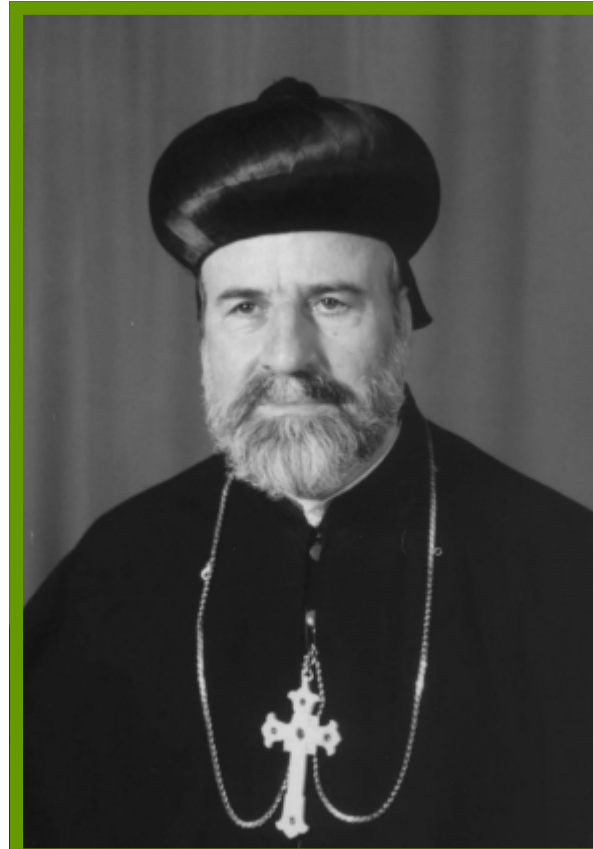


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**When the Thrice Blessed was the Principal of the
Seminary in Zahleh, Source: Patriarchal Journal
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H.E. Mor Severius Ishaq Saka
(1931-2011+)

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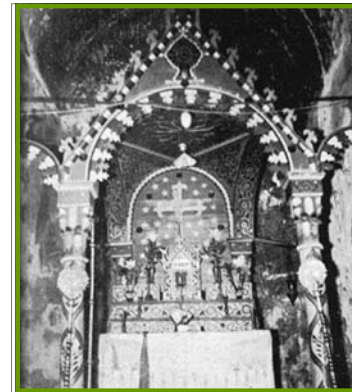
THE THRICE BLESSED H.E. MOR SEVERIUS ISHAQ SAKA 1931– 2011 +

- ✧ He is Ishaq the son of Behnam Saka;
- ✧ The Thrice blessed was born in Bartleh in 1931;
- ✧ Received his elementary studies at the school of Bartleh;
- ✧ From a young age, during the summer school, and at St. Shmouney's church in Bartleh, he was trained on the liturgy and enhanced his religious knowledge and became acquainted with the principles of Syriac/Aramaic language;
- ✧ At the hands of the Thrice Blessed Mor Ignatius Afram I, he was ordained Qoroyo in the year 1945;
- ✧ Upon completion of his studies in Bartleh, he joined the St. Ephraim Seminary in Mosul. He studied Theology, Philosophy, History, Languages mainly Syriac/Aramaic, Arabic and English. Towards the end of these studies he was awarded Diploma in Philosophy, Theology and Nomocanon.
- ✧ He was appointed a teacher at St. Ephraim Seminary;



An image taken at St. Ephraim Syrian Orthodox Church, Amman, Jordan on 10th September 1961.
From left to right V. Rev. Fr. Boutros Touma Issa (Fr. Then), V. Rev. Fr. Elias Sha'ia, and V. Rev. Raban Ishaq Saka.
(Source: V. Rev. Fr. Issa's archive).

- ✧ In the year 1953, and at the hands of the Thrice Blessed Mor Gregarious Boulos Archbishop of Mosul then, he was promoted to the rank of Afodyakno;
- ✧ He was appointed a Principal to the Syriac School in Hassakeh—Syria;
- ✧ In the year 1958 he was blessed and took the Monastic habit. He was promoted to the rank of full deacon at the hands of the Thrice Blessed Mor Ostatheos Qoryakos, Archbishop of Jazirah and Euphrates;
- ✧ In the year 1961 the thrice blessed was ordained a priest (monk) at the hands of the Thrice Blessed Mor Timothoeos Yacoub, Archbishop of St. Matthew Monastery in Nineveh;
- ✧ In the year 1962 he was appointed principal to St. Ephraim Seminary in Zahleh—Lebanon at which time the Thrice Blessed Mor Ignatius Yacoub III bestowed on him the privilege of wearing the Holy Cross;
- ✧ As an apostolic delegate he went to India, but his stay was cut short due to ill health;
- ✧ In the year 1971 he was appointed by the Thrice Blessed Mor Ignatius Yacoub III the abbot of St. Matthew Monastery in Nineveh;
- ✧ In the year 1982 he was promoted to the rank of Archbishop at the hands of H.H. Moran Mor Ignatius Zakka I Iwas Patriarch of Antioch and all the East, the Supreme Head of the Universal Syrian Orthodox Church, appointing him as an Assistant at the Patriarchal See;
- ✧ In the year 1990 he was appointed a Distinguished Academic at the seminary in Mosul;
- ✧ H.H. Moran Mor Ignatius Zakka I Iwas, bestowed on him the title 'The Patriarchal Vicar for Syriac Higher Studies';
- ✧ On Monday 19th December 2011 and in Baghdeday (Qaraqosh) he departed this earthly life;
- ✧ On Tuesday 20th December 2011 the burial service took place at St. Shmouney Church in Bartleh;



Source: Fr. Issa's archive.



Image taken by T. Issa, during the memorial service for the clergy that was held in Perth Western Australia on 26Dec2011.

✧ Following the burial service, the thrice blessed body was carried accompanied by the clergy, dignitaries and community members from different parts of the world for the burial at St. Matthew Monastery in Nineveh to join the forefathers who earlier departed this earthly life. It is worthwhile to note here that the thrice blessed had served and dearly loved this monastery;

✧ On 26th December 2011, and in Perth Western Australia, V. Rev. Fr. Issa assisted by the Rev. Deacons held the memorial service for the clergy and talked

about the Thrice Blessed Mor Severius Ishaq Saka, the Patriarchal Vicar for Syriac Higher Studies and Research. V. Rev. Fr. Issa had composed a poem in the form of a dialogue between him and the Thrice Blessed that has made its way to the web and published online (<http://soca.cjb.net>).

The Thrice Blessed H.E. Mor Ishaq Saka was known to be a distinguished academic and scholar, reputed researcher. The Thrice Blessed authored several books in theology, the Church's sacraments, history, and interpretations in both Syriac and Arabic. May God the Almighty rest your soul Your Eminence Mor Severius Ishaq Saka, and benefit us with your prayers.

*V. Rev. Fr. Boutros Touma Issa
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