

St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church

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TESTIMONIAL

I am Fr. George D. Gage, the parish priest of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, under the jurisdiction of the Romanian Catholic Diocese of Canton. Our bishop is the Most Rev. John Michael Botean, D.D.

I consider myself, my parish and my family friends of Soufanieh and of Myrna Nazzour. Since the first time we met Myrna in Damascus and during her two visits to our parish, we were convinced that God has chosen Myrna to bring the awareness to all Christians that the restoration of the Church unity is imminent.

The experience of the oil oozing from her hands and face, the presence of the stigmata many times during the Holy Week, the ecstasies and the messages from Christ and Blessed Mother are vivid evidences that these entire phenomenons are true and real.

Myrna is a very humble person with a deep faith and trust in God and a strong love for the Church. She brings a testimony to the Catholic and the Orthodox Churches about the necessity of one Easter celebration and the love that has to predominate among us.

Her powerful message had impressed us here in the United States to such a degree that the parish decided to have a little shrine dedicated to our Lady of Soufanieh. Our love for Myrna had influenced so much that the main icon in our church is a copy of the original icon of our Lady of Soufanieh. We consider our church as Myrna's home in the United States. However, Myrna's mission is not easy due to the fact that many bishops are afraid to make steps toward unity because of their pride or afraid of losing power.

The Miracle of Damascus is unique. We pray and hope that God will enable Myrna to travel to many countries and visit many churches.

With blessing and deep affection to Myrna,

Fr. George D. Gage