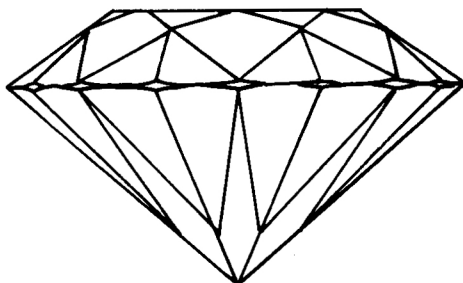


KFEIRIAN REUNION

6  *th Anniversary*

SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 7, 1992

Radisson Hotel
Huntington, West Virginia



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

COMMEMORATIVE ADDRESS BOOK

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KFEIRIAN— REUNION FOUNDATION, INC.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September 5, 6, 7, 1992

Friday, September 4, 1992

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Registration	Hotel Mezzanine
8:00 pm - 12:00 pm	Get Together/Social	Ballroom

COME IN EARLY & VISIT WITH YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Saturday, September 5, 1992

10:00 am - 11:00 pm	Registration	Hotel Mezzanine
10:00 am - 8:00 pm	Swimming/Visit	Hotel Pool
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Arabic Dance Class	Kentucky Room
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Arabic Class 103	Kentucky Room
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Hospitality Hour	Hotel Mezzanine
5:00 pm - 5:45 pm	Slide Presentation	Kentucky Room
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Past Presidents/ Chairmen Reception	Little Big Green Room
7:00 pm - 1:00 am	Hafli Arabic/Disco Music	Ballroom
8:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Cocktail Hour	Ballroom
9:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Buffet	Ballroom
10:30 pm - 11:30 pm	Keroki	Ballroom
10:00 pm - ? ? ? ?	Card Extravaganza	Cam Henderson Rm

Sunday, September 6, 1992

9:00 am - 11:00 am	Registration	Hotel Mezzanine
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Matin/Church Services	Hotel Ballroom
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Pontifical Divine Liturgy Celebrated By His Eminence Arch- bishop MICHAEL, Assisted by Fr. Dan Keller, Fr. Evangelos Pepps, and Fr. Paul Nemr	West Virginia Room
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch	Ballroom
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Business Meeting	Kentucky Room
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Ice Cream/Swim Party	Swimming Pool
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Cocktail Hour	Hunters Run
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Grand Banquet Formal/Semi Formal	Ballroom
9:30 pm - ? ? ? ?	Grand Ball	Ballroom
10:00 pm - ? ? ? ?	Card Extravaganza	Cam Henderson Room

Monday, September 7, 1992

9:00 am - 10:00 am	Scholarship Meeting	Executive Board Room
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Board of Directors	Little Big Green
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Brunch	Ballroom
1:00 pm	Closing Suprise	

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO MINOR CHANGES

*WE DEDICATE
THIS
COMMEMORATIVE ADDRESS BOOK*

*TO THE
FOUNDERS
OF THE
KFEIRIAN REUNION*

*TO WHOM WE ARE
ETERNALLY GRATEFUL*



JOHN M. JOSEPH, President
Kfeirian Reunion Foundation, Inc.
4045 Gables Place
Buford, GA 30518
404/932-5682

Dear Fellow Kfeirians,

It is a great pleasure and honor to welcome you to the 60th Annual Kfeirian Reunion. Once again, year after year the success, the fellowship, the comradry, the fun and the love continues to grow.

Sixty years of growth is an outstanding accomplishment that no other family reunion can match. It makes one want to stop and think if our forefathers knew what they were planning when they sat down together 60 years ago in fellowship. Each one of them would truly be proud of their work and foresight.

When our forefathers had to travel for days to see each other, we can travel cross country in hours. When our forefathers could only communicate by pen and paper, we today can just pick up the phone. When our forefathers would have only have elementary and high school educations, we today have college degrees. When our forefathers would have to labor day in and day out to provide for the family in their own business or skill, we today live a life of ease as professionals with benefits and vacations. When our forefathers.....
.....If it was not for our forefathers, we would have nothing today! God Bless our forefathers and keep them in his love for many, many years, and may God Bless America!!!

Thank You for your support and congratulations on 60 years!

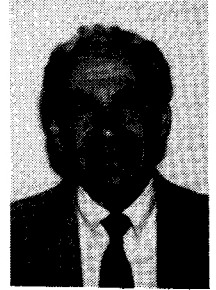
John M. Joseph, President
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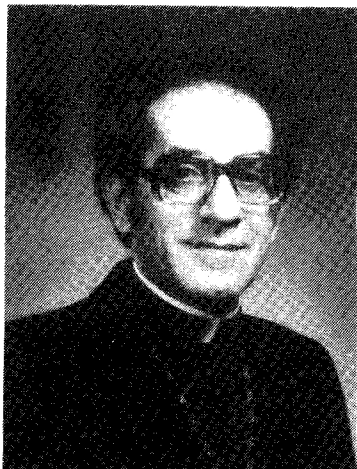


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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

OF NORTH AMERICA

358 MOUNTAIN ROAD
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July 6, 1992

Mr. Edmund George, Reunion Chairman
60th Anniversary of the Kfeirian's
1211 South Park Drive
Huntington, W. Va. 25701

Dear Mr. George:

Paternal greetings and prayerful best wishes to all members and participants in the grand celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Kfeirian Reunion. It seems not too long ago we observed your Golden Anniversary and enjoyed the fellowship of so many friends from all over the nation.

We appreciate your kind invitation and gracious gesture to share once again in this important annual gathering that marks another milestone in the history of the Reunion. We anxiously look forward to greeting and meeting many good friends from across country.

We commend you and your Board of Directors for your efforts in making this possible and wish to express our admiration and true appreciation. May you continue to grow, succeed and reach higher levels of accomplishments in all your endeavors.

It is our fervent prayer that all of you will live up to the lofty principles and honorable goals of this farsighted and marvelous organization. We salute you and beseech God to look down upon each and everyone of you with favor and richest blessings.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Archbishop Michael

+ ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL



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REUNION FOUNDATION, INC.



*WELCOME TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU.
I am truly honored to be serving as chairman of the 60th Annual Kfeirian Reunion.*

As I look back over the years, I recall the many good times, lasting friendships and especially the love and pride each of us have for our heritage. Our parents and grandparents would be especially proud that their concepts of staying in touch, keeping our culture, traditions and heritage alive is not only well but thriving after sixty years. They would be absolutely overwhelmed to see that their "Reunion" has grown from a handful to a "HALL FULL."

Over the years, not only have we grown in numbers, we have also grown in scope of our accomplishments. In the past our contributions to our native KFEIR have been many, mainly the "water supply," "electric generating plant," "financial aid," and most importantly the expansion of our schools in Kfeir. To say the least these contributions were not only substantial but most certainly commendable.

In 1959 we discussed a scholarship program and in 1964 one was established. This endeavor not only enables our young people to further their education, but also take their place in society and expose the world to how the Kfeirians of today are contributing to mankind.

In the past our accomplishments have been many, however let us never forget what our forefathers started with this reunion, where they came from, their accomplishments, and most importantly the legacies they bequeathed to each of us.

May I take this opportunity to thank the members of the Board of Directors for their assistance in planning this 60th Reunion. To the chairmen and members of our various committees comprised by many of the Huntington people, my sincere gratitude for your diligent efforts in behalf of our 60th Reunion.

As we look to the future, let us be ever mindful of these legacies and use them to our best advantage, serving each other, our own culture and most of all to GOD.

Sincerely,

*Edmund George
Chairman, 60th Anniversary
Kfeirian Reunion*



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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

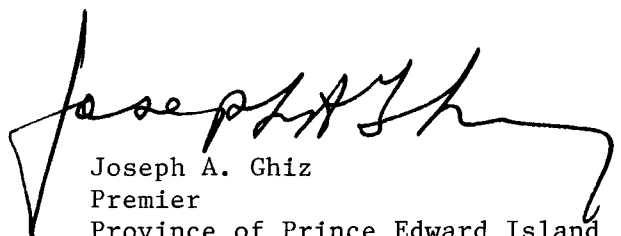
On behalf of the Canadian people, I would like to congratulate the Kfeirian Foundation on their 60th successful reunion.

We should be thankful for the early organizers who saw the need for such an event to show fellowship, help our youth, and generally enable Kfeirians to adapt to a new culture, while at the same time, preserve a precious heritage.

Kfeirians have migrated to all parts of the world, and wherever they settled, have contributed significantly to the cultural, social and economic fabric of society.

We have much to be proud of as Kfeirians. I had the privilege of visiting my father's homestead in El'Kfeir in 1968 and visit many of my relatives. It gave me a better appreciation of the qualities of our parents that made them more acceptable and successful wherever they went.

I am happy to be part of your 60th reunion and I wish you all the best for many years to come.



Joseph A. Ghiz
Premier
Province of Prince Edward Island

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KFEIRIAN—
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We dedicate this commemorative address book to our Founding Fathers. We also dedicate this book to those individuals who have worked tirelessly over the years to make sure our reunions continued. To our future leaders, hold on to those visions of our forefathers and perpetuate the values and high standards of our KFEIRIAN REUNIONS.

It seems only yesterday we celebrated our 50th Anniversary. Today we celebrate our 60th Anniversary and look back with pride at our many accomplishments. Our scholarship program is second to none. Our many benevolent projects help our needy Kfeirians wherever they may be. We look to our youth to carry on in the footsteps of our forefathers.

Many months of planning have gone into the preparation and publishing of this book. We can only hope to measure up to the high standards set by our Golden Anniversary Book. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere appreciation to all Kfeirians who have supported this project and making it a financial success. A special thanks to Edmund George, Reunion Chairman for his dedication and hard work. Thank you to the Board of Directors for their assistance. Thank you so much to my committee for their unselfish support. We deeply appreciate the help and cooperation by Parsley Printing Center in printing our book.

It has been a privilege to chair this worth while project. I had the opportunity to work and talk to so many beautiful people across the country. We renewing old friendships, and made many new ones, finding out more about our roots and our heritage.

God bless you and your family and look forward to our 75th anniversary.

Sincerely,

*George Hanna, Chairman
Commemorative Address Book*


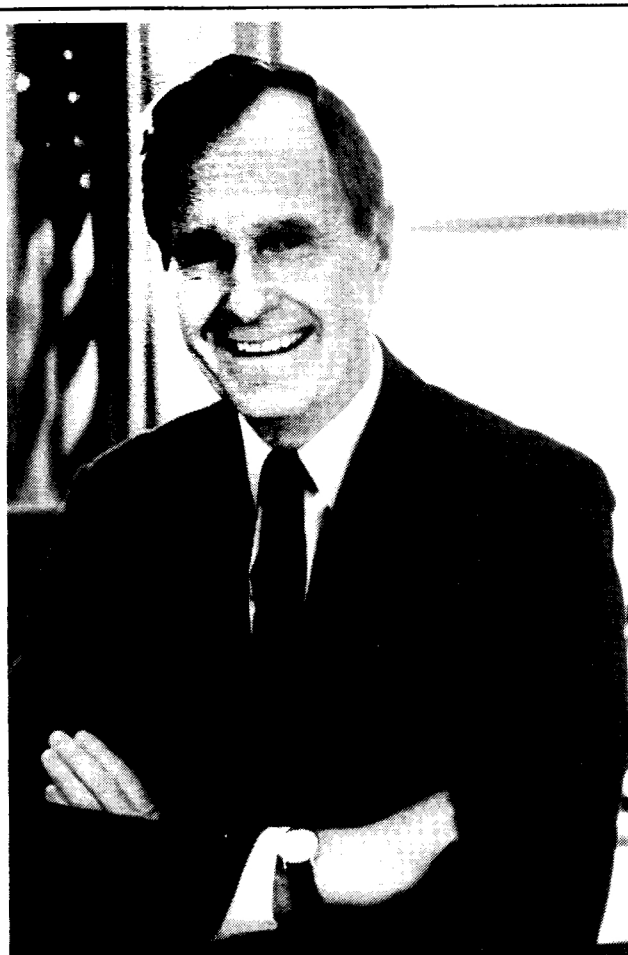
July 20, 1992

I am pleased to send greetings to the members of the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation as you gather to celebrate your 60th anniversary.

People from every part of the world have travelled to these shores, bringing with them the unique customs and beliefs of their ancestors. By preserving their rich ethnic heritage, they have added their history, art, and folklore to the great mosaic of American culture.

Our diversity has long been our strength. Although we Americans come from many different backgrounds, we are bound together by a solemn commitment to freedom, tolerance, and equal opportunity. That commitment must forever challenge and inspire us -- to renounce bigotry, to work for greater understanding among people, and to teach our children to take pride in their roots while at the same time appreciating the values and ideals on which the United States was founded. As you celebrate all that your Lebanese heritage means to you, you will be mindful of all that it has contributed to the American Dream -- and of all that we must do, together, to keep that Dream alive for the generations to come.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable event.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV
WEST VIRGINIA

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4802

July 24, 1992

Mr. Edmund George, Chairman
60th Anniversary Kfeirian Reunion
1211 South Park Drive
Huntington, West Virginia 25701

Dear Mr. George,

I'm sorry that I will be unable to attend the 60th Annual Kfeirian Reunion due to a prior commitment.

To those who are gathering in Huntington from across the United States and around the world, I wish you the best for a successful, fun reunion. You all should be very proud of your heritage and of your commitment to preserve and celebrate that heritage.

Again, best wishes for an enjoyable and successful weekend!

Sincerely,



John D. Rockefeller IV

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CONGRESS
of the
United States of America

July 2, 1992

The Kfeirian Reunion Foundation
The Radisson Hotel
Huntington, West Virginia 25705



Dear Friends:

I just wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation on the celebration of their 60th anniversary.

The Kfeirian Reunion has always been a source of great pride. These reunions allow us each year to remember and celebrate just how special our heritage is. Through sixty years, it has brought families together and helped pass the torch of pride from one generation to the next.

May all those who attend be filled with the spirit of love and friendship that always fills our hearts on this day.

Again, congratulations.

With warm regard, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick J. Rahall".

NICK J. RAHALL, II
Member of Congress



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
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GREETINGS FROM THE GOVERNOR

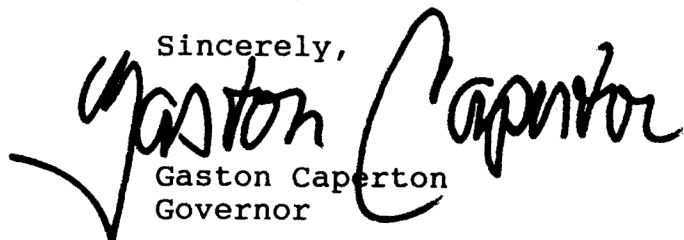
As Governor of the State of West Virginia, it is my distinct pleasure to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending the 60th Anniversary Kfeirian reunion.

To those of you who are visiting West Virginia for the first time, I extend a special welcome. We are very pleased to have you here in Cabell County, and we hope you will come back often to discover why West Virginia is "A Welcome Change."

All too often we take our family heritage for granted. Getting together to see the newest family member, to renew old acquaintances, to remember loved ones who are not present, and to revive the spirit of belonging to a family is important.

I hope your reunion is fun and full of many pleasant memories.

Sincerely,


Gaston Caperton
Governor

United States Senate

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June 23, 1992

Kfeirian Reunion Foundation, Inc.
Sixtieth Anniversary
1211 South Park Drive
Huntington, West Virginia 25701

Dear Friends:

I send you greetings on the occasion of the Sixtieth Kfeirian reunion of Arab-Americans and their descendents from the village of Kfeir Hasbaya in Lebanon.

A Nation of immigrants, the United States has been the beneficiary of people who have come from dozens of other countries to begin new lives on its shores. Men and women whose origins were in Lebanon have contributed immensely to American life and have earned the increasing admiration of their neighbors, as they have succeeded in all professions in this country and risen to prominence wherever they have established their homes.

In West Virginia, we are especially proud of the achievements of our Lebanese and Arab neighbors and are grateful for the public spirit, industry, and patriotism that have characterized their lives among us. West Virginia, and the entire United States, have profited immeasurably by the human dividends that Lebanese-Americans have deposited in our national treasury of people.

On this special occasion, please accept my best wishes and my expressions of appreciation to the great tradition that they represent.

With warmest wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert C. Byrd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert C. Byrd

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**CITY OF
HUNTINGTON
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**
City Hall, P.O. Box 1659
Huntington, WV 25717



Dear Descendants of Kfeir, Lebanon:

I would like to personally welcome each of you to the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation being held in Huntington, West Virginia September 5th through the 7th, 1992.

Quality lodging and spacious meeting facilities will easily accommodate the 500-700 people expected to attend. Our wide variety of culinary establishments will appeal to every taste and budget.

For the fresh air enthusiast, Harris Riverfront Park located on the beautiful Ohio River (our port for the West Virginia Belle - a 1200 passenger Sternwheeler), centrally located Ritter Park complete with walking path and our beautiful tree lined avenues are sure to provide some relaxing moments to your busy schedules. Numerous shops, theaters and eateries in our historic central business district have something for everyone! Huntington is also home to Marshall University's newly constructed football stadium - recently chosen as site for the National 1992 IAA Championship Football Tournament. The Huntington Cubs, minor league team for the Chicago Cubs, just completed their third season in Huntington. You certainly don't want to miss an opportunity to visit The Huntington Museum of Art - no matter what your cultural preference, you're sure to be inspired.

The list of sights, activities and attractions is endless. I am, with good reason, extremely proud of Huntington and welcome the opportunity to share with each of you our city's charm, beauty and character.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Nelson
Mayor

**MARSHALL UNIVERSITY
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Huntington, WV 25701-5401
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June 30, 1992

Mr. Edmund George
60th Anniversary Reunion Chairman
1211 South Park Drive
Huntington, WV 25701

Dear Mr. George:

What an honor it is to have a part in the 60th Annual Kfeirian Reunion and to take part in the festivities.

This outstanding reunion, gracing our city with all of its outstanding people, is an event of which past, present and future generations can hold in cherished memory and great pride. I wish each and every one of you good health and happiness now and forever. Let's enjoy this occasion and celebrate.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Alexander
Mayor of the City of Huntington
for the 50th Annual Kfeirian
Reunion and Chairperson of the
Huntington City Council, 1992

RPA/gs



**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**BRERETON C. JONES
GOVERNOR**

THE CAPITOL
700 CAPITAL AVENUE
FRANKFORT 40601
(502) 564-2611



September 1, 1992

Kfeirian Reunion Foundation, Inc.
c/o Mr. Edmund George
60th Anniversary Chairman
1211 South Park Drive
Huntington, West Virginia 25701

Greetings to the members of the Kfeirian Reunion:

On behalf of the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, I would like to congratulate you on the occasion of your 60th anniversary.

It is my understanding that you will have representatives from all sections of the United States, as well as several other countries, who share the common heritage of having been descended from previous residents of the village of Kfeir Hasbaya, Lebanon. Your continued sense of tradition and unity is truly inspiring. It is a wonderful legacy that you are giving to the generations.

Kentucky sends best wishes for a joyous celebration of kinship.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

Brereton C. Jones

BCJ/mm



Holy Spirit Orthodox Church

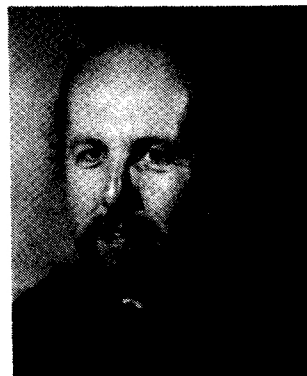


The Rev. Daniel J. Keller, Pastor



Office (304) 529-6693
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2109 Tenth Avenue
Huntington, West Virginia 25703



Dear Kfeirians:

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

It is indeed an honor to greet you in the Name of the Lord and the Antiochian Orthodox Christian community of Huntington on this auspicious occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the Kfeirian Reunion.

May the Lord bless you as you remember your past, celebrate your present, and prepare for your future. As is well known, the ties between the Kfeirian community and the Apostolic Orthodox Christian Church of Antioch have a long history. May you persevere in that life-giving Tradition of Christian faith, love, and service.

As we share in the joy and fellowship of this year's reunion, let us remember in prayer all our Kfeirian forebears who have fallen asleep in the Lord, as well as, all those Kfeirians living in the 'old Country' under very difficult circumstances.

With my prayers for God's blessing to celebrate many more Kfeirian Reunions, I remain,

Your servant in the Lord,

+ Fr. Daniel

The Rev. Daniel J. Keller, Pastor.



EARLY LETTER OF ORGANIZATION

KEFEYRIAN BROTHERHOOD

Organized 1928

الإخوة الكفيريين



P. O. Box 265

Huntington, West Virginia

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العدد 6 من سنة 1929

TRANSLATION BELOW

August 28, 1929

TO OUR KEFEYRIAN BRETHREN

By the will of God the Kefeyrian Brotherhood announces to all brother Kefeyrians that the Kefeyrian Brotherhood is in its second year from April 15 of this year which was better attended than the first year of our existence and due to the generosity of the membership who have participated from all areas and through their donations, suggestions and guidance, our first year was successful. From this result the reunion donations were given to the needy Kefeyrian brethren according to our duties.

The reason for this letter is to bring attention to all Kefeyrian brethren everywhere to join with us and share their abilities to establish independent chapters to better communicate the results of this Reunion, its aid, help and acts.

In the meantime we ask dear brethren to inform us of any needs of any Kefeyrian wherever they may be, so we may come to their aid.

The main reason for our establishment is to aid and serve our brethren.

We are anxiously awaiting your respected reply and recommendations as to the establishment of these chapters.

KEFEYRIAN BROTHERHOOD REUNION

P.S. Registration is \$3.00 per year
 Membership is \$6.00 per year

WERE YOU THERE?



LABOR DAY 1935

BECKLEY, WV

Sunday, September 6, 1936

Until 4:30 P. M.- Gathering, Greeting and Registration
6:30 P. M.- Banquet -Sol N. Steffan, Toastmaster

Song America

PRAYER

FORMAL OPENING OF REUNION—
By the Rev. Basil Kerbaway

INTRODUCTIONS

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.....Mike Abraham

SONG SYRIA

ADDRESS Archbishop Antwoneous

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC--
Clement Bassett, Welch, W. Va., Alice and Selma
Bassett, of Williamson, W. Va.

OPEN FLOOR

BENEDICTION

Monday, September 7, 1936

1:00 P. M.....LUNCHEON

2 to 5 P. M.....RECREATION

6:30 P. M.....BANQUET

9:00 P. M.....BUSINESS SESSION
For Arrangements for Fifth Kfrierian Reunion

10 00 P. M.....DANCE to Herbi Chafin Orchestra

**CENTERFOLD OF PROGRAM
1936 REUNION
WILLIAMSON, WV**



St. George Greek Orthodox Church

701 ELEVENTH AVENUE

HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25701

Rev. Evangelos S. Pepps

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Church Phone 522-7890

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August 3, 1992

Mr. Edmund George, Chairman
60th Anniversary Kfeirian
Reunion Foundation, Inc.
1211 South Park Drive
Huntington, WV 25701

Most Beloved Members of the Kfeirian Reunion:

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

We are honored to be invited to participate with you in this great weekend's festivities at the Radisson Hotel.

May Almighty God bless your lives with sweetness as He has the rich Cedars of Lebanon (Ps. 103:16 LXX). "Blessed is the man whose hope is in the name of the Lord." (Psalm 39.:5 LXX).

Wishing you a successful conference,

Most respectfully,

Father Evangelos S. Pepps

"Home for ALL God's People"

SCENES FROM KFEIR, LEBANON

Photos by George Hanna 1961



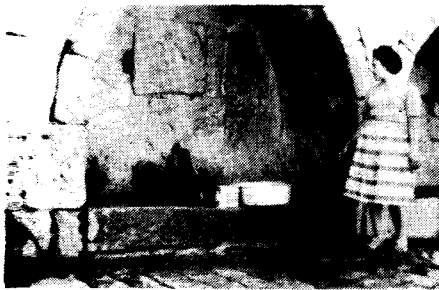
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with congregation



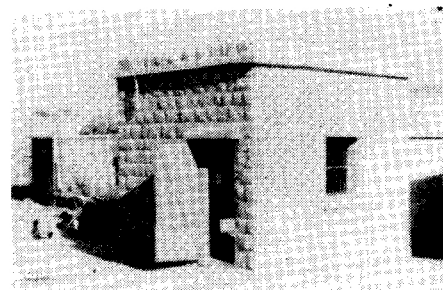
Students in School Yard
Church in Background



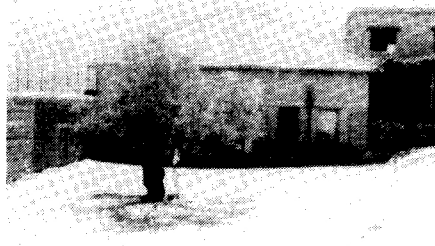
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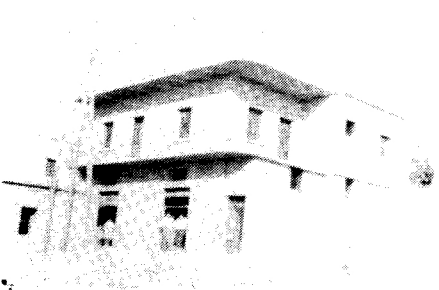
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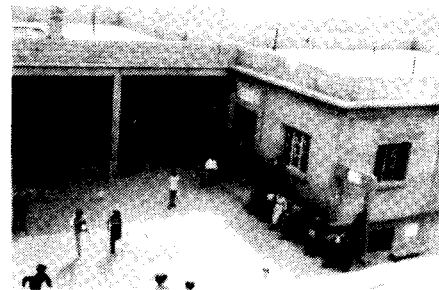
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Girls School



General Store



School Building



Olive Oil Refinery

LABOR DAY 1935



BECKELY, WEST VIRGINIA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 1952

9 A. M. REGISTRATION

Lobby - Prichard Hotel

12 P. M. MASS

St. George's Greek Orthodox Church, Corner 7th St. and 11th Ave. Metropolitan Archbishop Antony Bashir, officiating, assisted by Reverend Wakeem Dalack.

2:30 P. M. GET ACQUAINTED

Rooms 208, 209, 210, Mezzanine Floor

4 TO 5 P. M. COCKTAIL HOUR

Rooms 208, 209, 210, Mezzanine Floor

6 P. M. DINNER

Ball Room

9:30 TO 10:30 P. M. ARABIC MOVIE, "LOVE OF MY LIFE"

Ball Room

10:30 P. M. TO 1 A. M. INFORMAL PARTY

Dancing and Syrian Music, Ballroom

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1952

9 A. M. REGISTRATION

Lobby - Prichard Hotel

10 A. M. SIGHTSEEING TOUR

Bus Leaves From Hotel Prichard

1:30 TO 4 P. M. BUSINESS MEETING

Rooms 202, 203, 204, 205, Mezzanine Floor

4 TO 5 P. M. COCKTAIL HOUR

Rooms 208, 209, 210, Mezzanine Floor

6 P. M. BANQUET

Ball Room

10 P. M. TO 1 A. M. GRAND BALL

Ball Room

Good Night All

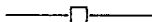
1951 REUNION

**Prichard
Hotel
Huntington
WV**



PRICHARD HOTEL

Sunday, September 2, 1962



- 9:00 A. M. Registration Mezzanine
- 10:30 A. M. Divine Liturgy Mezzanine
His Eminence
Metropolitan Arch Bishop Anthony Bashir
Assisted By
Rev. Wakeem Dallac and Rev. Basil Kazan
- 12:30 P. M. Luncheon Ballroom
Edward N. Abraham, Presiding
- 5:00 P. M. Cocktails Mezzanine
- 6:30 P. M. Grand Banquet Ballroom
Sol N. Steffan, Presiding
"Our Youth Speaks"
- 9:00 P. M. Men's Social Mezzanine
(Java and Ming Rooms)
- 10:00 P. M. to 2 P. M. Grand Ball Ballroom
Music By Howard Jennings Orchestra
("Miss Kfeirian" To Be Crowned)

PRICHARD HOTEL

Monday, September 3, 1962

- 10:00 A. M. Official Business Sessions Mezzanine
(Make Special Effort To Be Present)
- 1:00 P. M. Luncheon Ballroom
Alex J. Mickel, Presiding

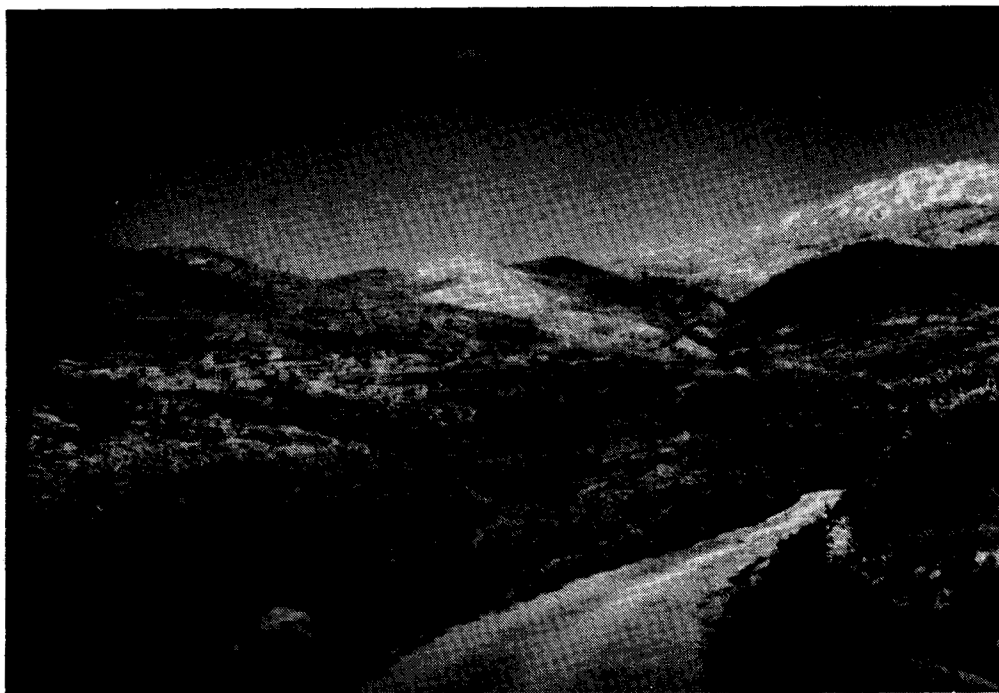


Please Note: "Youth Activities Headquarters"
Mezzanine—In The Marshall Room
Registration: Adults \$12.00
Children (Under Twelve) \$6.00

We, The Williamson Kfeirians, feel proud and honored to be host to our 30th reunion. We trust our youth will carry on from year to year, and that our Kfeirians, wherever they may be, will cooperate favorably to our scholarship project.

We share with you a pleasant and happy reunion.

Sol N. Steffan,
General Chairman



Kfeir, Lebanon

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EARLY LETTER OF ORGANIZATION

Box-11

KEFEYRIAN BROTHERHOOD
BOX 265
HUNTINGTON, WEST VA.

Huntington, W. Va.
December 10, 1933

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Greetings! No doubt you have been informed that the Kefeirian Brotherhood has reduced its membership fee to \$1.00 per year, instead of \$5.00, beginning with the sixth year, which is the present year.

We have about eighty members, but due to so scarcity of money, with most of us, we find many of our members behind in their dues. We still want to be members because we need their social and moral support and cooperation, and are willing to cancel all back dues and accept from them \$1.00 for the current year, and balance their account to date.

Of course, if any brother wishes to pay on his old dues, we will be glad to accept any amount he pays as a contribution, or as he may designate.

We know that some of the brothers will object to this method, and call it irregular, but we are more interested in the moral aspect of the Brotherhood than the financial result, and we will always endeavor to promote unity and understanding.

Its members are you and your friends. It is not fair to let the friends carry all the burden. This is a time when cooperation and help is needed and we ask you in the name of all Kefeirians to support this Brotherhood, and help it continue its good work, which is evidenced by six years of its existence.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we are

Fraternally yours,

Kefeirian Brotherhood

Abraham G. G. G.
Secretary

P.S. The recent tragedy befalling our friends, the Kasab Family, in Kefire has made a deep impression on us. We have written to the government officials, and persons of high standing in Syria, protesting this unusual crime and urging them to do all in their power to bring the assailants to justice, and to give ample protection to the citizens.

The Brotherhood stand ready to extend its help and influence for protecting and betterment of Kefeirians throughout the world. Thus we need your cooperation to strengthen our ranks.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

KEFEYRIAN BROTHERHOOD

BOX 265

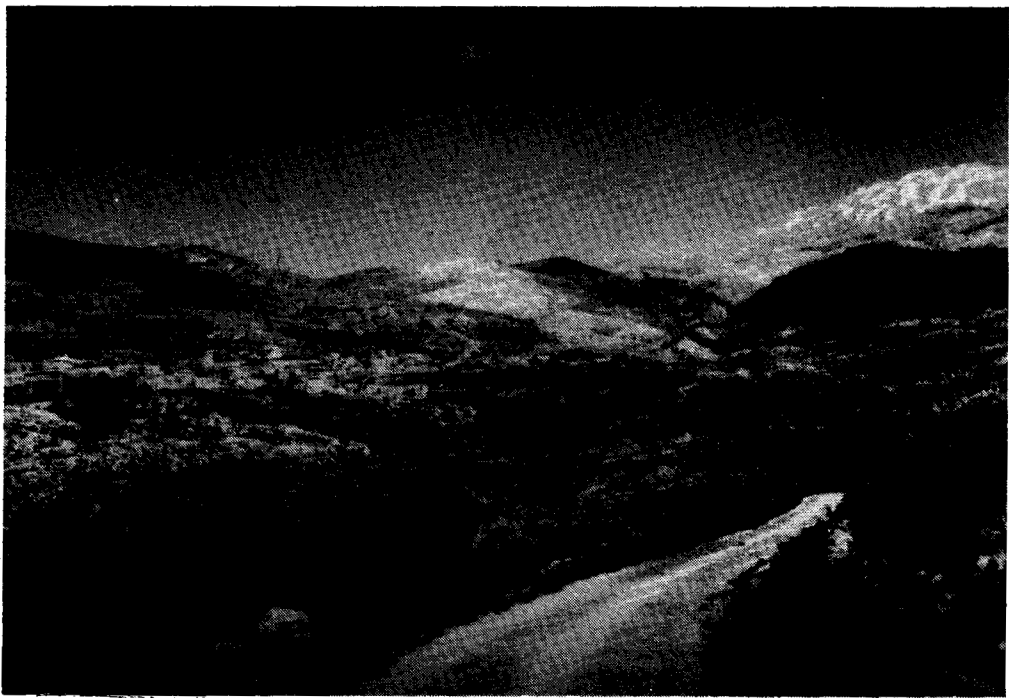
HUNTINGTON, WEST VA.

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Mr. Harris Thabit
Saint Pleasant
W. Va



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A HISTORY OF THE KFEIRIAN REUNION

By Sol. N. Steffan, Williamson, W.Va.

In 1932, an informal gathering of Kfeirians was held in Huntington, W.Va., where Mike Abraham of Williamson, W.Va., was the principal speaker on this occasion, which was marked by gaiety and fellowship. During this affair it was suggested that this be an annual gathering so that the children of Kfeirian descent may become acquainted with each other and a closer relationship may be formed among them. Receiving widespread approval the suggestion was adopted. An organized club known as the Kfeirian Brotherhood of Toledo, Ohio, then requested the subsequent meeting for the following year.

During the year 1933, the Kfeirians assembled once again in Toledo, Ohio, where the Kfeirian Brotherhood was the host group. It was at this meeting that the name, **Kfeirian Reunion**, was established. Kfeirians of Huntington invited the assembly to return to their city, and since that time the annual meeting has been rotated among the following cities: Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio; Beckley, Williamson, Huntington, and Charleston, W.Va. At that time Kfeirians in host cities entertained the Reunion at their own expense.

Williamson, W.Va. was the site of the 1936 Kfeirian Reunion, when it was decided at the business session that an admission fee would be charged to defray expenses of the event. This fee was to be initiated after cities with enough Kfeirians to handle the Reunion were afforded the opportunity to have gathering at the expense of the host city. This custom is still handled accordingly.

During the early years of the Reunion the event was informal, and there was no record of its legal existence. From its inception to the present the Reunion has been an annual gathering for descendants from the little village in Lebanon, known as Kfeir, and it has met for the solemn purpose that Kfeirians and their descendants may be better acquainted in the land of the Free. The event's meeting time has been set for the Labor Day Weekend in order that participants may take advantage of the holiday period.

Fayze Bey El Kourey was the Guest of Honor at the Reunion in Huntington, in 1948. At his request a pledge of \$15,000 was made by the assembly for the purpose of providing electricity for Kfeir, Lebanon. This move also led the formation of the Kfeirian Foundation, Inc., which was chartered in the state of Ohio and established in 1949 to handle all business and legal matters.

Under its present system the Foundation is progressing and many of its functions have been turned over to the young generation of Kfeirian descent. Its source of revenue has been the profits derived from the annual assembly and the Everlasting Flower Fund, established in memory of deceased Kfeirians. Originated by the immigrants from the Kfeir, the Reunion Foundation has developed to a known organization which is capable of rendering material, physical, educational, and cultural service to the Kfeir and Kfeirians wherever they may be.

KFEIRIANS — LOOK FORWARD

By Sol. N. Steffan, Williamson, W.Va.

Thirty-three years ago, the Kfeirian Reunion was founded for the purpose of getting acquainted and meeting old friends, and that our children who were born under the skies of Liberty will know each other, particularly their genealogy and where they came from. Membership in the Reunion is for immigrants from Kfeir, Lebanon and their descendants by blood or marriage. There are no dues whatsoever other than volunteer contributions.

The following projects were accomplished by the Reunion:

A Water system in the Kfeir.

An electrical system in the Kfeir.

A road leading to the Kfeir.

A Junior college was also established, in addition to material assistance.

All this was done by having assembled for two enjoyable days, with one another annually.

Incidentally, few other individuals contributed to Kfeir because of the existence of the Foundation, such as a City Hall building, house to the church, church improvements and so forth. Also it is a known fact that the Foundation has no organized club officially in Kfeir to communicate with. At the present time, the Foundation does not respond to individual requests, a request must be made collectively by an official club or organization.

In 1948 the Reunion became a Foundation under the laws of the State of Ohio. It is a non-profit organization for the purpose of rendering assistance to Kfeirians wherever they may be, after which a Scholarship fund was established.

Now, we the "old timers" of the Reunion pray and hope that the Kfeirian descendants, particularly the native born will support and activate this Foundation for the purposes intended as prescribed by its by-laws -LOOKING FORWARD to improve the education, the cultural, and the fellowship tie which makes us all progressive citizens of our Democracy.

The Foundation's success in the future depends largely on the descendants of the Kfeirians-And remember that your genealogy will lead you back to the Phoenician ancestry which you should always be proud of.

We should be thankful to God that we are Americans, and able to organize for the betterment of ourselves in this great Democracy of ours.

Always believe we have seen the past. We know today, and have no fear of tomorrow-because yesterday is but a dream and tomorrow is hope. But today well lived will make yesterday a dream of happiness and tomorrow a hope of reality.
LOOK FORWARD—KFEIRIANS.

This writing was entered on the Congressional Record by Senator Byrd.

**As recorded in the 33rd Annual Kfeirian Reunion
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THE KFEIRIAN REUNION FOUNDATION INC.
FOUNDATION PRESIDENTS AND REUNION CHAIRMAN
FROM AVAILABLE RECORDS

YEAR	PRESIDENT	HOST CITY	YEAR	REUNION CHAIRMAN
1928			1928 1	informal gathering
1929			1929 2	informal gathering
1930			1930 3	informal gathering
1931			1931 4	informal gathering
1932		Huntington	1932 5	informal gathering
1933		Huntington	1933 6	formal meeting
1934		Toledo	1934 7	
1935		Beckley	1935 8	
1936-37		Williamson	1936 9	Mike Abraham
1937-38		Cleveland	1937 10	
1938-39			1938 11	
1939-40		Beckley	1939 12	
1940-41		Beckley	1940 13	Nick Rahal
1942 through 45 no Reunion Meetings - During War Years				
1946-47		Charleston	1946 14	
1947-48		Toledo	1947 15	George Sadd
Brotherhood Incorporated: KFEIRIAN REUNION FOUNDATION, INC.				
1948-49	Farris Sahley	Huntington	1948 16	
1949-50	Farris Sahley	Toledo	1949 17	George Sadd
1950-51	Farris Sahley	Huntington	1950 18	Toufic Kassab
1951-52	Farris Sahley	Toledo	1951 19	George Sadd. Albert Joseph George Jamra
1952-53	Farris Sahley	Huntington	1952 20	Ernest G. Tweel
1953-54	Sol N. Steffan	Toledo	1953 21	George Jamra
1954-55	Sol No. Steffan	Huntington	1954 22	Edmund George
1955-56	Edmund George	Toledo	1955 23	Richard Joseph
1956-57	George Jamra	Cleveland	1956 24	Roger Sahley
1957-58	Phillip Bassett	Huntington	1957 25	James V. Hanna - 25th
1958-59	Norman Tweel	Toledo	1958 26	Hafiz Abu-Nasser
1959-60	Adeeb Sadd	Huntington	1959 27	Mary Haddad
1960-61	Ernest G. Tweel	Toledo	1960 28	Adeeb Sadd
1961-62	Sol N. Steffan	Huntington	1961 29	John Sakakini Edward G. Thabet
1962-63	George Jamra	Williamson	1962 30	Sol N. Steffan
1963-64	James V. Hanna	Charleston	1963 31	Clement R. Bassett
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1964-65	Edmund George	Huntington	1964 32	Edmund George
1965-66	Abe Cantees	Beckley	1965 33	Louis A. Rahall
1966-67	Ray A. Hawarney	Williamson	1966 34	Abe Cantees
1967-68	Ray A. Hawarney	Charleston	1967 35	Philip G. Michael
1968-69	Louis A. Rahall	Huntington	1968 36	George Hanna
1969-70	Abe Cantees	Beckley	1969 37	Louis A. Rahall
1970-71	Philip G. Michael	Williamson	1970 38	Abe Cantees
1971-72	Edmund George	Charleston	1971 39	Philip G. Michael
1972-73	Ray A. Hawarney	Huntington	1972 40	Edward G. Thabet
1973-74	Louis Kawaja	Beckley	1973 41	Louis A. Rahall
1974-75	Larry Jamra	Bluefield	1974 42	John Mickel
1975-76	Marshall Simon	Williamson	1975 45	Sol N. Steffan
1976-77	George Hanna	Huntington	1976 44	George Hanna
1977-78	George Hanna	S. Charleston	1977 45	Mitchell Mickel
1978-79	George Hanna	Beckley	1978 46	Louis Rahall
1979-80	Raymond Hawarny	Williamson	1979 47	Paul McCoy
1980-81	Raymond Hawarny	Huntington	1980 48	John Joseph
1981-82	Raymond Hawarny	Bluefield	1981 49	Frances Lynch
1982-83	Larry Jamra	Board of Directors	1982 50	George Hanna - 50th
		*Huntington		

Foundation Presidents & Reunion Committee, Cont.

1983-84	Larry Jamra	Parkersburg	1983	51	Joe Coury
1984-85	Larry Jamra	Beckley	1984	52	Helen Ramey
1985-86	Larry Jamra	Charleston	1985	53	Karyn Stagg
1986-87	Amiel Michael	Williamson	1986	54	Jeannette McCoy
1987-88	Amiel Michael	Huntington	1987	55	David Rahall
1988-89	Karyn Stagg	Toledo	1988	56	John Joseph
1989-90	Karyn Stagg	Columbus	1989	57	Alan B. Edinger
1990-91	Tom Bevins	Charleston	1990	58	Karyn Stagg
1991-92	Tom Bevins	Williamson	1991	59	Jeannette McCoy
					Cheryl Slater
1992-93	John Joseph	Board of Directors	1992	60	Edmund George - 60th
		*Huntington			

**The Board of Directors extends their deep appreciation to the many people of Huntington who unselfishly contributed in preparation and the success of the 50th and 60th Reunions.*

WERE YOU THERE?



1946 REUNION — CHARLESTON, WV

1952
REUNION

PRICHARD HOTEL
HUNTINGTON, WV



**PRESENTING THE PRIDE OF THE
KFEIRIAN REUNION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**



Becky Thabet



Clay Christian



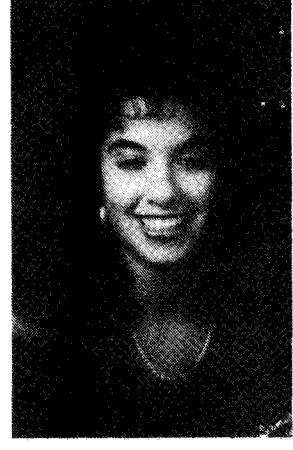
Elizabeth Thabet



Mydina Rasmia Thabet



Andrea M. Evans



Samina Thabet



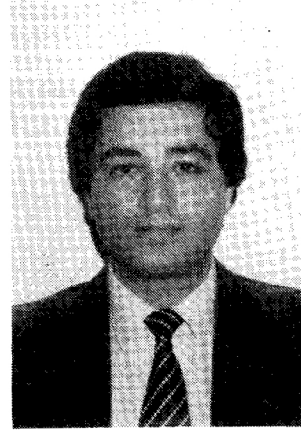
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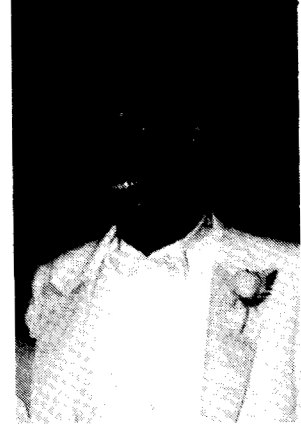
Michele L. George



Karen A. Salamy



Jamal El Hage



Kevin Bevins



The Kfeirian scholarship program should definitely be encouraged. Obviously, the money is important to the recipients, but more important I think, is the symbolic value. When my check arrives twice a year, it is a reminder that I am a member of a community. I am also in favor of an idea I heard mentioned at the last reunion, namely, to encourage students to pursue the study of Arabic or Middle Eastern studies. At the same time, of course, it is unfair to discriminate against students who have no interest in these fields. I don't know what the financial resources of the scholarship foundation are, but if it were possible to increase the amount of the scholarship, and award more scholarships, this could only be beneficial.

- Clay Scott

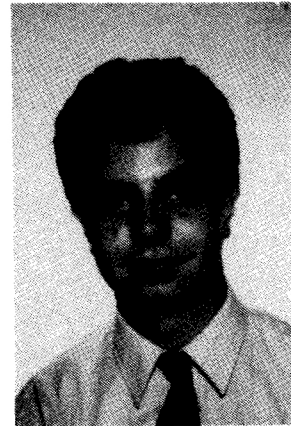


The KRF is very meaningful to me because for the second consecutive year it has helped to fund my college education. The money has been much needed for books, supplies and tuition; the scholarship has been extremely beneficial. Since I have many years of education necessary to pursue my MD degree, I am very thankful for the scholarship program.

I would definite encourage the KRF to continue. With steadily rising tuition costs, the scholarship program is immensely appreciated by myself and surely all of its recipients. The foundation should be aware of their strong contributing factor in the college education of its recipients.

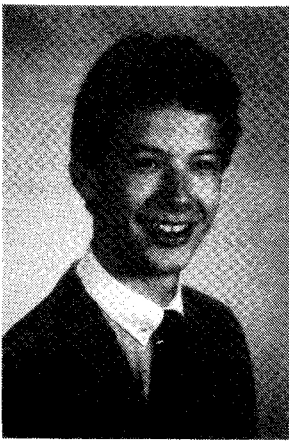
The program should be expanded ... to all needy students. It would be to the betterment of your recipients if you could give larger scholarships. I would like to stress the importance of the KRF scholarship committee in aiding Kfeirian students to pay for their education. It is a great service.

- Lisa Harris



The scholarship helped me a great deal in reaching some of my academic goals at a time when I was and still am in real need for financial assistance. I strongly encourage the scholarship program and its expansion. I praise the unmeasurable efforts of the KRF in trying to award scholarships to a wider range of student applicants and also give larger scholarships. As a native Lebanese of Kfeirian descent, I show great pride in the scholarship program and being one of its recipients.

- Tony Saad



If it weren't for the scholarship, I don't think I would have had the opportunity to received the college education I did.

(1) There is no doubt that the Kfeirian scholarship was meaningful to me in reaching my academic goals.

(2a) To ask if the KRF should continue this program is like asking "should a parent feed, clothe and shelter his child?" Most definitely YES!! To turn your back on your child and not provide the essentials of life would be a grave mistake. Likewise, for the Foundation to discontinue this great program would be a grave mistake as well. In such difficult times, so many sources of financial support are running dry...so YOU must support your "children" (the fellow Kfeirians)--as these children are our future. Raise them well and teach them well, for they are the next generation!!

(2b) As to expanding the program--awarding more scholarship or giving larger scholarships--I would suggest the latter. The program needs to be expanded by giving larger scholarships to those that qualify. As tuition, books and other fees rise so should the financial support from the Foundation. As for awarding more scholarships, I believe (that in the past) the committee was trying to find anybody and everybody just to award the allotted number of scholarships. In fact, some recipients of the scholarship were a actually "quite" better off financially than the next person (who probably could have used the larger amount.)

(3) As I have said before, my college education played a significant role in helping me to get where I am today ... and the Kfeirian scholarship was an integral part of that journey.. And I am very thankful for it!!

- Rich Donley



In 1983 I was Chief Clinical Psychologist of Adult Services at the Florida Mental Health Institute of the University of Florida. Finishing up another Bachelor's degree in Art with a painting major when I was accepted into the doctoral program in Art history at the University of Paris, Sorbonne. There I studied Art History majoring in Contemporary Art at the Sorbonne receiving a Diplome des Etudes Approfondie (D.E.A.) in 1984, a degree that we do not have in the States that is the level of an all but dissertation doctorate, or halfway between a master's degree and a doctorate.

While in Turkey the years of 1986-87, I was able to visit Damascus 4 times. In Damascus I was fortunate to meet and visit with the grandchildren of my Aunt Rumsea. I immediately loved Damascus, especially the old city, and the warmth and joyful hospitality of my thoroughly Middle Eastern family.

I made the harrowing trip to Kfeir with my Aunt Yvon Radwan Michael, my cousin Hanna Michael, now of Boston, my cousin Mona's husband Yusef Kassab, also a Kferian, and his son Houssam.

Finally we wound through Hasbia and up and down the snaking roads passing small, ancient villages and new, immense mountainside homes, finally coming into the land of all our ancestors, the Kfeir, sometimes called Kfeir-Zait. A tiny, timeless collection of homes on a rocky hillside with the ever snow-capped Jebel Sheik of Mountain of the Chiefs separating Lebanon from Israel.

Dr. Deann Michael, Cont. Next Page

Bombarded in 1983, many homes still showed the scars of the war that has torn the region since 1974. While only the pillars of my grandfather's house were standing, I felt deeply touched, and in an odd way, finally at "home". The timeless rhythm of this small village that has produced so many great men and women now scattered all over the world continues much as it has for centuries, creating a timeline from the past to the present and into the future of the

resourcefulness, intelligence and courage of the people called Kferian.

I wish to express my personal gratitude to the Kferian Reunion Foundation as I was the recipient of the first Kferian Reunion Scholarship in 1964 which aided me in beginning my education, which I had been luckily able to continue on my own.

— Diann Dee Michael, Ph.D.

KFERIAN REUNION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS NOT PICTURED

Venice Sadd

Toufic Saad

Jeannette Courey

Lisa Andrews

Laura Andrews

Catherine Shamas

Michael Bergines

John Michael DeFalco

Charles G. Saad

George McKarris

Phillip Sadd

Randy Sadd

Sarah Bassett

Sherri Hodge

Nazim Lowen

Lindsey Coleman

Janice Davis Berger

The Rev. Fr. David Thabet

Richard Arthur Kerbawy

Thomas Bevins

Virginia A. DeGroff Bottorff

James Paul Reed

Tracie A. Christain Rose

Georgann Michael

Dr. Edward Sadd

Susan Lucille Reed Enslin

Kevin Michael Bevins

Larry Johnson

Terri Nicholson

Philip Samuel Ramey

Carolyn Michael McDonough

Sami Abourizke

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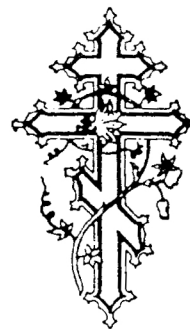
Nabih Nassar Fakhury

Joyce Esber

Phillip Sadd

David Redwan Mickel

Memory Eternal
Metropolitan Antony Bashir



Born
March 15, 1898
Consecrated Archbishop
April 19, 1936
Died
February 15, 1966

With the Saints give rest, O Christ, to
the soul of thy servant, where there is
neither sickness, nor sorrow, nor
sighing, but life everlasting.

Pages 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43 & 45 Reprinted from 100th Anniversary of the Lebanese Community on Prince Edward Island Book. With deep appreciation.



Lebanon

It has been said that divine justice stumbled once, and the result was Lebanon, an anomalous concentration of natural and man-made treasures which screams of celestial prejudice.

Lebanon is the world's Lilliputian. Lounging along the eastern coast of the Mediterranean, it can be covered lengthwise, breadthwise, crosswise in one day of leisurely driving, and, covering it, you are likely to come across more scenic beauty, more archeological wonders, more cultural enjoyment than you would covering half the globe.

One guest whom Lebanese lure has turned into permanent resident has said: "It seems impossible, but into this tiny patch of global fabric, the seven heavens have been neatly, comfortably, dazzlingly fitted.

GOVERNMENT: Republic. **AREA:** 4,015 sq. mi. **POPULATION:** 2,700,000. Mostly Arabs; small number of many nationalities. **LANGUAGE:** Officially Arabic; French widely used. **RELIGION:** About equally Christian and Moselm. **ECONOMY:** Hub of Near East commerce; agriculture;

tourism. **MAJOR CITIES:** Beirut, captial, port, first in population with 700,000; Tripoli (pop. 127,000), port. **CLIMATE:** Coast hot, humid in summer; cool and damp in winter. Beirut warmest in August, 89° F. average high; coolest in January, 51° F. average low.

Congratulations & Best Wishes on Our

6



th Anniversary



May God Bless Our Kfeirian Reunions Always

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Rocks and convent near Ajaltoun Mount Lebanon

KAHLIL GIBRAN

Prophet of Lebanon

Kahlil Gibran was born in Lebanon in 1883. He is one of the most famous philosophers of the Near East, known and loved among millions of Arabic-speaking peoples. But his fame and influence have spread all over the world and his poetry and prose have been translated into over twenty languages.

Gibran lived much of his early life in Boston, Massachusetts, where his parents emigrated in 1895. He also lived in Paris studying painting under Auguste Rodin. Though he spent the last twenty years of his life in the United States, his heart and soul were with his people in Lebanon and his body was returned home after his death in 1931. Lebanon honours him with a museum dedicated to his life and work.

Gibran's best known work is a book of poetry/prose entitled *The Prophet*, first published in 1923. The power of his work is expressed in this quote from a group of American scholars studying his work:

Gibran could write timeless truths in a way that make the reader feel he is taking a walk in a quiet wood or bathing in a cool stream; it soothes the spirit. But he could also write with a scorch like fire.

In Memory of My Loving Wife



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Recipes

Hommos Bi Tehini

(Chick-peas with sesame oil)

Ingredients:

- 1 can of chick-peas or
- 1 lb dried chick-peas (soaked and boiled)
- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- 6 tablespoons sesame oil
- 3 cloves garlic crushed with a little salt
- 4 lemons
- 3 tablespoons water
- finely chopped parsley
- chopped radishes to taste

Preparation:

Crush garlic with salt. Reduce chick-peas to a purée using an electric mixer or blender. Add to this mixture: crushed garlic, water and sesame oil. Mix well. Pour lemon juice over gradually and blend well.

Pour into a salad-bowl and garnish to taste with finely chopped parsley, a few whole boiled chick-peas and chopped radishes. Add olive oil.

How to use dried chick-peas:

Soak chick-peas in cold water for at least 10 hours.

Change water, add 1 tablespoon baking soda and boil for about 30 minutes over high heat until completely cooked.

If you don't have time to soak and boil the chick-peas, use one can of chick-peas.

Kibbeh in a Tray

Ingredients:

- 1 kg minced steak (beef or lamb)
- 12 oz cracked wheat (borghol no. 1)
- 2 minced onions
- 2 tablespoons butter
- salt, pepper and cinnamon

STUFFING:

- 500 g minced steak
- 3 onions
- 3 oz pine nuts
- 1 tablespoon butter
- salt, pepper, cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons melted butter

Preparation:

Soak cracked wheat in cold water for about 10 minutes. Squeeze dry.

Put in a bowl: meat, cracked wheat and minced onions. Blend well. Season with salt, pepper and cinnamon. Pass through an electric mincer. Check seasoning to taste.

Prepare stuffing: Brown in butter chopped onions, meat and pine nuts. Season to taste with salt, pepper and cinnamon.

Butter a baking-tray and spread half of the kibbeh over the bottom. Spread the filling evenly over this and cover with a second layer of kibbeh paste. Cut diagonal lines over the top to make triangle or lozenge shapes. Pour 2 tablespoons melted butter all over top and tilt tray in all directions so butter will penetrate the traces of the design.

Bake in pre-heated 350°F oven.

Accompany with a salad or yoghurt.

Grilled Kofta

Ingredients:

- 500 g minced steak
- 2 minced onions
- 1 bunch parsley
- salt, pepper and cinnamon

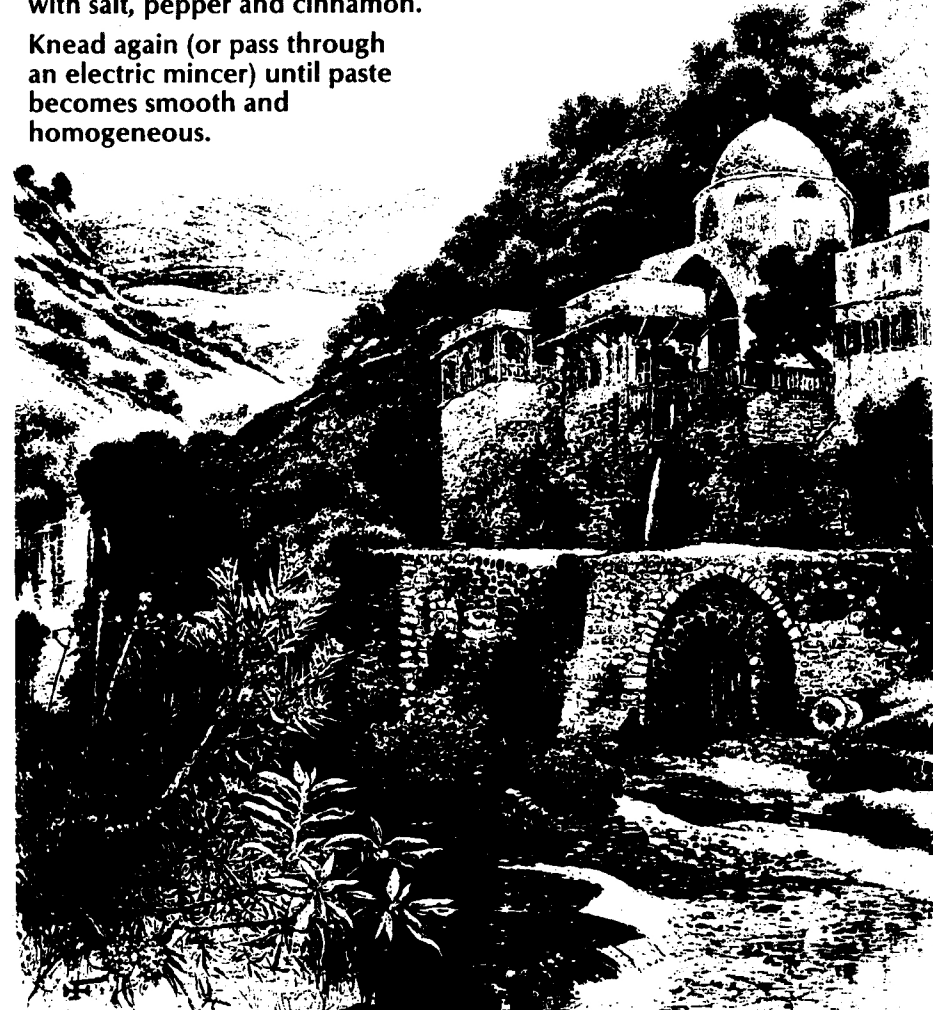
Preparation:

Knead meat and minced onions. Add chopped parsley. Season with salt, pepper and cinnamon.

Knead again (or pass through an electric mincer) until paste becomes smooth and homogeneous.

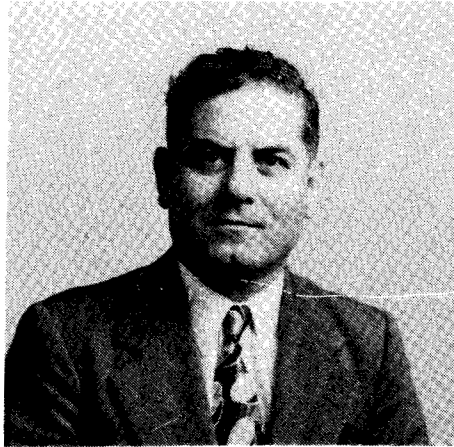
Take large lumps of paste and shape them into long finger. Pass skewers through them and grill over high heat, either in oven or on charcoal.

Serve hot with fried or mashed potatoes and a salad in season.



Whirling Dervish Monastery (Mawlawiyeh) near Tripoli, North Lebanon

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Tabbouleh

(A traditional dish easy to prepare and eat)

Ingredients:

3 tomatoes
2 bunches parsley
2 tablespoons cracked wheat no.1
4 lime or lemon juice
oil, pepper, salt, shallots
mint leaves or dry mint
lettuce leaves or vine leaves

Preparation:

Soak cracked wheat in water for 10 minutes.

Wash well parsley and fresh mint and chop very finely as well as the tomatoes and shallots.

Drain cracked wheat and mix well with vegetables. Add lime juice, olive oil, salt and pepper. Mix the whole preparation together again and pour in a large dish.

Serve accompanied with lettuce or vine leaves.

Jazariéh

Stewed carrots

Ingredients:

12 carrots
2 glasses sugar
1 glass water

To garnish:

pistachios, hazelnuts or pine nuts

Preparation:

Wash carrots and grate into very thin lamellae. Put into a pan adding sugar and water.

Simmer over medium heat, stirring continuously until liquid thickens like a syrup.

Let cool for 3 to 5 minutes.

Serve in a dish garnished with pistachios, hazelnuts or pine nuts.

Sambousik

Meat rissoles

Ingredients:

5 cups flour
1 tablespoon yeast
2½ or 3 cups water
1 tablespoon Crisco
1 tablespoon oil to prevent sticking

STUFFING

500 g minced meat
2 big onions, chopped
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons pine nuts
salt, pepper and cinnamon

Preparation:

DOUGH: In a bowl, mix together flour and butter. Add water and a pinch of salt. Knead.

Let dough stand for at least 30 minutes.

STUFFING: Brown in butter: onions, meat and pine nuts. Season to taste with salt, pepper and cinnamon.

Spread dough with rolling pin until very thin. With a cup or glass, shape discs to wanted size.

Stuff each disc and close it tight.

Place on a buttered pan, painting each disc with a little butter. Bake at 300°F for about 45 minutes.

NOTE: These pastries may also be fried over medium heat, in butter or oil.

Samak Bil Tahina

Fish with sesame oil

Ingredients:

4 slices of boned fish (to choice)
4 onions
2 big potatoes
4 lemons, salt
½ cup cooking oil
½ cup sesame oil (sauce)

Preparation: Clean and wash fish. Salt. Fry and place in a shallow oven dish.

Slice potatoes into discs, fry and place on top of fish.

Slice onions into rings, fry and place on top of potatoes.

SAUCE: Stir sesame oil constantly, adding juice of 4 lemons. Add a little water in order to obtain a rather liquid sauce.

Pour sauce over fish dish and place in a 350°F oven for about 20 minutes.

Serve garnished with lemon rings.

Vine Leaves Stuffed with ~~meat~~ RICE

Ingredients:

1 jar vine leaves
1 cup (8 oz.) soaked rice
1 bunch chopped parsley chopped
2 big diced tomatoes
3 lemons
¼ cup oil
1 big chopped onion
salt, pepper and cinnamon

Preparation:

Soak vine leaves in cool water for a few hours, changing water from time to time.

Mix onions, salt, pepper and cinnamon.

Add rice, tomatoes, parsley and ¼ cup oil. Mix well and check seasoning.

Spread vine leaves on a plate and place a little stuffing in each of them, folding each side and rolling them in shape of a little cigar. Pack them tightly at the bottom of a pot and cover them with water. Cook over medium heat until completely done.

About one hour before end of cooking time, add lemon juice and leave over mild heat.

Serve on a round platter.

This dish may be accompanied with curd milk (laban).

Shich Kebab

Grilled meat over charcoal

Ingredients:

1 kg meat (preferably lamb)
2 big tomatoes
2 onions
1 sweet green pepper
salt, pepper
1 tablespoon olive oil

Preparation:

Dice meat coarsely and put in a big bowl. Season with salt and pepper.

Slice tomatoes, onions and green pepper, add salt and oil and throw over meat.

Macerate for at least 1 hour.

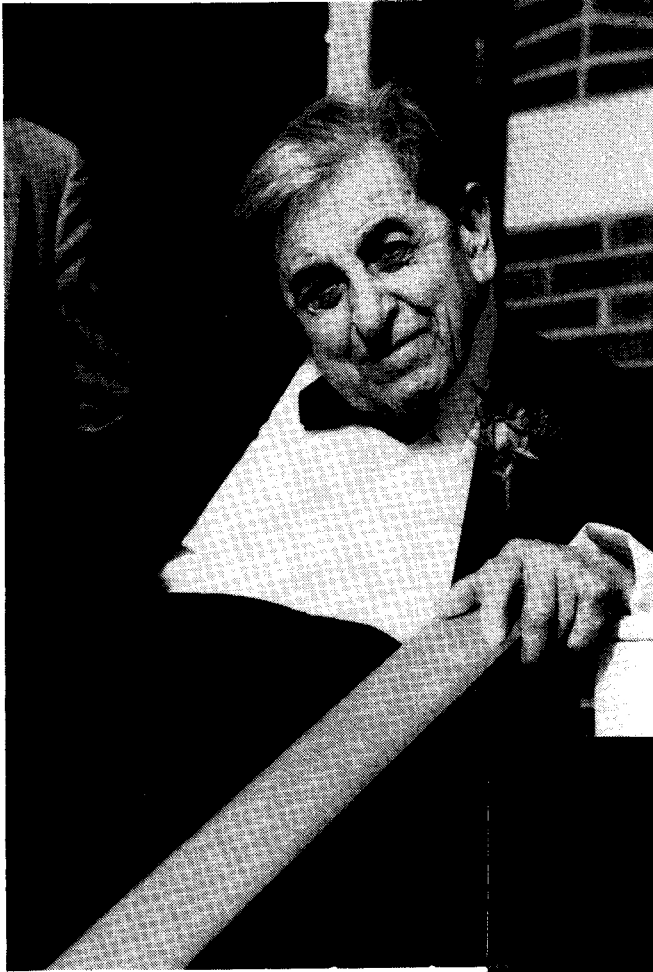
Thread onto skewers: 1 piece of meat, 1 of onion, 1 of tomato, 1 of pepper and so on.

Grill over a charcoal fire.

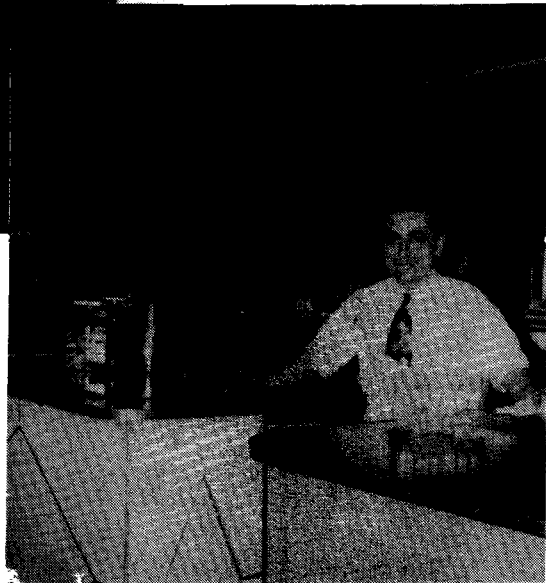
Serve with a salad.



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Tripoli

Buzuq

The word *buzuq* comes from the

Turkish and occurs in 'bashi-buzuq,' the name given to the Ottoman troops, literally meaning 'burnt head' or



'uprooted.'

The *buzuq*, is a hybrid instrument that is not classified among the classical instruments of Arab music nor among those of Turkish music. However, this instrument may be looked upon as a larger and deeper-toned relative of the Turkish saz, to which it could be compared in the same way as the viola to the violin in Western music. Traditionally the *buzuq* had been associated

with the gypsy music of Lebanon and Syria.

A long-necked fretted string instrument, the *buzuq* is furnished with two metal strings which are played with a plectrum, offering a metallic yet lyrical resonance.

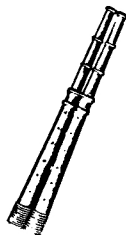
Mijwiz

The *mijwiz*, which literally means 'dual' in Arabic, is a type of double reed clarinet popular in Syria, Lebanon and Palestine. In North Africa its equivalent is known as the

maqrum. It is played by breathing gently through a circular aperture at the end and by manipulating the fingers over the holes down the front of the tube, in order to produce specific sounds.

In the hands of a good performer, the sounds produced by the *mijwiz* may very well reflect the musical dialogue between two moods.

Similar to the *mijwiz* is the *minjayrah*, an open-ended small reed flute played in the same manner, popular among the mountain villagers of Lebanon.



Qanun

The *qanun* is a descendant of the old Egyptian harp and has played an integral part in Arab music since the tenth century. A kind of dulcimer, its Arabic name means 'rule' or 'law.' The *qanun* was introduced to Europe by the 12th Century, becoming known during the 14th to the 16th Century as a psaltery or zither.

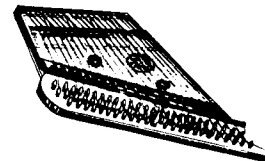
The form of the *qanun* consists of a trapezoid-shaped flat board over which 81 strings are stretched in groups of three with 24 treble chords consisting of three chords to each note. The instruments is placed flat on the knees or table of the musician; the strings are plucked

with the finger or with two plectra, one plectrum attached to the forefinger of each hand.

More than any other instrument in Arab music, the *qanun* is suitable for the display of virtuosity, the execution of floriture and rapid scales.

Interestingly, this traditional

Arabic instrument, has been replaced by the less complex piano, itself an outgrowth of the harpsichord, an instrument which exchanged the zither's plectra with hammers.



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I love you, Lebanon

Lyrics & music: Rahbani Brothers

I love you Lebanon my country /
 I love / your north your south /
 your plains I love / you ask what
 happened / what has overcome
 me / I love you Lebanon my
 country / they said what goes
 on / in the land of festivals /
 strewn as it is with fire and
 dynamite / I said our land is
 being reborn / the Lebanon of
 dignity a people that perseveres /
 how could I help loving you
 even in your madness I love
 you / because your love / gathers
 us together / when we are
 dispersed / and one grain of your
 soil / equals the treasures of the
 world / I love you Lebanon my
 country / I love / your north your
 south your plains I love / you ask
 what happened / what has
 overcome me.

بحبك يا لبنان

بحبك يا لبنان يا وطني بحبك
 بحبك يا لبنان بسكهل بحبك
 بتسأل شربني وشو الما بسني
 بحبك يا لبنان يا وطني
 عندك بلدي أوني ويعبر الغي شاب
 اتعذب واشتق ويا محلا العذاب
 ولا أنت بتتركني يا أغلى الأحياب
 الدنيا بترجع كذبت وتاج الأرض تراب
 بفترك بحبك ويعبرك بحبك
 أنا فاني على يدي لا ينساني قلبك
 والسهم في على أياديك أغلى من سني
 وبحبك يا لبنان يا وطني
 سأوني شو صاهر بيك العابد
 من روعة على الذابر نار و نار بابد
 قلنا هم بلدنا عمر بخلق جلابد
 لبنان الكرام والشعب الغنيد
 كيف ما كنت بحبك بحبوك بحبك
 وإنا نحنا نفرقنا بجمعنا حبك
 وحبتهم من ترابك يكون الدنيا
 بحبك يا لبنان يا وطني

Khudni

Take me

Lyrics & Music: Rahbani Brothers

Take me to its lovely hills / Take
 me to the land that has reared
 me / and forget me there among
 vineyards and fig trees / and let
 me lie upon the soil of our
 village. / Ancient windows are
 signalling to me, and sounds of
 its / rivers are calling those who
 have travelled; / And eyes
 peeping from windows say to
 me, / We are friends. / And I
 walk in forgotten alleys, in late
 evenings, / when lights are about
 to go off, / waiting for a hand to
 shake mine and a voice / to
 salute me. / Take me and plant
 me in the land of Lebanon / take
 me to the house that is guarding
 the hill, / where I shall open the
 door and kiss the walls / and
 kneel under the loveliest sky, and
 pray, and pray

خوذني

خوذني على تلال الخلوب خوذني على الأرض التي
 وأنا نسا على حاف الغنم شلوني على أبواب صبيعتنا
 نواب الغنم تترجولي وصوت القوم ينادي أحياب
 وعيون غشبايك بسرولي صحاب عبقول مختاصاب
 وأنا مشي على طرقات منسيهم دنيت غياب روح بيت تصور
 انظر شي بد سلم عليهم شي صوت بيرجول مساب
 خوذني في أرض لبنان بالبيت على ناطق المشاي
 وفتح الباب ويوسر الخيطان وادع تحت أعمالنا وصلي
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Lebanese National Anthem/Kollona Lilwatan

Eng. adap.: Fr. M. Labaky

Lyric in arabic: Rachid Nakhle'

Music: Wadih Sabra



We are all For our land For our flag; Stand as



men, As her pride In our times With the sword And the



pen. From the heights and the plains, Come the



men Who will stand Ev-'ry-where on the Earth For the
REFRAIN



pride of our land. We are all for the land, For her



heights and her plains, We are all for our land.

Both the old And the young
Hear her call And they bound
To defend Every Right
From her foes All around.
Lebanon is the heart:
In the East Center stage.
May the Lord Guide her way
Down the years Age to age.

Ref: We are all For the Land,
For her heights And her plains,
We are all for our land.

Kollona lilwatan Lil'ola lil'alam
Mil o 'ayni zaman Sayfona walqalam
Sahlona waljabal Manbiton lirrijal
Qawlona wal'amal Fi sabilil kamal
Kollona lilwatan Lil'ola lil'alam
Kollona Lilwatan

Chaykhona walfata 'enda sawtil watan
Osdo gaben mata Sawaratnal fitan
Charqona qalbohu Abadan Lubnan
Sanahu Rabbuhu Limadal azman
Kollona lilwatan Lil'ola lil'alam
Kollona Lilwatan

شيخنا والفتى عندصوت الوطن
اسد غاب متى ساورتنا الفتن
شرقنا قلبه ابدًا لبنان
صانه ربه لمدي الازمان
كلنا للوطن للعلى للعلم
كلنا للوطن

كلنا للوطن للعلى للعلم
ملء عين الزمن سيفنا والقلم
سهلنا والجبل منبت للرجال
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كلنا للوطن للعلى للعلم
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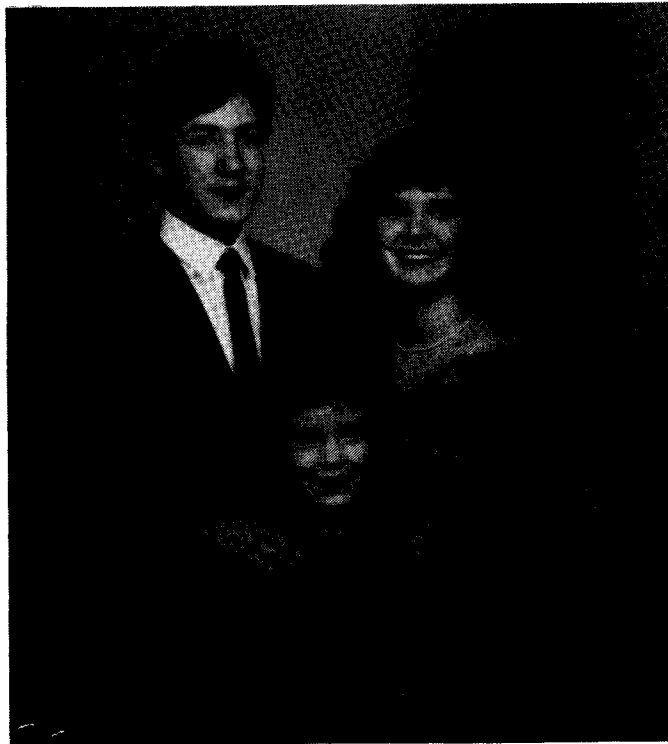
Harvesting Wheat - circa 1880

"He who denies his heritage - has no heritage."

-- Danny Thomas

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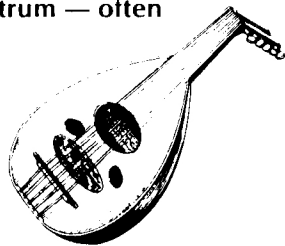
Druze



North Lebanon

'Ud The English word *lute*, which derives from the Spanish *laud*, originally came from the Arabic *al-'ud*, literally meaning 'branch of wood.'

Between the eighth and tenth centuries, the 'ud had only four strings; a fifth was added by Zitiab, the famous Andalusian performer, and a sixth later on in the fifteenth century. Shaped like half a pear with a short fretted neck, the 'ud is a six courses of two-strings instrument played with a plectrum — often a trimmed eagle's feather — producing a deep and mellow sound.



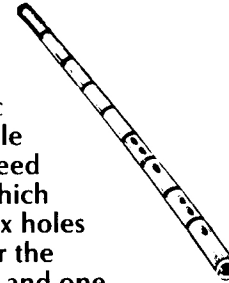
Virtuosos across the Middle East refer to it as 'the King of all instruments.'

Tablah The *tablah* is a small hand-drum also known as the *durbakke*. One of the most commonly played of the percussion instruments, the *tablah* is a membranophone of goat or fish skin stretched over a vase-shaped drum with a wide neck. Usually made of earthenware or metal, it is placed either under the left arm or between the legs and struck in the middle for the strong beats and on the edge for the sharp in-between beats.



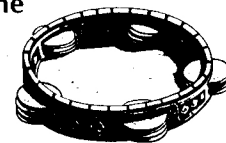
Nay The word *nay* from Persian is used to describe a single reed pipe of the simplest design whose origins go back to the Sumerian civilization.

Nay is the generic Arabic name for simple open-ended reed instruments which usually have six holes in the front for the fingers to play and one hole underneath for the thumb. Fine, mellow tones are brought forth by blowing gently over the orifice of the tube while manipulating the fingers and thumbs; by blowing with more or less force, sounds are produced an octave higher or lower, and tunes in different scales can be played by utilizing *nays* of various lengths.



Although very simple, the *nay* is extraordinarily versatile. Its poetical timbre makes it especially suitable for melancholy effects expressing both joy and yearning.

Daff Also known as the *rikk*, the *daff* is the Arabic name for the popular instrument corresponding to the English tambourine. It consists of a round frame, covered on one side with goat or fish skin. Pairs of metal discs are set into the frame to produce the jingle when struck by the hand. The sounds of this percussion instrument set the rhythm of much Arab music, particularly in the performances of classical pieces.



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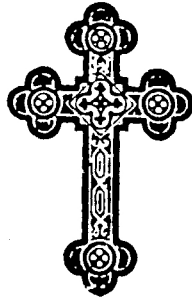
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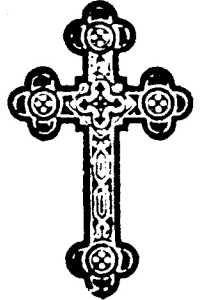
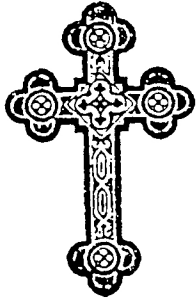
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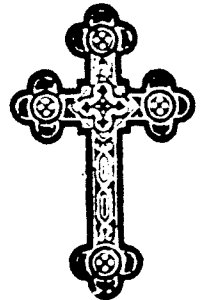
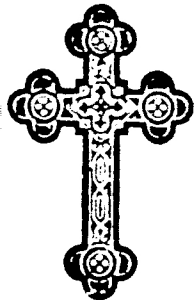
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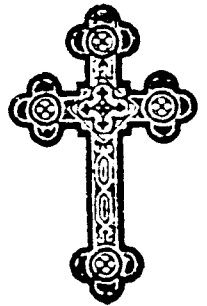
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In Memoriam Thabet

Olga Thabet, daughter of the late **Miriam Swydan Thabit**, passed away in her home in Huntington, May 5, 1992. She was born in Jdeda Marjayoun, Lebanon August 1901. She came to America as an infant with her parents and was reared in Brooklyn. A talented commercial artist by the age of eighteen, she received her initial art training in New York schools and further studies with the Art Students League in New York City. A member of the National Academy of Design. Each summer, she returned to New York to continue her studies with the League. She was affiliated with it for more than twenty years.

Married in 1922, she moved to Huntington as a result of her husband's business relocation. Active in civic affairs, she was a member of the Huntington Women's Club, American Association of University Women, Huntington Women's Club, Rose Society, Trinity Episcopal Church and, with a small group of friends, formed what is today the Tri-State Artists Association.

During the Depression, Olga was instrumental in obtaining funds from the Works Progress Administration in Washington and, at a donated warehouse site, established the artist's workshop in the Tri-State area. The workshop was disbanded during World War II. She supported the war effort by working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a draftsman.

She directed her energies toward the community for Huntington. Her work for law firms, bankers and others was rewarded with the formation of the Tri-State Artists Association to investigate the acquisition of art for the building and donations to the community. The Huntington Art Association is the result, now named the Tri-State School of Art.

Her three children left for college and her formal education. She earned degrees, in Art and Education, from Marshall University. She taught in Huntington Schools for twenty-two years until 1976.

Her death by her husband, occurred in 1966 and daughter, Miriam Thabet in 1980. Surviving children are J. Thabet, Jr. of Racho, Louisiana and Richard C. Thabet of Huntington. She has four grandchildren in addition to Thabet Sterlekar of Huntington, Thabet III of Big Bear, California, of Palm Springs, and Thabet of Dallas, Texas; two granddaughters, Ashley Sterlekar and Victoria Thabet, two grandsons, Victoria Thabet of Palm Beach, Florida and Gloria Thabet of New York; one grandnephew, Thabet of Miami Beach, Florida and nephews in New York, C. and Florida.

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She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest J. Thabet, Sr. in 1966 and daughter, Beatrice Thabet Burgetet in 1980. Surviving are two sons, Ernest J. Thabet, Jr. of Racho Mirage, California, and Richard C. Thabet of Alexandria, Virginia, four grandchildren in California, Victoria Thabet Sterlekar of Calabasas, Ernest J. Thabet III of Big Bear Lake, Nina Thabet of Palm Springs, and Michael York Burgett of Dallas, Texas; two great-grandchildren, Ashley Sterlekar and Dylan J. Thabet; two sisters, Victoria Thabit Bell of Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Gloria Swydan of Long Island, New York; one brother, Nicholas Thabit of Miami Beach, Florida; and six nieces and nephews in New York, Washington, D.C. and Florida.

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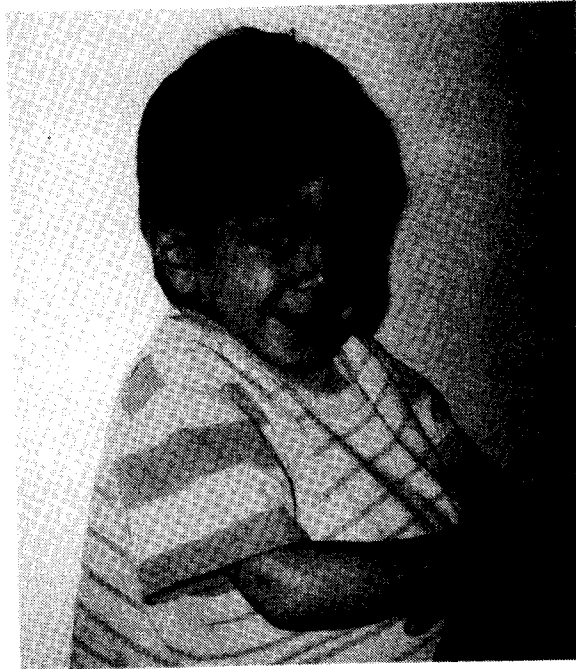
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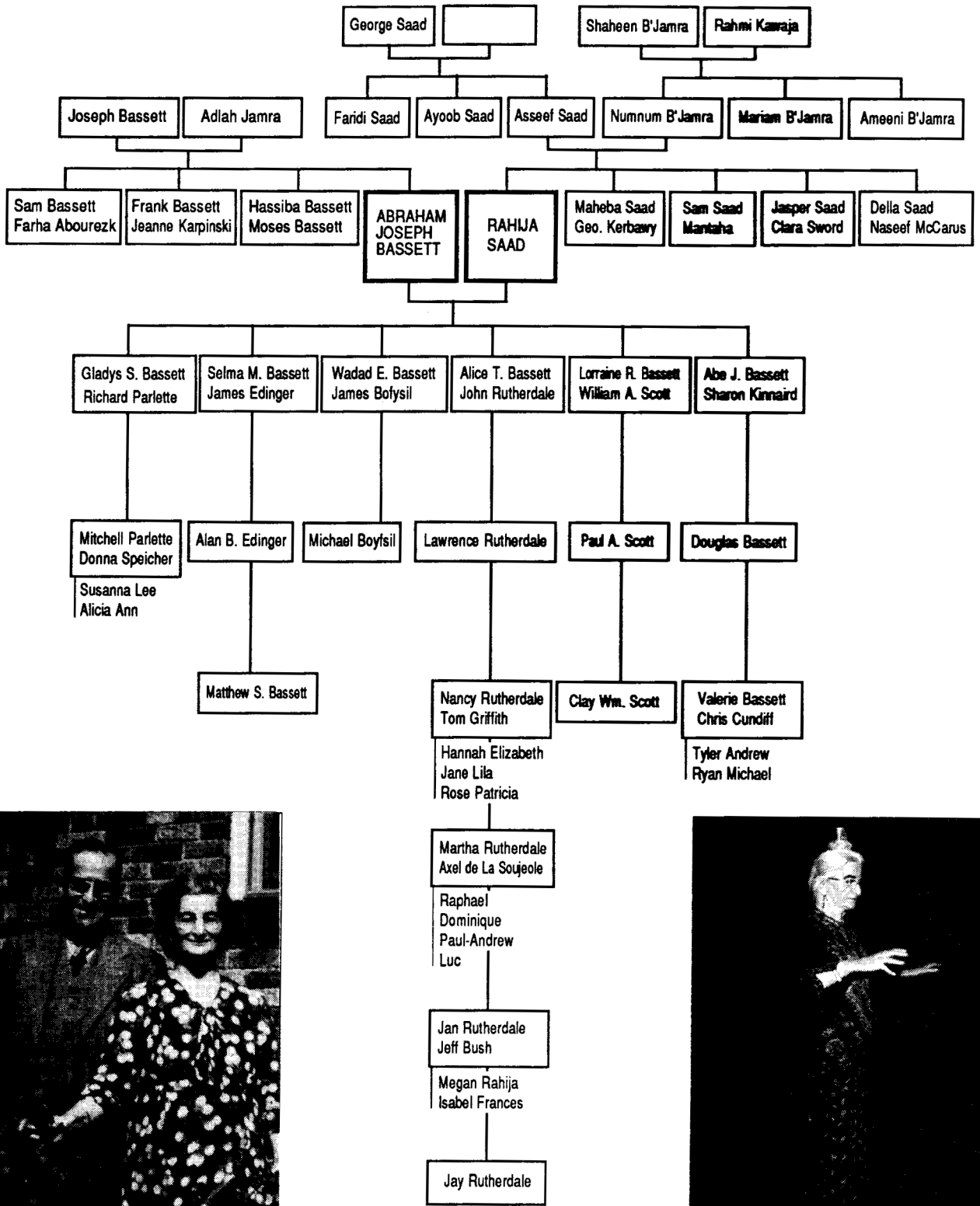
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Born: EL - Kfeir, Lebanon - 1902
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Easter Sunday 1977



*By His Wife Esma (Née Khoury)
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Abraham Bassett (1885-1949) / Rahija Saad (1891-1983)



Abraham, age 63, and Rahija, age 57, in the summer of 1948.

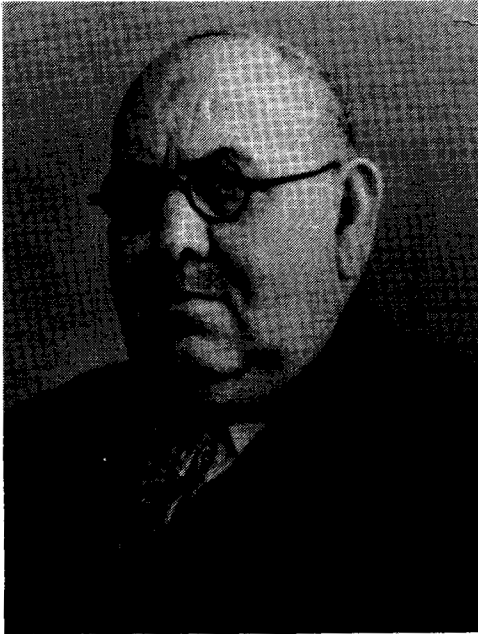


Rahija dancing in her maroon dress. A painting from a photograph taken at a Kfeirian Reunion, 1978

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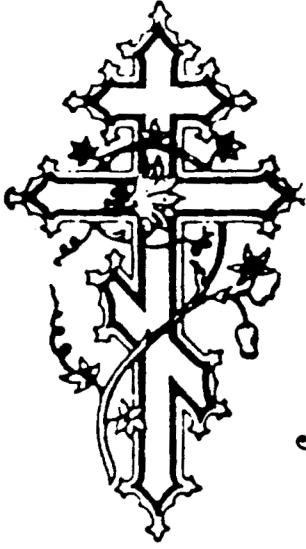
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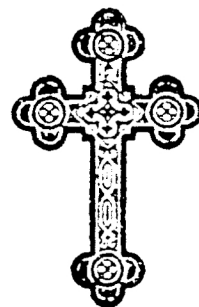
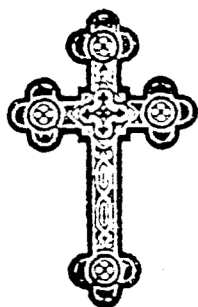


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Jim Mansour Thabet
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d. April 12, 1991

Virginia Frances Risk
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d. Dec. 29, 1918

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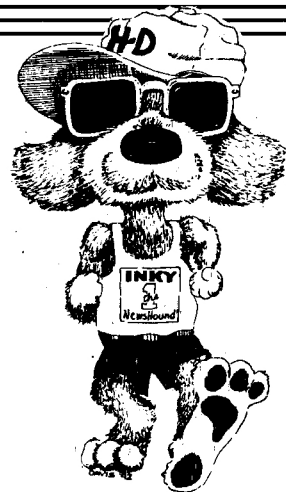
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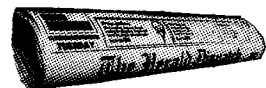
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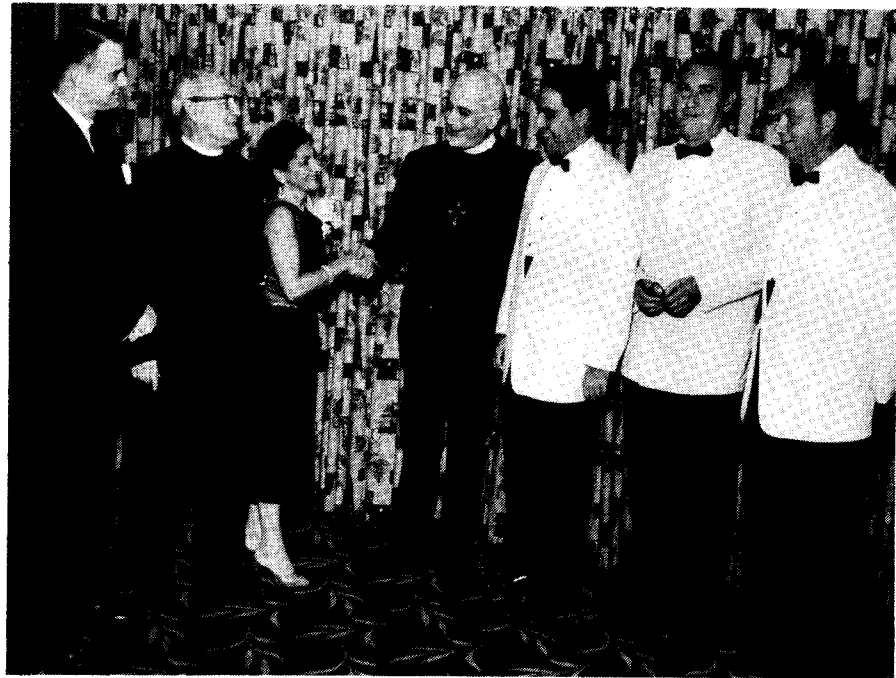
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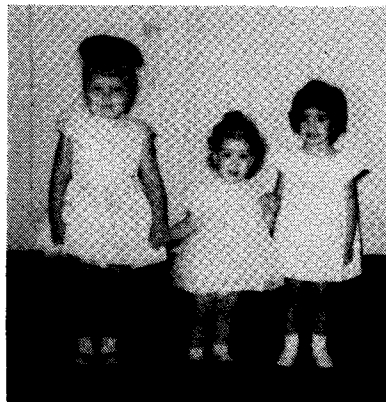
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RIGHT: Sheri Hodge, Madina Thabet, Rebecca Rahal Anderson, 1966 Reunion.



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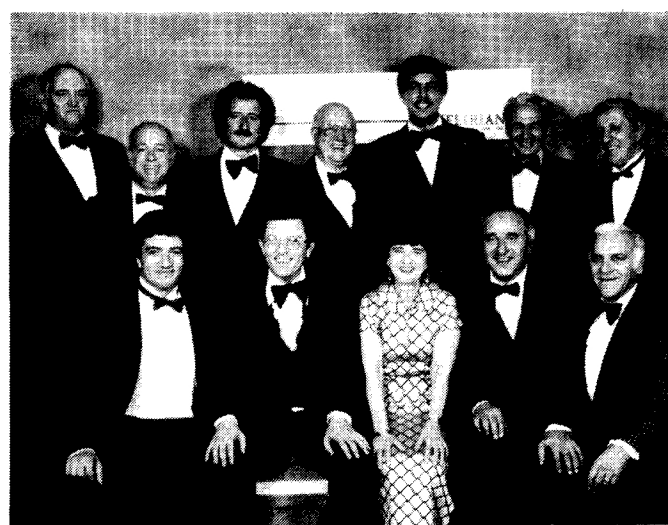
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