

**THE THRICE BLESSED SAINT H.H.
MORAN MOR IGNATIUS ELIAS III
PATRIARCH OF ANITCOH AND ALL
THE EAST (1867–1932+ - 2012)
2012 MARKS THE 80TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE THRICE
BLESSED DEPARTURE FROM THIS
EARTHLY LIFE**

- ✚ He is Nasri, the son of Archpriest Ibrahim Shaker;
- ✚ He was born in Mardin – Turkey on 30th October 1867;
- ✚ He received his spiritual and ingenuous Christian faith and values at the hands of his righteous and virtuous parents;
- ✚ He received his elementary studies at the Forty Martyrs school in Mardin – Turkey;
- ✚ He was known of being smart, and obedient student. He was known of his love of TRUTH. He became an exemplar for others to follow.
- ✚ In the year, 1887 joined Za'faran Monastery (*Dayro DKorkmo or Dayro Dmor Hananio*) where he was ordained a deacon, and that was the time when he took the name **ELIAS**. At Za'faran Monastery, he exerted many efforts in study, thus he mastered theology and literature;
- ✚ In the year 1889 was awarded the monk habit;
- ✚ In the year 1892, and at the hands of H.H. Mor Ignatius Boutros the Fourth he was ordained priest, and immediately appointed H.H. Secretary;

- ✚ In the year 1895 he was transferred to Mor Ker-yakous Monastery in Bsheriya in the rank of Abbot. The following year, he was transferred to head the Za'faran Monastery in Turkey;



- ✚ In the year 1899 he headed a delegation to Medyat to work on calming the situation there. Through his knowledge and renowned wisdom he was able to reach agreement between the different camps at that parish.
- ✚ In the year 1902 he was appointed Patriarchal Vicar for the city of Amid (Dyar Baker), Turkey;
- ✚ In the year 1908 he was promoted to Archbishop under the name of Ivanius Elias. This was immediately followed by visits to inspect several of our parishes (e.g. Mor Ker-yakous, Nisbis, Al-Jazeerah, and Turabdin);
- ✚ In the year 1912 was appointed Archbishop for the diocese of Mosul—Iraq. During the World War I, he took care of our parishioners who escaped the massacre (Sayfo) and arrived in Mosul;
- ✚ On 12th February 1917 he was enthroned on the Holy See of Antioch and served the Holy Church with great care and love;
- ✚ In the year 1931 he travelled to the sub-continent 'India' to bring peace amongst the

church members there;

- ✚ On 13th February 1932 he departed this earthly life, and his sacred remains were placed in a tomb in Ummallur— India. His tomb is the scene of several miracles to this day.

May God the Almighty bless us with your prayers and supplications and benefit us with your prayers.

Briefly from the book 'A Bright Light from the Life of the Very Glorious Patriarch 2007'

V. Rev. Fr. Boutros Touma Issa
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These images represent the writing on the tomb and the tomb façade in India. Also a photo taken for H.H., the accompanying delegation, the clergy and community members in India. Those were published by the Issa family in the booklet published in 2007.

Always seeking your supplications ...

