

The information in this brochure has been compiled from different sources by V. Rev. Fr. Boutros Touma Issa who also composed a poem in Syriac on this occasion, and chaired the humble celebrations of the small flock here in Perth—Western Australia for the 25th Anniversary (The Patriarchal Silver Jubilee) during the months June, July, August and September 2005.

June 2005: A book authored by H.H. under the title "Appropriate testimony and confirmation of the Mysteries of Incarnation and Redemption" was translated by Miss Theodora Issa here in Perth with the co-ordination of The Issa Family headed by V. Rev. Fr. Boutros Touma Issa, and Mr. Joseph Thomas from USA to form part of the commemorative Festschrift issued on this occasion by our Syrian Orthodox Community in India.

luly 2005: A power point presentation of some 130 slides was prepared highlighting some of the major activities of H.H. This presentation was screened to some of the community members here in Perth. This same power point



V. Rev. Fr. Boutros Touma Issa presentation, and for the benefit of Our Syrian Orthodox Community H.E. Mor Meletous Malki Malki

members elsewhere was placed on our webpage http://soca.cjb.net. This was followed by the screening of an edited version of video tapes of H.H.'s visits to Perth in 1987 and 1994, accompanied by commentary done by V. Rev. Fr. Boutros Touma Issa.

August 2005: An edited version of the video tapes of H.H. visits to the Eastern States at the time of consecrating our Cathedral and other churches in NSW and Victoria was screened, with an accompanying commentary by V. Rev. Fr. Boutros Touma Issa.

September 2005: A Holy Mass celebrated by V. Rev. Fr. Boutros Touma Issa, when this brochure and some other commemorative items distributed to the community members in celebration of the Patriarchal Silver Jubilee. Further, and throughout the months of July, August, and September, the weekly bulletin of The St. Ephraim Syrian Orthodox Church in Perth, Western Australia 'The LIGHT' dedicated a place to inform the community members of the activities congratulating H.H. on this great milestone.

## May God the Almighty bestow on H.H. the best of health always.

منكا ضر وقويل أه وعطل الملحصة حدياً حقول قومها هوما (دوتا دة:ق) أحيل وهزا بوطل لمؤملا بعيقيا حصوبا كاور بعود: وصده صوبط بعلا: ولمسلم ويقد مليمهاه كاه ما يوكو.

وحمد المرا والماء مد عود ولازار ما هامدما ومرسود وزد دومت مديد المالهدو وده رص عرصل وصل حدوان فلمزيزها والهدوعا ووكذة صرسا وزيعا هوينا وحراا هوزينا الزبرا عوصا وحصرة بالحداد المنتقل حديثما حمرتمهاه صعرحت محموقهه محستما ورجقاه معتدما ماحين حه للكوا صليكله صلاحمصي در مسي:

## «حمتيا صحورا ودورا»

امه حصصكا ملا سقون ومرسماه ملحب واهزير:

حصور مرسلا ف وصدروق حمل ازكي الملح وحصوقه مرمسلا المؤود: مع حصل هدنا دوسلا وهزي اهزيم حميد ازجة رج: وحده محفقل هوقيل هوتال وحزابيا ومترومانيا وزمعه معصدا ومتوبا حدد ollocal established oaken co or co con acil Island. or Lond extricall conar has حز ومصم حفيه: ولم لهودتا هزر اهزيم مرهما (ازبررً+) وهزر حصوت الحماما (ازقب)؛

حلماؤه لما وع صبيرًا واصنعاد المحمل حده حيما وهده تما عن وعرب هدوه المحمل

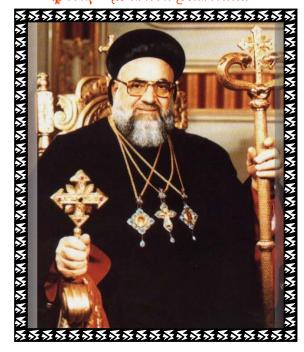
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St. Kphraim's Syrian Orthodox Church Herth-Mestern Australia



Happy Silver Jubilee Your Holiness from the small flock in Perth–Western Australia

In the Holy Church, the year of Jubilee came into existence through a divine order (Leviticus 25:10). Therefore, the celebrating jubilant would offer thanksgivings to God the Almighty, and seek strength, thus ensuring that he would be working under the divine umbrella of care.

This year, 2005, is the Patriarchal Silver Jubilee 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. Therefore, we here in Perth extend the heartiest congratulations to H.H. on this occasion, seeking H.H.'s apostolic blessings and answered prayers, simultaneously praying for and beseeching in God the Almighty to protect and save H.H. for us and the Holy Church for years to come. Amen.

## H.H. Biography



H.H. celebrates a Holy Mass at the Church in Antioch in 2000

- H.H. was born in Mosul Iraq on 21<sup>st</sup> April
  1933 in the faithful family of Iwas. His parents at the time named him 'Sennacherib':
- H.H. received his education at the well-comportment school at the Al-Tahra Al-Dakhilyah's Church (Our Lady's Church) Then moved to Mor Touma's School (St. Thomas School) that is located at St. Thomas Church;
- □ In the year 1946/1947 joined the St. Ephraim Theological Seminary in Mosul. In the year 1954 graduated with a Diploma;
- On 28th November 1948 he was ordained a Qoroyo (Reader) by H.E. Mor Athanasius Touma Kasseer;
- On 8th February 1953 was promoted to the rank of Afodyakno (Half-Deacon) by H.E. Mor Gregorius Boulos Behnam;
- On 6th June 1954 he was awarded the monastic habit by H.E. Mor Gregorius Boulos Behnam:
- On 18<sup>th</sup> December 1955 he was promoted to the rank of full deacon by H.E. Mor Deeyonnosius Jirjes Behnam;
- In the year 1955 he joined the Patriarchal staff in Homs as an assistant to the Patriarchal Secretary;
- Then became the Private Secretary of H.H. Moran Mor Ignatius Afram I (1957+);
- ⇒ He continued to hold the same position (i.e. the Private Secretary) when H.H. Moran Mor Ignatius Yacoub III (1980+) succeeded H.H. Afram I following the latter's departure from this earthly life in 1957;

- On 17th November 1957 was promoted to the rank of Priest by H. H. Moran Mor Ignatius Yacoub III (1980+);
- On 15th April 1959 H.H. Yacoub III bestowed on him the honour of wearing the Holy Cross;
- In the 60s he obtained a Diploma in Media studies from Egypt;
- He spent the years 1960-1962 at the General Theological College in New York, USA. This same college, and in 1983 presented H.H. with an Honorary Doctorate in Theology;
- On 17th November 1963 H.H. Yacoub III (1980+) promoted him to the rank of Archbishop, gave him the name of Severius, and appointed him to run the affairs of the parish in Mosul, Iraq;
- In the year 1964, and at the time when he was still an Archbishop, he supervised the discovery of the relics of St. Thomas in Iraq;
- In the year 1969 he was transferred to Baghdad and Basra Parish, where he continued to be the Archbishop until the time of his election as the Patriarch of Antioch in the year 1980;
- In 1976 the responsibilities of running the affairs of the community in some of the European and Scandanvian Countries was added to his portfolio;
- In 1978 the responsibility of the affairs of the community in Australia was also added to his portfolio;
- On 14th September 1980 he was installed on the Holy See of Antioch during a lavish celebration that was held at St. Georges Cathedral in Damascus – Syria;
- H.H. conducted several apostolic visits to several of our Syrian Orthodox Churches in different parts of the world;
- H.H. is very well known of his activities in the Ecumenical work;
- H.H. is the author of several books in dogma, interpretations of the Holy Bible, liturgy and the history of Our Syrian Orthodox Church;
- H.H. supervises the publication of the Patriarchal Journal;
- H.H. encourages clergy to always establish and construct monasteries and churches for our Syrian Orthodox Community. H.H. leads by example; therefore, H.H. undertook the establishment of the great project of a Syrian Orthodox Compound in Sednaya, which he commenced with the construction of St. Ephraim Monastery. Further, several other buildings were added; St.

Peter and Paul Cathedral, Youth and Convention Centre, amongst other projects;



St. Ephraim Monastery—Sednaya

- ⇒ H.H. established the order of Mor Yacoub Burd'ono for Nuns;
- H.H. is a member in different prestigious educational councils;
- **᠑** H.H. is known of his altruistic approach to life;
- H.H. visited Australia on several occasions, but visited Perth twice; first in 1987, and second in 1994;



H.H. Moran Mor Ignatius Zakka I Iwas, accompanied by H.E. Afrem Abboudi (Patriarchal Vicar in Australia then, and V. Rev. Fr. Boutros Touma Issa at Perth International Airport at the commencement of the Apostolic visit to Western Australia in 1994

The Universal Syrian Orthodox Church this year (2005) celebrates the 25th Anniversary "The Patriarchal Silver Jubilee" of H.H. Moran Mor Ignatius Zakka I Iwas;

May God the Almighty benefit us with H.H. answered prayers, and we ask God the Almighty to keep H.H. as the wise, righteous and virtuous leader of our Universal Holy Syrian Orthodox Church. May God the Almighty listen to and answer our prayers. Amen.