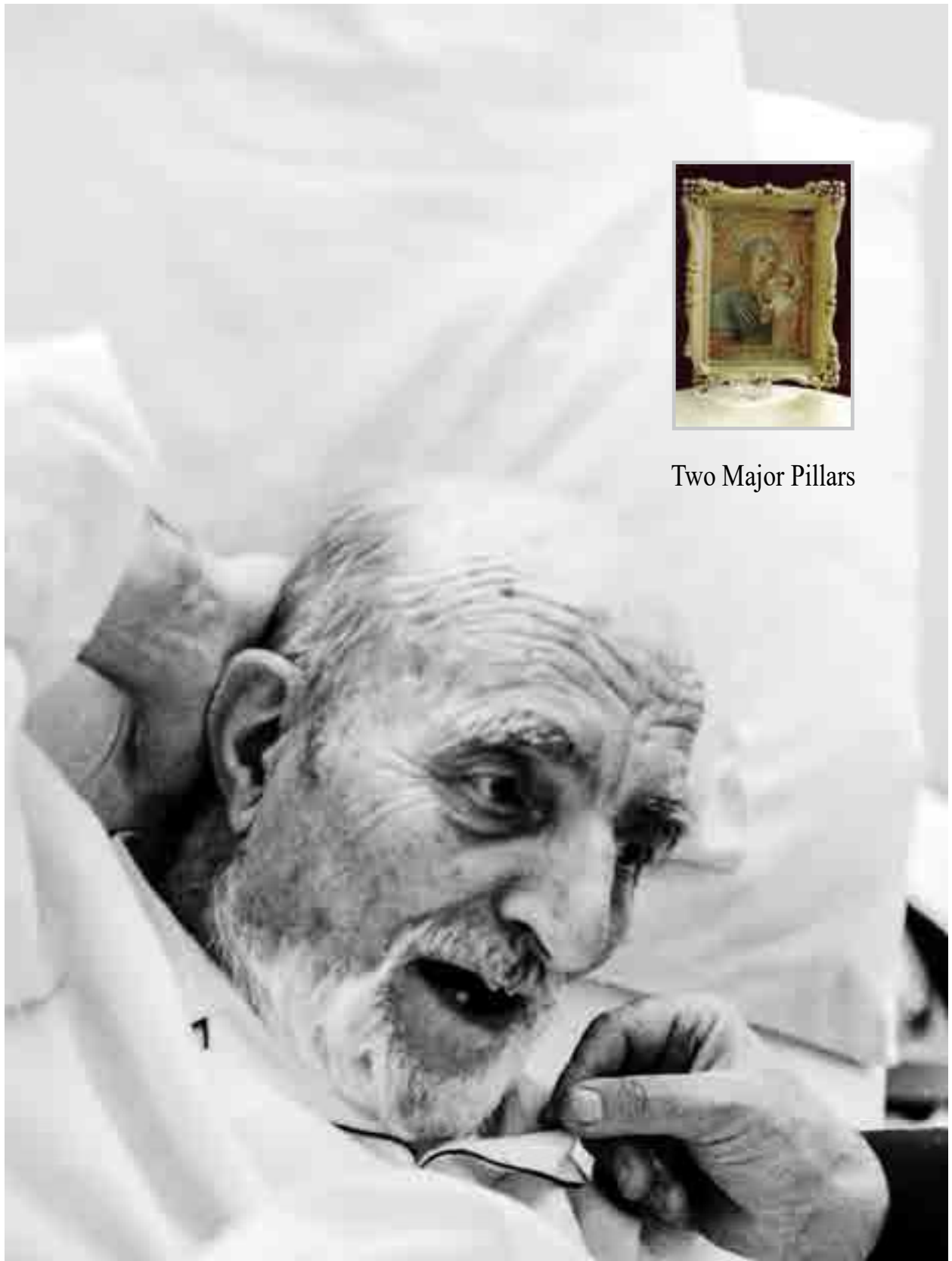


With the guest pilgrims,
and the distinguished
participation of the Tahitian
delegation's chants and
cheers, under the wide shade
of the Tree of Apparitions.





Truly risen...!



Two Major Pillars



Fr Yousef Maalouli



Fr Maalouli speaking about the apparition of the Virgin, pointing to the eucalyptus tree from which the Virgin moved to the roof.



With the renowned theologian Father René Laurentin, Myrna and Nicholas.

The exceptional and trustworthy witness



Fr Maalouli drawing the holy oil using a medical syringe.



With repeated movement of her hand, Myrna points to the presence of Fr Maalouli to the right of the bed, during the ecstasy of Holy Saturday, on April 14, 2001, that is after the departure of Fr Maalouli by more than a year!
[\(Message 27, p47\)](#)

Facts in the results of the event



The theological conference about Soufanieh in the city of Münster – Germany, in 1991.





Among the participants, there were Antoun Al Maqdisi, Fr Joseph Moser, Adeeb Musleh, and Lina Al Maqdisi





On the initiative of the Papal Ambassador in Damascus, Mgr Luigi Accogli, inauguration of: “Our Lady of Soufanieh-Fr Pio Center for Christian Unity and Religious Dialogue.”



Mgr Accogli raises Myrna's hand after oil starts to drip from it.



Myrna anoints the foreheads of the Italian faithful in attendance.

Facts in the results of the event



Pope Shenouda wiping the oil exuding from Myrna's hands during his reception of her - February, 1995.



In the "House of the Virgin": The Apostolic Nuncio, Pier Giacomo DE NICOLO; Maronite Archbishop of Beirut Khalil Abi Nader; and Tripoli (Lebanon) Greek Catholic Archbishop George Ryashi on Nov. 26, 1998

Meetings and personalities



Fr Elias Baladi (Greek Catholic), Fr Michel Farah (Greek Orthodox), his Grace, Bishop Bahnam Jajawi (bishop of Jerusalem and Amman for the Syriac Orthodox) in Soufanieh, on September 7, 1988.



The Apostolic Nuncio, Luigi Accogli, celebrating the Divine Liturgy in Soufanieh with brothers Jaccard and Fr Fares Maakarone.

Facts in the results of the event



The renowned theologian, Fr René Laurentin, examines Myrna while in a state of ecstasy.



Myrna and Nicolas with the patriarch of the Catholic Copts - Egypt, 2008.

Meetings and personalities



Patriarch Zakka I was receiving Myrna and Fr Jean-Paul Devedeux, on June 1, 1996.



Patriarch Zakka's last visit to the "House of the Virgin", on March 20, 2011. [\(p372\)](#)

Facts in the results of the event



With Bishop John Stevenski, and the priests in the Ukraine Catholic church in Miami - 1996.



Myrna with Mother Theresa in her main centre in the Bronx, New York, America - 1996.

Meetings and personalities



With the Latin Bishop in Stockholm, Andreas Arborilios.



With the Armenian Catholic Bishop in Australia, Augustin Kousa - 2005.

Facts in the results of the event



Pope John-Paul II receiving a copy of the “Our Lady of Soufanieh” icon, in a Damascene mosaic wooden frame, from Mgr Luigi Accogli, the Damascus Apostolic Nuncio.



Pope Francis receives Myrna on October 6, 2017 at the initiative of Archbishop Jan Babjak of Prešov, Slovakia.

Meetings and personalities



Myrna presents Pope Francis with a copy of the “Our Lady of Soufanieh” icon, with a copy of the “Soufanieh in Syria and the World”, in French.



Pope Francis presents his cap at the end of the meeting.

Facts in the results of the event

Soufanieh Families

With the succession of events and the arrival of pilgrims from all over the world to visit Our Lady of Soufanieh, who never refrained from offering them her graces. These pilgrims started, on their return to their countries, forming small groups

that met regularly for prayer and adoration, inspired by the Soufanieh messages.

In time, these groups formed a network of love and prayer that covered almost the whole world. We called these:

“The Soufanieh Family”.



Canada Family: is one of the most active families, and the most varied. It has organised nine trips for Myrna to Canada.

Here, Fr Michel Saydeh is with the nucleus of this Family, in the house of Emile and Mary Sarah, which, since 1993 until now, has transformed into a weekly prayer meeting place!



The Canada Bishop for the Greek Catholics, Michel Hakeem, was the first to invite Myrna to visit Canada, in 1993.



Prayer in the house of Emile, Mary, and Sarah, during Myrna's first trip, in 1993. [\(p436\)](#)



The Orthodox Fr George Shaheen celebrating the Divine Liturgy in the presence of Fr Michel Saydeh, at Sarah's family home.



At Sarah's family home.



Of the founders: Fr Michel Saydeh, Antoinette and Alan Kaadeh, Emile and Mary Sarah, Gaby Berberian, the founder of the official website.
(p 362)



Of the founders: Mr Robert Halabi and his wife, Denise, surrounding Mr Roger Kaheel, nun Suzan Allard, and Mrs Elise, Roger's sister.
(pp 431, 434)

Facts in the results of the event

Soufanieh Families



In the Orthodox Coptic church, in 1994.
Oil exuding from Myrna's hands in 1997.



Frs Michel Saydeh and Boulos Fadel, and Myrna on the feast of the
Lady's Assumption - 2002.



Syriac Orthodox Bishop of Canada, Ephrem Abboudi, and Fathers Michel Saydeh and Camille Ishaq, 2002



A meeting with media personality, and great theologian, Raymond Beaugrand-Champagne – April 2006.

Facts in the results of the event

Soufanieh Families



No comments...!



Father Michel Sayedeh, Bishop of Canada for the Greek Catholics (currently Zahle) Ibrahim Ibrahim, and some priests of the diocese: Fathers: Rabih Abou Zgheib, Antoine Semaan, and Bernard Basit.



Myrna with Gaby Berberian, his mother, family, and some friends - 2011.



Myrna with the “Soufanieh Family” in Sarah’s family house – 2019.



Nazareth family:

A distinctive model of the Sufanieh families, celebrating its tenth anniversary in the land of the Annunciation.

What is striking about this celebration, in addition to the simplicity and sophistication of the organization, is the diversity of the participating generations, especially the younger generation, most of whom were children or had not yet been born, when the phenomenon began!







This diversity in the ages of the participants and the interconnectedness between them may perfectly express the two identical sentences that appeared in the letters of the Virgin and Jesus Christ in Soufanieh:

- *“I shall educate my generation through you”.*
- *“You (pl.) will teach the generations the word of unity, love, and faith”.*





During the war years, many of the Soufanieh families participated online with the Soufanieh family in the “House of the Virgin” in prayers, masses and rituals for peace in Syria and its salvation from its ordeal.

Milestones in the history of Soufanieh



Mr Fareez Mhanna, one of the security men who came to Soufanieh on November 28, 1982, holds the piece that was cut from the icon while it was being disassembled to check the source of the oil! It had oozed oil that day while it was in his hand... so he kept it in a nylon bag. ([p. 374](#))



The great Wadih Al Safi on his first visit to the “House of the Virgin”, on December 31, 1984, with Myrna, Awad Nazzour ([p375](#)), Nicolas, and Tony Hanna. ([p. 125](#))



Wadih Al Safi chanting in front of the miraculous icon.

Milestones in the history of Soufanieh

2007

April 7, 2007

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy that was celebrated by Fr Boulos Fadel, on the eve of Holy Saturday, oil appeared on Myrna's face, her eyes, and hands, while the faithful were chanting: "Christ is risen"!



Father Boulos Fadel, Mrs. Colette Dohuk who organized Myrna's trip to Portugal in 1999, where she met Sister Lucia, who witnessed the Fatima apparitions.



In the presence of the French Fr, Joseph Besnier, a Brazilian TV correspondent, and Kazan TV correspondent.

April 7, 2014



Just before the Mass on Holy Thursday. The celebrant Father Elias Zahlaoui and Father Boulos (Paul) Fadel appear.



Maundy Thursday – Independence day in Syria April 17, 2014



April 7, 2014



During the Divine Liturgy, Myrna felt dizzy, so she entered the room where the ecstasy began, and received the message.





Fr Boulos Fadel writing down his observations and the text of the message.



April 7, 2014



After the ecstasy, Myrna got up and followed the liturgy until the end.



Fr Boulos Fadel giving the text of the message to Fr Elias Zahlaoui, who read it to the faithful and in front of cameras. This is its text:

*«The wounds that have bled on this Earth are the selfsame as the wounds in My Body,
for the cause and the causer are the same.
But be confident, that their fate is the same as the fate of Judas.»*



April 7, 2014



A group of Muslim scholars visited the place and held a joint prayer on the evening of Good Friday.



Good Friday

April 18, 2014



Milestones in the history of Soufanieh

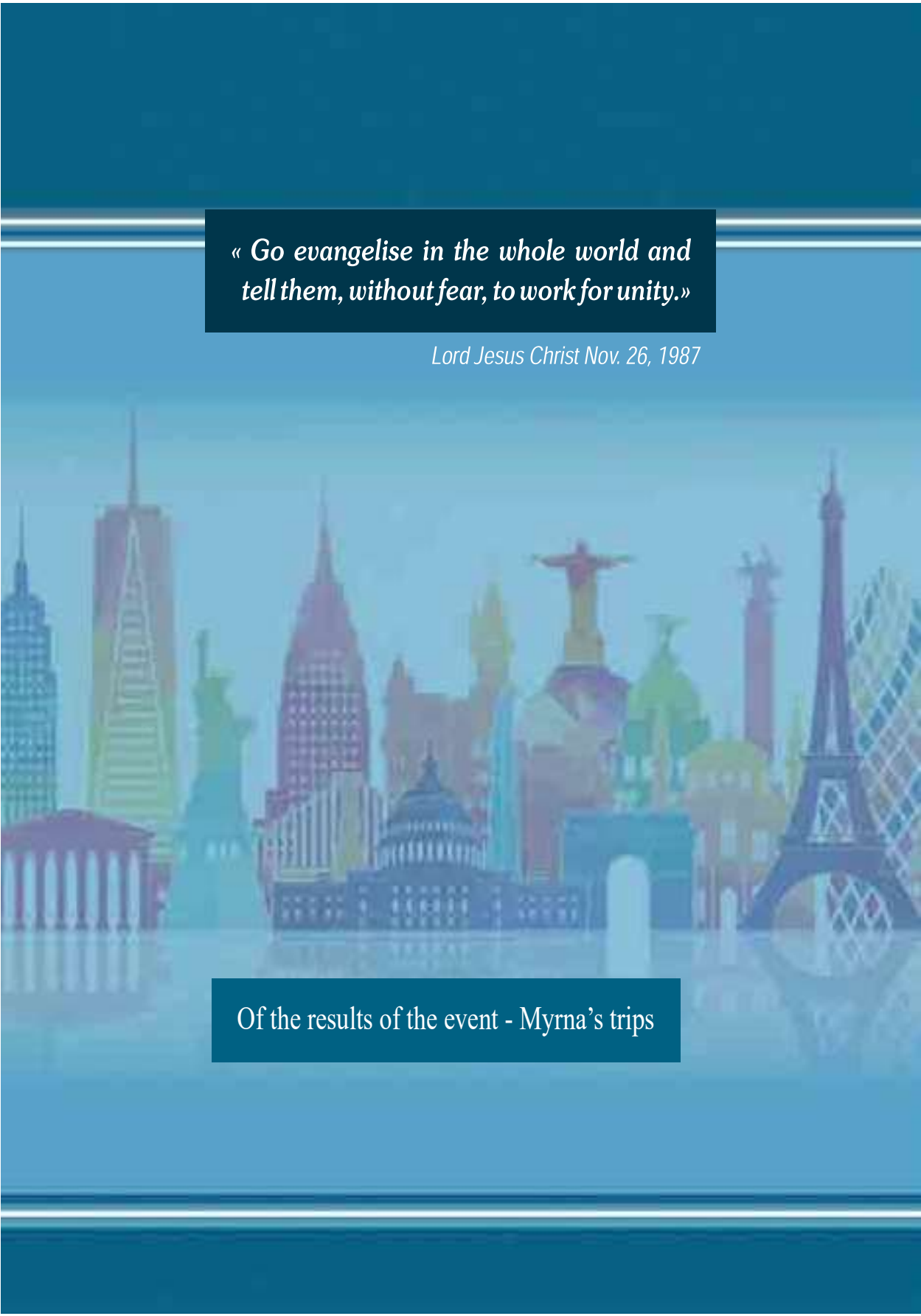
Director Andre Rostworovsky



Canadian director, who, by divine arrangement, produced three television programs about Soufanieh for Canadian television, the first of which was rebroadcast 12 times. His testimony: [p. \(320\)](#)



Gaby Berberian, the founder of the Soufanieh website, Andre, Myrna, Fr Roland Persico. [\(p391\)](#)



*« Go evangelise in the whole world and
tell them, without fear, to work for unity.»*

Lord Jesus Christ Nov. 26, 1987

Of the results of the event - Myrna's trips





Exuding oil from Myrna's hands following the Divine Liturgy in the shrine of our Lady of Mantara (Maghdousheh, Lebanon) in the presence of Bishop George Kweiter, and Fr Sleimaan Hajjar - May 15, 1994. [\(P. 179\)](#)



Myrna anointing the foreheads of the pupils in St Michel School (Zouk Mikael, Lebanon), May 22, 2001



A life-witness in the church of St Therese, in Al Mansouriyeh, in the presence of Bishop Khaleel Abi Nader, May 31, 2001.

Sept 12



The church of St Ignatius, Bishop George Ryashi, who organised the trip and accompanied Myrna from Damascus.

Sept 13



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church

Melbourne, Australia

September, 1993



Sept 14



Stella Maris Greek Catholic Church



Sept 15



St Dominic Church for the Greek Catholics

Of Myrna's trips

Australia

1993



Sept 16



St. Theresa Chaldean Church

Sydney, Australia

September, 1993



Sept 19



The Greek Catholic church of St Michael

St. Hurmizd' Assyrian Church of the East Cathedral Sydney - 2005



One of the largest churches in Sydney, and the Assyrian School building is attached to it at the back.

St. Hurmizd' Assyrian Church of the East Cathedral Sydney - 2005



Hurmizd the Monk:

Founder of the Hurmizd Antonine Monastery in Shiraz in the Ahvaz region, towards the end of the 6th century AD.



Sydney - Australia

April 13, 2005

The Catholic Assyrian Church of the East



The Mass begins after Myrna enters the completely filled church, at around 7 p.m.



The large church was filled with crowds of believers, who also filled the attached school hall and its spacious courtyard...!

Sydney - Australia

April 13, 2005

The Catholic Assyrian Church of the East





After the Mass, Myrna gave her testimony of life, first in the church, then in the school hall attached to it. When she finished, oil appeared on her hands, and she began to anoint the foreheads of those present.



Sydney - Australia

April 13, 2005

The Catholic Assyrian Church of the East



She then went out to the church courtyard to anoint the foreheads of those present there.

Of Myrna's trips

Australia

2005



Sydney - Australia

April 13, 2005

The Catholic Assyrian Church of the East



The oil remained to appear on her hands until she anointed the foreheads of the last of the people present, at about 12 midnight.

Divine Liturgy in the church of “John, the Beloved” for the Maronite Catholics, in Sidney— Australia, celebrated by Fr Maroun Mousa, and assisted by Fr Andre Ghawi and Fr Mansour Younes. Followed by a life-witness by Myrna.



Sydney, Australia

April 17, 2005



The faithful shaking hands with Myrna, after the meeting.

Of Myrna's trips

Australia

2005



A visit and prayer with the sick

Sydney - Melbourne



Of Myrna's trips

Australia

2005



A visit and prayer with the sick

Sydney - Melbourne





Myrna in the monastery of the city of Coimbra - Portugal, where Sister Lucia, to whom the Virgin appeared in the town of Fatima, in 1917, used to reside.

Portugal

January, 1999



The Domus Pacis Church, which houses the icon of Our Lady of Kazan returned to Russia by Pope John Paul II.



Myrna meets a delegation from Tahiti, on August 2, 2003. At the end of the meeting, oil exuded from her hands!



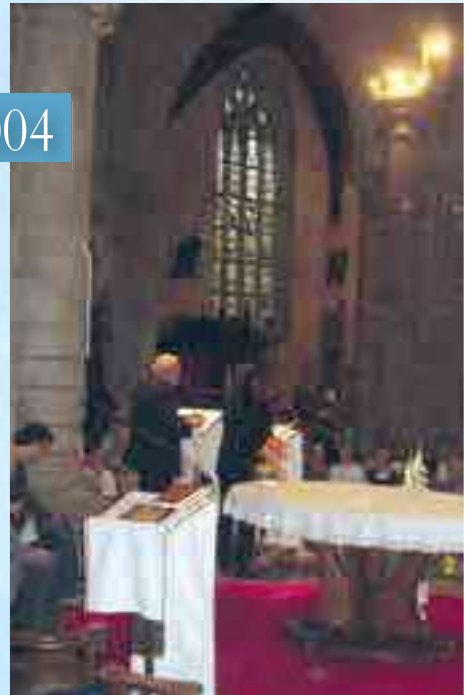


Meeting with the monks at the Solesme Monastery, pictured are the Vice-Abbé and Mr. Patrick Spallchiero who organized Myrna's trip to France in 2004.





2004



2007



2004



2008





“Festival of Hope”: Organized by the two priests, the Jacquard brothers, around the world to serve the marginalized, the disabled and those affected by leprosy. Myrna has accepted several invitations to participate in it.

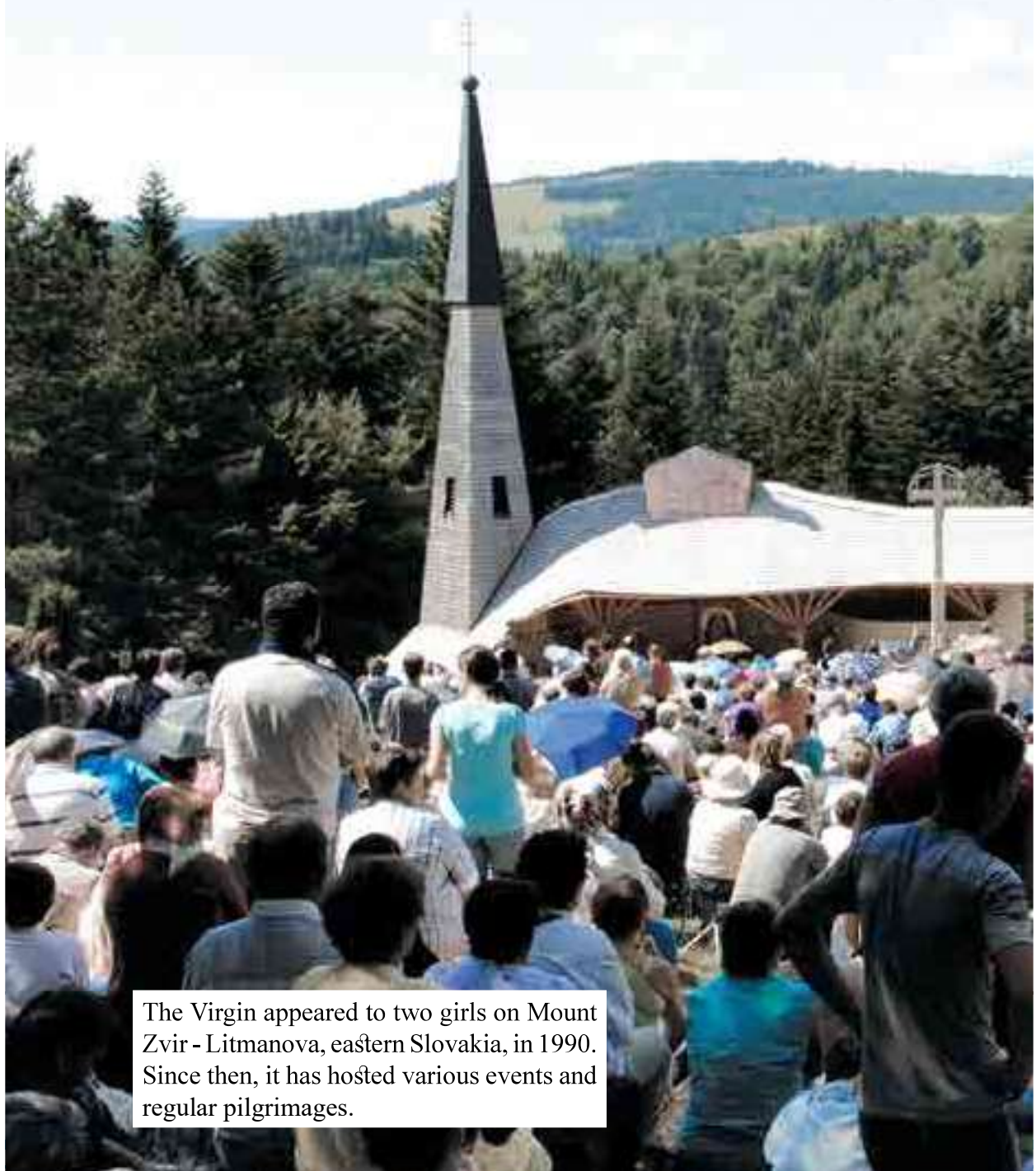




At the end of the meeting, Myrna presents a life testimony about the Sufaniyeh event. [\(P. 282\)](#)

Slovakia - Litmanova - Zvir

August 9, 2009



The Virgin appeared to two girls on Mount Zvir - Litmanova, eastern Slovakia, in 1990. Since then, it has hosted various events and regular pilgrimages.

Slovakia - Litmanova - Zvir

August 9, 2009



Of Myrna's trips

Slovakia

2009



On the way to the place





At the invitation of Archbishop Jan Babjak of Prešov, Myrna visited Slovakia and took part in one of the pilgrimage processions to the shrine.



A prayer at the beginning

Of Myrna's trips

Slovakia

2009

Then Myrna gave a life testimony in which she talked about soufanieh and its message.







Then Bishop Babjak celebrated the Divine Liturgy on this occasion.





It was a solemn mass, in which more than 20 priests and deacons participated.



According to their statistics, the number of attendees was about fifteen thousand people.

Of Myrna's trips

Sweden

2005



Sweden

2005



Of Myrna's trips

Ukraine

2008



Germany - Russia - Belgium



Russia - 2007



Germany - 1991



Belgium - 2008





Of Myrna's trips

Poland

2012









Of Myrna's trips

Poland

2012







Myrna anoints the foreheads of the faithful, at St. George's Orthodox Church in Montreal, after the Divine Liturgy celebrated by Father Peter Shportun, June 27, 1993.



Canada

1993



Of Myrna's trips

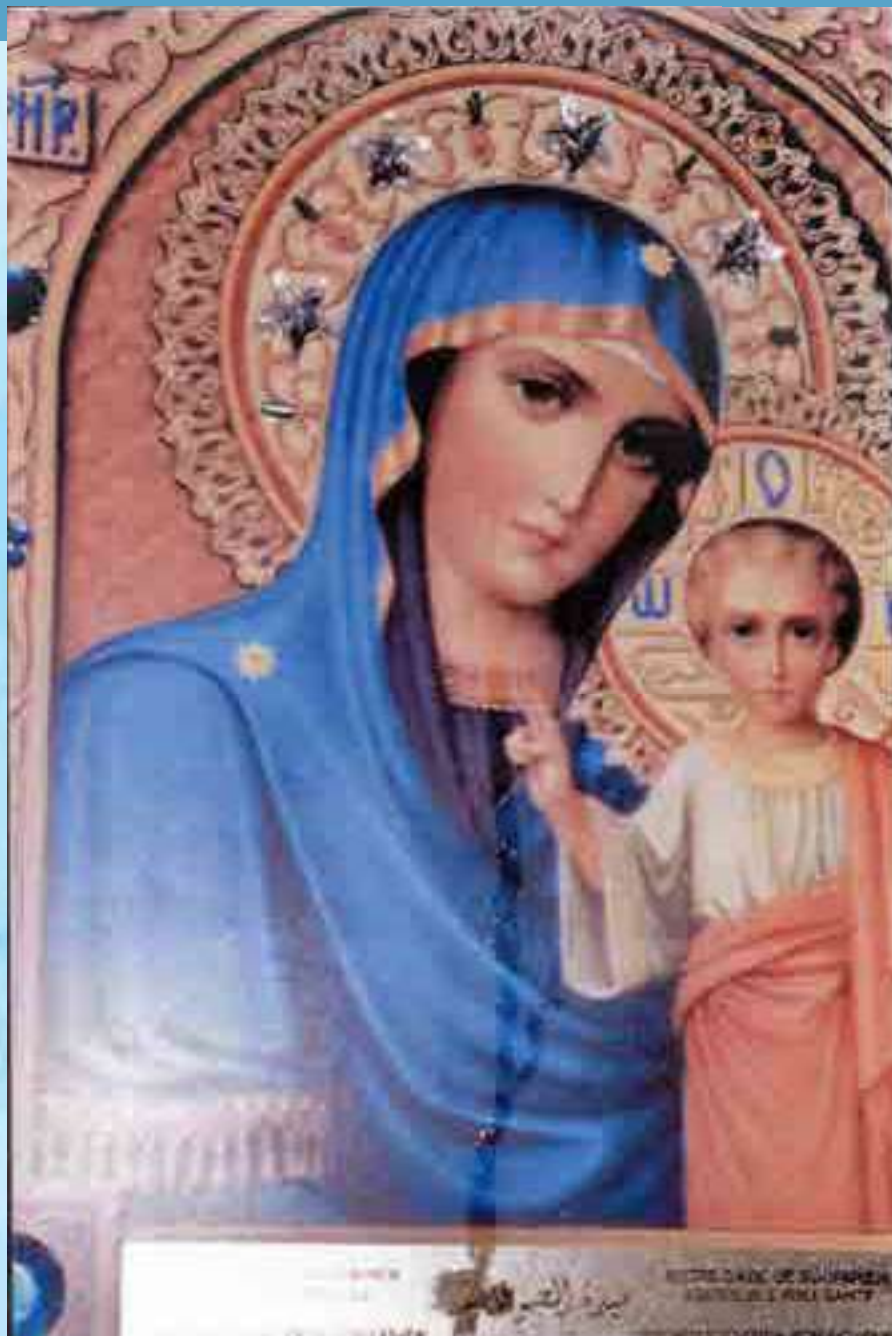
Canada

2002





Myrna speaking in the Our Lady of Assumption Church, and Mrs Antoinette Kaadeh translating - August 2002.



The tears of the Virgin drew the Catholic Rosary, and the Greek Orthodox Cross.

(Witness account of Fr Louis-René Gagnon - p 393)



Of Myrna's trips

Canada

2016



CANADA



Of Myrna's trips

Canada

2016



CANADA



Of Myrna's trips

Canada

2019



CANADA





The first official shrine to Our Lady of Soufanieh was established in the United States, at the parish of Fr George Cage.



Father George Cage holds the picture, with his bishop, Archbishop Putin, next to him, and Myrna anointing the faithful with oil.



Meeting and prayer in the presence of Father Jean Azar and Father George Cage at St. John's Church on Oct. 30, 2019.

Atlanta - Georgia - United States

Oct. 30, 2019



Of Myrna's trips

United States

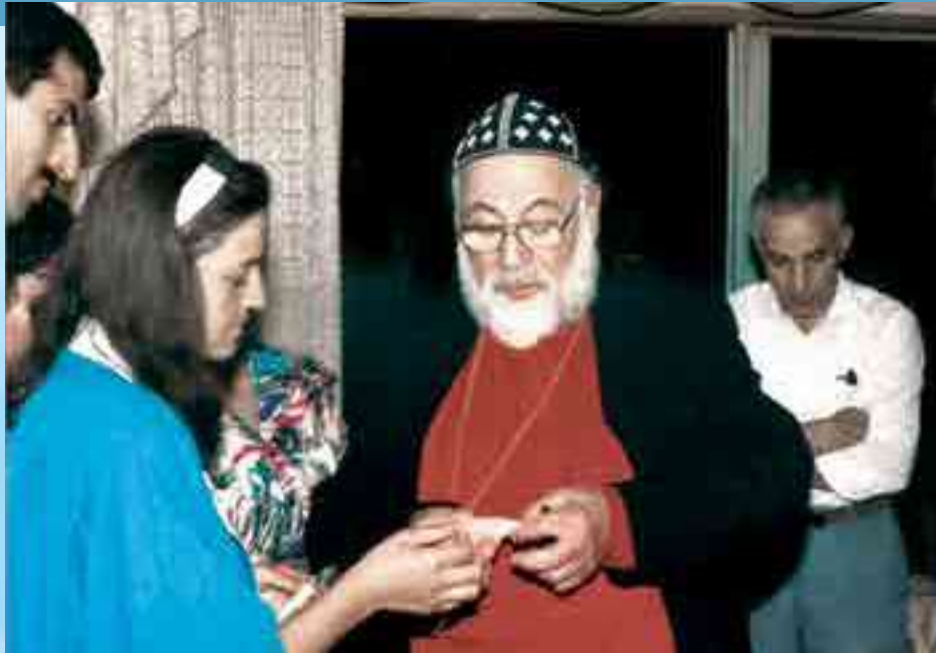
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Meeting and prayer at St. John's Church in the presence of Fr Peter Boutros.





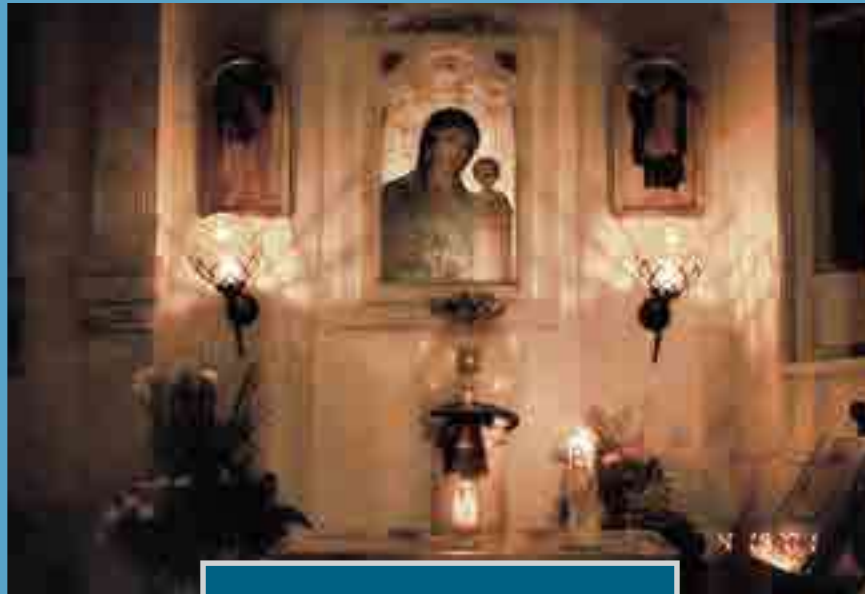
United States



His Eminence Bishop Yeshua of the Syriac Orthodox Church of Los Angeles watches the oil appear on Myrna's hands in 1989.



from the Soufanieh family in San Francisco, Mr. Daoud Hanna and his wife, [\(P. 242\)](#)



"I shall visit homes more often"

This wonderful phrase came in the Virgin Lady's first message in the Soufanieh! Certainly, the presence of the Virgin Mary has not ceased throughout the long history of Christianity. Her gentle interventions are too numerous to count! But she wanted to confirm, with love and humility, what she intended to do.

She has, of course, fulfilled her promise, by anointing many images in the "House of the Virgin" with oil, most of which were taken by visitors and kept in their homes, while others were brought with them and anointed with oil in the house.

This is why it occurred to me to specify a section of this book to what I have received of precious letters that included photographs of small family shrines, whose warmth and simplicity I would like to share with you.

I thank everybody who has shared—and will share—with us the prayer corner specific to their families.

May all your families remain in the care of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother!

One day soon, God willing, I will print a new book or books about Soufanieh, which will include only pictures, as the picture is a calm, confident, and blatant testimony at the same time.

Perhaps it is one of the ways in which we respond to the commandment of the Lord Jesus, dated April 10, 2004, when he said:

"preserve your Eastern Identity".

I hope so...!

“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



• Mrs Deema Qalfouni

Damascus

Dear Father,

I have been trying to get in touch with you for months, but it seems that you are not in the church at the present time.

After I read your letter this morning “I shall visit homes more”, I decided to write to you via e-mail, and attach a letter that I had written some time ago, with a photograph...

Thank God for your presence and safe return to us, and I hope to talk to you soon.

My prayer and love to you.

My compassionate father,

Your road is still long...

and awaiting you are many people who need you to prepare them to receive the message of Jesus.

We are awaiting you and awaiting seeing you as we used to do every Thursday in the Soufanieh house, even if we are not with you in body, I know how careful you are to share the Divine Liturgy with everybody.

Forgive me, Fr, for my delay in getting in touch with you. Please know that my longing to you is massive, and my prayer for you never ceases, as I have got used to your prayer for us...

Tomorrow, the light of your path will renew and overflow everybody, in the hope of a near meeting with you, while in constant health...

My prayer and pure love to you.

Damascus, Dec. 10, 2020



“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



• Dr Issam Semaan

France



Dear precious Abouna Elias,

This is the picture of the Soufanieh Virgin that you gifted us with no less than 30 years ago, when you came to visit us in France.

From that time, it was placed in the prayer corner in our bedroom, and every morning we pray in front of it before we go to our work with our patients. She has accompanied our steps all these years.

“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



• Mrs Fadia Maalouli

Damascus



“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



- Mr Iyad Nouneh and his family

Dubai



The Lady of Soufanieh Icon, and the prayer of the Virgin, her messages and apparitions, accompanied us in our youth. These were some of the most important of our shared interests that have brought us—Reema, my wife, and I—together.

From the first day to establishing our small house, the Icon of the Soufanieh Virgin has remained in the house where we started our marital life, and accompanied us throughout all the stages of our life.

It was the first Icon that visited the cradle of our children, Christa and Clara, in hospital, where we used to submit them to Divine care, through her intercession and protection.

Until this day, she is our most venerable intercessor, and our companion on our path, our hearts' beloved, and the rock of our house, on whom we depend... We are all faith that the Virgin will maintain us rooted in our humanistic principles and values that today's world has almost lost. She alone will help us and adorn our path with true love and heaven's joy.

With my love and prayer for you.

“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



• Guy and Mylène Fourmann

France



O Lady of Soufanieh!

We thank you for this multitude of graces through your intercession, especially because you enabled us to visit you in Damascus 28 times, between 1990 and 2010, and to pray with the “Soufanieh Family” (the families of the Nazzours, Oskas, Zahlaouis, Jarallahs, Farahs,... etc.

Two of our grandchildren: Charles and Cloe Fourmann – a brief prayer before going back to School. [\(PP. 325, 414\)](#)

“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



- Mrs Rita Badrah de Meulenaere and her family

France



“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



• Rita Michel Jarallah

Damascus



In addition to the many blessings that we have received and continue to receive to this day, Our Lady of Soufanieh has blessed us with holy oil that oozes from the images of her miraculous icon.

These pictures have taken pride of place in our homes. Every morning and evening, we seek the Lord's blessing and the protection of our compassionate Virgin Mother, whom we clearly saw when a mortar shell entered and penetrated our house, settling under the table on which this picture is located, after causing a lot of damage to the house, without any of the family members being harmed...!

Thanks to the Lord and to the Most Holy Mother of God. [\(P. 400\)](#)

“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



• Mrs Myrna Yaziji

New York



Myrna Yaziji's house in New York...

I have been in New York for 22 years, but haven't forgotten the Soufanieh... I used to go there with my sister and Mommy...

We used to visit and pray, and sometimes sing hymns... I was a child at the time, and when we travelled, I carried the Soufanieh in my heart on the plane, so that it continues to remind me of Al Shaam... and of the sweet prayer times, which do not exist here...

“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



• Mrs Myriam Pichard

France

Dear Fr Zahlaoui,

With great joy, I write to you from France to offer my witness account.

I returned to the Lord in 2013, and discovered his great wonders in the Soufanieh that touched me deeply, regarding unity, because my husband, Najeeb, is a Moslem from Morocco.

From that time, we placed in our room a very beautiful picture of the Lady of Soufanieh, to which my son, Haroun, made a beautiful frame. And a few days ago, my husband sent me the latest of your videos, in French, about the Arab-Israeli Struggle, so I used the opportunity to relate to him the events of the Soufanieh, and ascertain to him that I knew you (because I have read—and heard, as well—a lot of what you have written. He listened attentively, and promised me a visit to the Soufanieh Shrine, “If God so will”.

This made me very happy. And since then, I placed the Soufanieh “icon” in the salon of our house, and decorated the “Shrine” by a bunch of flowers that I picked from our garden. It is what decorates, now, our main room, surrounded by our family pictures.

Dear Father,

I offer you our greetings with total respect, and my complete friendship through Lord Jesus and Holy Mary on the occasion of her feast of her visit to her relative, Elisabeth.

Myriam Mu’tasem

“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



- Mme Myriam Therese Jeanne Pichard



“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



• Mr Jean Badrah and his family

France



Dear Abouna,

The Lady of Soufanieh with beloved Jesus... are my refuge and support in my alienation...

They strengthen me and always give me a push forward...

And they tell me that God is with me wherever I am...

The Soufanieh icon is hanging in a prime place in the house and gives me a feeling of security. It represents many loved people and things...

It is the window through which I look at Al Sham...

Thank you, Virgin, because you are in our life, and you allowed us to get to know you.

Jean and Ruba – George and Antoine Badra... from France.

“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



• Dr Camile Amirza

France



*“From here, a new light arose. You are its rays to
a world seduced by materialism, lust and fame, so
much so that it has almost lost all values”*

Let your light shine in this world..

From my clinic.. Strasbourg/France

“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



- Family of Dr Elias Barsa

Damascus, USA



The family of Dr. Elias Barsa dedicated a corner to their Virgin Mother in their home in Damascus, then in their place of residence in America, as well as in the home of her two children, George and Rana.

Thanks and gratitude to our Virgin Mother for being with us, with our families and in our homes.

“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



• Mrs Yvonne Yousef Masaabni

Damascus + Al Shaarqa



Hello Abouna,

I am Yvonne Yousef Masaabni from Damascus - Al Salhiyeh - Aabed St.

I visited Myrna in 1983, and witnessed an ecstasy and oil on her body, and got a picture of the Virgin, our mother, which is the small picture beside the large one, and it exuded oil. I asked Abouna Maalouli—God have mercy on his soul—and he said to me: “Pray in front of it, always”.

I have taken it to my brothers and sisters’ and my neighbours’ houses... From that time, it is on display, and I pray in front of it, as in the photograph. My beloved mother never parts with us... I am residing in Al Shaarqa – the Emirates.

My greetings to dear Myrna. The Virgin looked at me through her. I used not to pray, and from that time, I started praying... Her rosary is with me, blessing me.

Greetings, Abouna

“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



- Mrs Léna Badra Ducasse and her family

France



“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



- Miss Rula Ashqar

Damascus



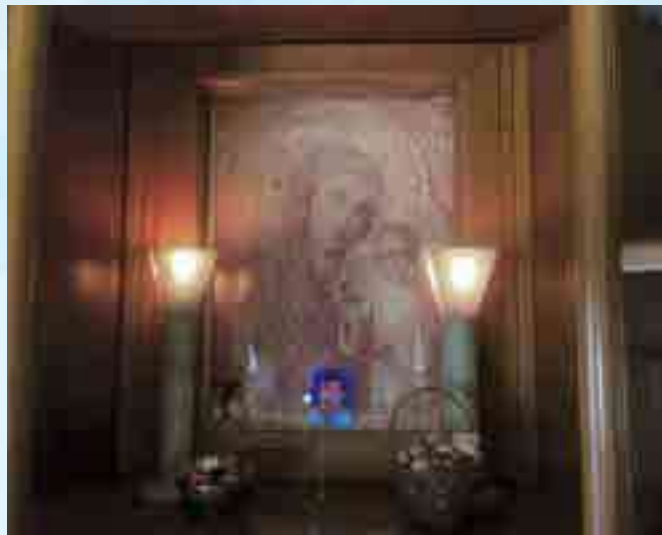
“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



- Mr Manuel Khawam and his family

Damascus



“O Mother, you have overwhelmed me with oil. I ask of you that I and my family be servants to you and to your son, Jesus.”

This is what I wrote on a large picture of the “our Lady-of-Soufanieh Icon”, and carried it to the “House of the Virgin” at half past eleven, at night on November 26, 1983, which coincides with the first anniversary of oil exuding from the “miraculous icon”. We met in the house, and with us was Fr Maalouli, to celebrate this occasion... At twelve midnight, of this same night, and when we started singing the congratulating chant, (Happy Birthday) to the Virgin Mother, we were surprised by the eyes of the Virgin in, the picture, were getting read. This was then followed by the eyes exuding in the form of tears... The spontaneous reaction was warm, heart-felt prayer. This same thing happened again on the evening of November 27, 1983

This event left a great effect in myself, and it was a night that I cannot forget my whole life. From that time on, this picture has occupied its central position in my humble house!

This occurrence is documented on the official Soufanieh site:

www.soufanieh.com/MULTIMEDIA/ICONE/19830000.syr.ara.icon.weeping.slowly.mp4

“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



• Ms Monica Jankovic

France



Here is the photograph of our church at home.

Due to the merit of my meeting with the Soufanieh and the miracles of Damascus, I returned to the path of faith.

Today, we go to church again. And once more the home has become a place of prayer to our God, the Creator, and to our Holy Mother.

Thank you for being with us, Abouna. Your prayer nourishes us, and you are the light that guides us always.

Thank you.

Glory to God...!

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Glory to you, Holy Mother of God!

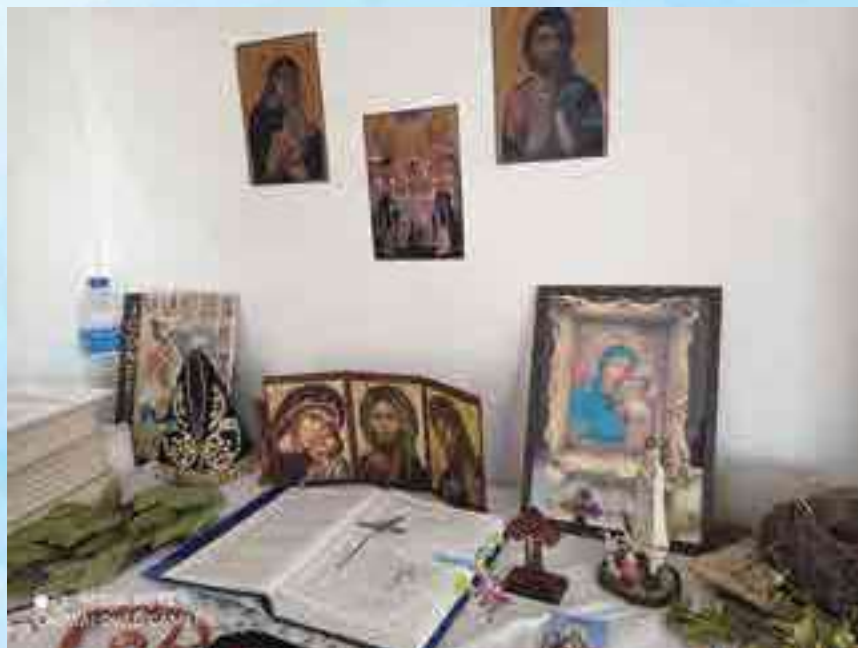
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“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



- Mme Monica JANKOVIC



“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



• Mrs Shams Al Shweiri Al Halabi

Damascus



Mrs Shams Al Halabi used to suffer calcification of her right shoulder, that threatened her hand with paralysis.

On Monday afternoon, December 20, 1982, she went to the soufanieh and asked for a piece of dry cotton and wiped the icon with it... then she swallowed it. She slept that night without eating anything. The next morning, she found her hand moving automatically and easily... and she carried the coffee tray to her husband, who burst into tears.

We have two medical reports on her status, from Dr Waheed Sawaaf, and Dr Elias Jirji.

Her daughter, Mrs Rolana, sent us two photographs of the prayer corner in her mother's house, ascertaining that this icon had exuded oil, also.

Mrs Shams Al Halabi departed this earth on April 23, 2010.

“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



- Mrs Mary Salloum

village of Qafra + Damascus



Damascus



Qafra

“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



• Mrs Janette Bashoura

Los Angeles



“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



• Mrs Rama Esper

Irbil - Iraq



My pure and chaste lady,
How can I not carry your icon with me
wherever I go,
when you are the one who has possessed the
heart with faith and love?!
Through your intercession my whole life
has changed..

“I shall visit homes more often”

The Holy Virgin, Dec. 18 1982



- Praying corner in artist Tony Hanna's house Maad - Lebanon



The early history of Damascus is shrouded in the mists of a hoary antiquity." Leave the matters written of in the first eleven chapters of the Old Testament out, and no recorded event has occurred in the world but Damascus was in existence to receive the news of it.



Go back as far as you will into the vague past, there was always a Damascus. In the writings of every century for more than four thousand years, its name has been mentioned and its praises sung. To Damascus, years are only moments, decades are only flitting trifles of time. She measures time, not by days and months and years, but by the empires she has seen rise, and prosper and crumble to ruin.

She is a type of immortality. She saw the foundations of Baalbec, and Thebes, and Ephesus laid; she saw these villages grow into mighty cities, and amaze the world with their grandeur—and she has lived to see them desolate, deserted, and given over to the owls and the bats. She saw the Israelitish empire exalted, and she saw it annihilated. She saw Greece rise, and flourish two thousand years, and die.

In her old age she saw Rome built; she saw it overshadow the world with its power; she saw it perish. The few hundreds of years of Genoese and Venetian might and splendor were, to grave old Damascus, only a trifling scintillation hardly worth remembering.

Damascus has seen all that has ever occurred on earth, and still she lives. She has looked upon the dry bones of a thousand empires, and will see the tombs of a thousand more before she dies.

Though another claims the name, old Damascus is by right the Eternal City.