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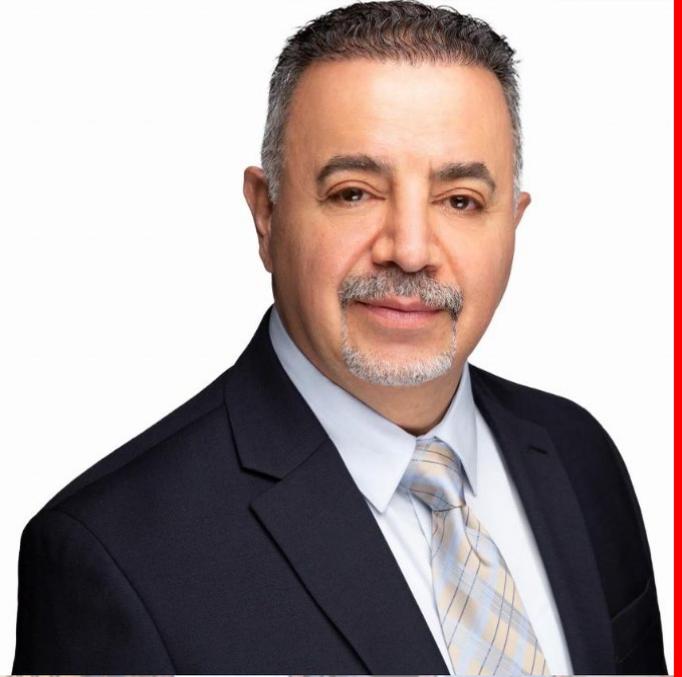
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August 5, 2022

My Beloved faithful of Mar Yosip Parish,  
Our fellow Assyrians and festival guests,  
Greetings in the name of Christ our Lord and God,



It is with great pleasure, as the parish priest of Mar Yosip Parish of the Assyrian Church of the East, to welcome you back to the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Assyrian Food Festival after two years of cancellations because of the pandemic. Our festival began many years ago to share among ourselves and with our San Jose community the truest of Assyrian culture, food, music, and dancing, and has become one of the premier Food Festivals in the Bay Area.

Today, this event is a thriving demonstration of our Assyrian pride stemming from the hard work of the faithful members of Mar Yosip Parish. Many members begin making preparations for our Festival each year in February. These preparations include many days and countless hours of meetings, food preparation and setting up to ensure that this year's festival is a success. Our wish is for you to enjoy the real Assyrian experience.

Very warm congratulations to the Festival Organizing Committee under Mr. Edick Lazari and the Parish Motwa. In particular, I thank the Daughters of the Church, our Youth Association, and all the volunteers. May the Lord richly bless you and abundantly reward you. Amen.

Blessings,

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Fr. Lawrance Namato

*Parish Priest*

# Festival Chairman



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MAR YOSIP PARISH

**“The Annual Assyrian Festival is an opportune and festive celebration of our ancient Assyrian identity.”**

**H.H Mar Awa Royel III**

Dear respected guests, On behalf of the festival organizing committee of the Assyrian Church of the East, Mar Yosip Parish, it is my privilege to welcome you to the 28th Annual Assyrian Food Festival!

The Assyrian community in San Jose is a relatively young community. It was built over the past 6 decades by Assyrian immigrants who are now proud to call this city their home.

Assyrians have an ancient culture that made a vast contribution to civilization. Our community is full of honest, hardworking, and talented individuals that have had a positive impact on the development of the diverse culture found in Silicon Valley. Not to mention, we are excited to share our longstanding culture with the community by putting forth vibrant events such as this annual Assyrian Food Festival.



After taking a 2-year break due to the Santa Clara County restrictions during the pandemic, we are delighted that this year, we can continue with our annual tradition once again. The Assyrian Annual Festival is one of the greatest food festivals in the Bay area. Traditional Assyrian cuisine, language, music, dance, historical parade, and art give attendees a chance to experience our unique culture.

Every festival, volunteers and church officials, come together and dedicate their time and hard work to ensure the Assyrian food festival has a vast variety of well-organized festivities for the visitors to enjoy. I would like to thank each and every one of them for their outstanding contributions. Also, I appreciate our sponsors and supporting businesses for devoting their financial support and resources to the festival.

The festival, serving thousands of visitors, will transform the neighborhood into a family fun, learning and friendship zone for two days. I would like to thank our Willow Glen neighbors and all our guests for their presence. Your attendance is what makes the festival a success. Try out our Kabobs, Dolma, and any other delicious traditional foods your heart desires. Enjoy the Assyrian music, learn about “the cradle of civilization”, and join our Assyrian dance lines. We want you to experience as much of our food and culture as we can offer.

I hope the 28th Assyrian festival will be a memorable event for all of us.

**God bless,  
Edick Lazari,  
Chair – 28th Annual Assyrian Food Festival  
August 2022**

# The Patriarchal Insignia

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The Catholicos-Patriarch of Seleucia-Ctesiphon is the supreme and universal head of the Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East, also known down thru history as the 'Church of the East', the 'Nestorian Church' and the 'Church of Persia'. The primatial see of this most ancient Church is the twin-city Persian royal capital Seleucia-Ctesiphon, modern-day Salman Pak near Baghdad.

The Patriarch of the Assyrian Church is the successor of the blessed apostles St. Peter, who wrote his epistle from Babylon (cf. I Peter 5:13). St. Thomas, who traveled as far as India through Persia, and Ss. Addai and Mari who discipled the ancient Assyrian vassal kingdom of Edessa. It was St. Mari who arrived at Seleucia-Ctesiphon around the year 80 A.D. and founded some 300 convents and churches, and who was later laid to rest at the church he founded in Deir Qoni.

The patriarchal insignia is laid against the background of the rising sun, which denotes the East – the birthplace of Christianity. The mountains and two rivers indicate the remains of the ancient Assyria and the rivers, Tigris and Euphrates, which watered the Garden of Eden. The open book is the Gospel which the missionaries of this most ancient Church preached as far as China in 635 A.D.

The ancient Aramaic inscription translates 'Our Lord is Risen', which embodies the summary of the whole of the Gospel message. The pastoral staff symbolizes the fact that the Catholics-Patriarch is the supreme pastor of the Church of the East, and the two keys surmounting the Cross recall the spiritual authority of binding and loosing given by Our Lord to St. Peter (cf. Matthew 16:19).

The distinctive Cross on the patriarchal insignia is a replica of the Cross incised on the 'Nestorian Monument of China', fashioned in the year 781 A.D., which commemorated the centenary of the mission of the Church of the East to that country. The triple-pointed crown at the very top of the Cross denotes the three *Qnome* of the Blessed Trinity. The nine circles represent the nine orders of the priesthood: reader, sub-deacon, deacon, priest, cor-bishop, archdeacon, bishop, metropolitan and patriarch. The Aramaic inscription in the middle of the Cross is the 'Yod-Heh', which is the biblical representation of the unpronounceable name of God.

# Assyrian Church of the east Relief Organization “ACERO”

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## About

The Assyrian Church of the East (ACERO) is a non-profit organization that donates 100% of all funds raised directly towards helping needy Assyrian brothers and sisters in their desperate time of need. Their adopted countries have turned their backs because they are illegal refugees. But it is our duty to bring this tragedy into the light, and let the world know of their suffering. We must support these brothers and sisters in Christ, and assist them as much as possible. We must not let their sacrifices and suffering be in vain.

Every day, thousands of Assyrians struggle to survive. The world's first Christian nation faces yet another silent genocide. They have been forced to flee from their homes for fear of being tortured, raped, or killed. They have no "safe haven" to turn to and are forced to live as illegal immigrants throughout the Middle East. They are not allowed any basic civil or human rights, and they live in severe poverty.

## Donation

Your generous support will help the people of the world's first Christian nation maintain their presence in their ancestral homelands throughout the Middle East.

100% of donations are used to provide direct aid and relief to refugees and internally and externally displaced persons suffering from persecution, civil war and security instability throughout the Middle East and around the world.

We thank you for your support in this time of immense crisis for Assyrians and other Christians.



[www.theACERO.org](http://www.theACERO.org)

**“Blessed be Assyria – the Work of My Hands”  
Isaiah 19:25**



# The Lord's Prayer

In Aramaic – The Language of Jesus Christ



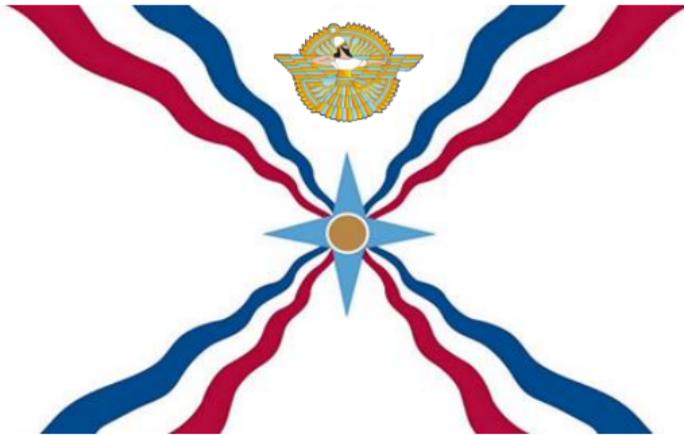
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min beesa: mil'tol d'di'lakh- he mal'kootha okhai'la o'tish'bukhta:  
l'alam a'almen: Amen.

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, as in Heaven, so on earth. Give us the bread of our  
need this day, and forgive us our offences, as we have also forgiven  
those who have offended us. And bring us not to trial, but deliver us  
from the Evil One. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the  
glory for ever: Amen.

# The Assyrian Flag

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The Assyrian flag is designed with a white background on which three waving stripes emerge from each corner of a center design, in the shape of a four headed star. At its center, the star encompasses a golden circle representing Shamash the Assyrian sun-god who was believed to give life to all things on earth. The four wedges of the star are a bright blue color and represent happiness and tranquility.

The waving stripes emerge from the four joints of the star and stretch to the four corners of the flag. The Stripes symbolize the three major rivers flowing through the land of Assyria. The mighty Euphrates, represented in blue, denotes abundance. The great Zab, in white, portrays peace, and in red, the mighty Tigris represents the Assyrian national pride. Symbolizing the dispersion of the Assyrian people to the four corners of the world, the manner in which these stripes emerge from the star also symbolically portrays the eventual return of the Assyrians to their ancestral homeland which is represented by the center of the star.

Hovering over the star and the emblem of Shamash, there is a representation of the image of God Ashur, the ancient Assyrian supreme deity. The emblem of Ashur features the deity standing in a circle with two eagle wings spanning and over stretching its length on two sides. Ashur has drawn a bow and his arrow is ready to fly. This emblem is in the same shape and color scheme of the original ceramic work preserved in the British Museum in London.

In 1968, a serious effort was undertaken to address the need for the Assyrian nation to have its own official national flag. To realize this dream, it was decided to appeal to various Assyrian artists and knowledgeable people, for the purpose of soliciting ideas and layouts on this important national task. Layouts and suggestions were collected from across the world in order to be presented for approval.

This worldwide effort netted a large number of designs which were duly received and noted. Following meticulous consideration, a decision was reached in favor of one particular design which best captured the Assyrian essence from the past and the present. The design was created by a well-known Assyrian artist, Mr. George Bit Atanus of Tehran, Iran and was approved in the year 1974.

The main reason for the approval of this flag was that the artist had not merely presented his own views. Rather, he had brilliantly blended ancient Assyrian designs representing the former glory of the Assyrian empire, to create an attractive fusion between the past and the present. In this way, the artist had succeeded to bridge the gap between a glorious Assyrian past and the present day struggles and ambitions of the Assyrian nation.

# The Assyrian Alphabet

			
DALLAT	GAMMAL	BEET	ALLAP
			
KHEIT	ZEIN	WAW	HEE
			
LAMMAD	CAP	YOOD	TEIT
			
EI	SIMKAT	NOON	MEEM
			
REISH	QOPE	SADI	PEH
<p>Assyrian is written from right to left. It is a cursive script where some, but not all, letters connect within a word. The alphabet consists of 22 letters, all of which are consonants. The vowel sounds are supplied either by the reader's memory or by optional diacritic marks.</p>			
		TAV	SHEEN

## Church Motwa



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## Church Youth Committee



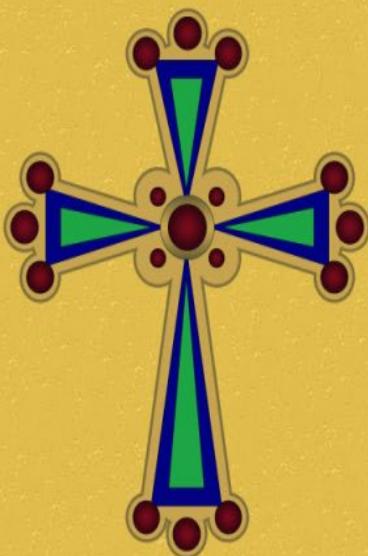
## Church Ushers Committee



# Church Choir



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## Church Priest & Deacons



Center:

**Fr. Lawrance Namato**

From Left to Right:

**Deacon Ashur Kanoon**

**Deacon Obalit Toomeh**

**Deacon Joseph Yosip**

**Deacon Athnaiel Albazi**

**Deacon Allen Youssefi**

**Deacon Lawrence Younan**

## Festival Committee



## Bring the whole family and join us in celebrating the 28th Assyrian Food Festival!

This two-day event will feature traditional Assyrian food, live music, dancing, and entertainment; a wine bar; the original Samovar Alley, featuring exotic teas, coffee, and pastries; arts, crafts, and exhibits; various vendors; and a Kidzone. We also have a \$10 Raffle for a chance to win the grand prize of **\$10,000** and more prizes!

The Annual Assyrian Food Festival is an opportunity to showcase Assyrian food, traditions and educate the community about the Assyrian heritage as well as to preserve and to continue passing on Assyrian cultural traditions to the next generation. If you enjoy trying authentic food, music, and dance, make plans to attend the festival! You can mingle and learn about the people whose ancestral homeland is known in history as the "cradle of civilization."

# Church Gift Shop



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# Church Annual Events



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**Easter Bazar and Celebration**



**Kaloo Solaga**



**Graduation Ceremony**



**Youth Conference**



**Assyrian Church of the East - Mar Yosip Parish**

# Domarina Beitpoullice

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Domarina Beitpoullice was born on July 13, 1957 to General Phillip and Tamara Betoushana in Tehran, Iran. Domarina began Assyrian folk dancing at the age of four. At the age of 13, Domarina taught a group of fellow Girl Scouts several Assyrian dances. They performed under the guidance of instructor Madame Lily Tamraz. Domarina performed Assyrian Dance in Shiraz, Iran at the celebration of 2500 years of Iranian history, with the late Shah of Iran in attendance. She was also part of the Nineveh Choir, under the instruction of Maestro Nebu Issabey, performing for the late Shah of Iran several times throughout the 1970s.

Domarina and her family moved to San Jose, California in 1981. In 1983 and 1984, her dance group performed at the International Fair Dance competition in San Jose, winning 1<sup>st</sup>

place both years. Since then she has taught Assyrian folk dances to hundreds of youth in the Assyrian community in San Jose and has spent countless hours designing Assyrian folklore costumes.

In addition to her passion for dance, Domarina is also an accomplished painter and a Real Estate Agent by trade. She currently serves as the President of the Ladies Axillary of the Assyrian Church of the East Mar Yosip Parish in San Jose. Domarina's next big project is a documentary on Assyrian Folklore Dances.

## Domara Dance Group

Domara Dance Group was founded by Domarina Beitpoullice in 1994 in San Jose, California. Since its establishment, the group has performed at Assyrian American National Federation's Conventions, Assyrian Food Festival's in San Jose and Los Angeles, flag raising events at City Halls, and Assyrian New Year celebrations among other locations and events.



Some other highlights of Domara Dance Group performances are:

1998: Performance at the Palestinian Orthodox Church Festival in Los Altos

2005: Performance at Narsai's Taste of a Mediterranean at the Ritz Carlton in San Francisco

2017: Performance at the Assyrian National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona

2018: Performance at UNESCO's opening ceremony in Athens, Greece

2019: Performance at Assyrian Association of Southern California's Kha B'Nissan celebration

2019: Performance at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Mesopotamian Night at the California Theater in San Jose

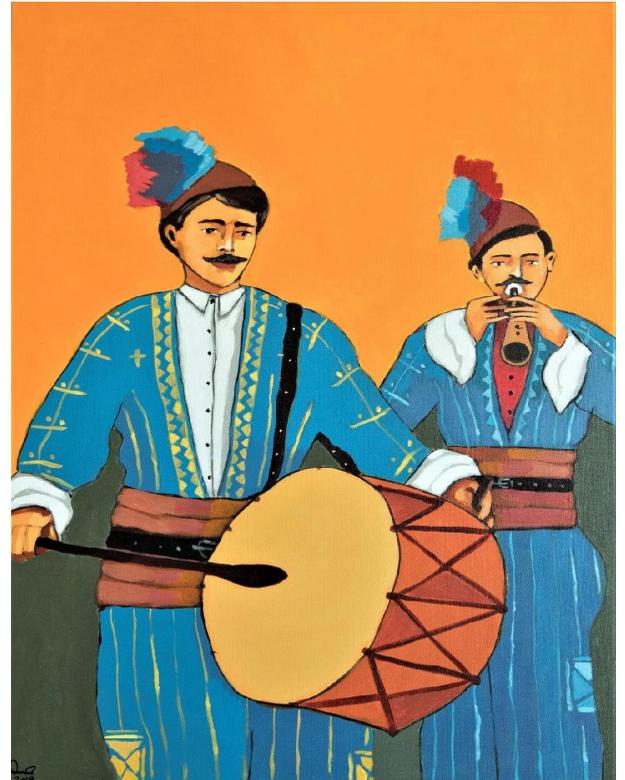
# Domara Dance Group - Over the Years



# Assyrian Folk/Pop Music

By Paul Batou

Assyrian folk/pop music, also known as Assyrian folk-pop or modern Syriac music (Syriac: ܐܫܘܪܝܐܢܐ ܡܘܨܝܩܐ ܦܘܦܐ, ܐܫܘܪܝܐܢܐ/ܐܫܘܪܝܐܢܐ is the musical style of the Assyrian people derived from traditional music that includes a broad range of stylistic varieties, which would also encompass fusions of Western genres such as pop, electronic, Latin, jazz and/or classical music, with a melodic basis of Assyrian folk.



## Background

Assyrian folk music claims to be the descendant of the music of their ancient Upper Mesopotamian ancestors that has survived in the liturgical music of the Syriac Churches. Assyrian songs are generally sung in Iraqi Koine, a standard variety of Assyrian Neo-Aramaic. However, older songs mostly had an Urmian dialect and tribal-folk music tend to contain Tyari dialects. Themes tend to focus on longing, melancholy, strife and love issues. Assyrian songs are usually lengthy, tending to be around 5 minutes long on average.

## Composition

Assyrian folk can also be found in traditional Middle Eastern makams, and it has similarities to other folk music in Western Asia, such as Kurdish, Turkish, Persian, and Armenian music. Unlike most Western music, Assyrian music includes quarter tones halfway between notes, often through the use of instruments or the human voice. Modern Assyrian pop music is mostly written in the minor key, and would typically use the Phrygian scale, as well as the harmonic minor scale. The Aeolian mode (i.e. the natural minor scale) is somewhat rare, although it has been used more in the past.

## Rhythm

Assyrian dance music (particularly khigga) has a rhythm or beat that is similar to a swing/shuffle, a galloping jazz and blues rhythm. Whereas, the faster-paced gubareh beat can be compared to the Irish jig. The sheikhani beat uses a rhythm that is analogous to dembow, a dance rhythm in reggaeton music. Solos are common in Assyrian music and they are usually protracted. Instrumentation is mostly arranged with a keyboard and electronic drums, namely in weddings or parties. Although many forms of Assyrian records do use acoustic and orchestral instruments such as strings, pianos, saxophones and violins.

# Who Are the Assyrians?

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The Assyrians are a people who have lived in the Middle East since ancient times and today can be found all over the world.

In ancient times their civilization was centered at the city of Assur (also called Ashur), the ruins of which are located in what is now northern Iraq. The city had a god that was also called Assur or Ashur. The territory that the Assyrians controlled could be vast, stretching at times from southern Iraq to the Mediterranean Coast. The city of Assur first gained its independence about 4,000 years ago. Before independence the city was controlled by a people known as the Sumerians and only gained its independence after the Sumerian civilization declined.

Modern-day scholars often divide Assyrian history into three periods:

## **The Old Assyrian Period**

## **Middle Assyrian Period**

## **Neo-Assyrian Period**

### **Old Assyrian Period**

The "Old Assyrian" period generally refers to the time after Assyria first gained independence around 4,000 years ago.

Ancient texts indicate that Assyria's size and power were limited in the period after it gained independence. Its early rulers didn't refer to themselves as a "king" in their inscriptions. Instead they called themselves a "vicegerent" (a word that can mean "governor") of the god Ashur.

### **Middle Assyrian Period**

During the 14<sup>th</sup> century B.C., the Kingdom of Mitanni began to fade and those in charge of Assur began to assert the city's independence. Modern-day scholars often call this period of newfound Assyrian independence the "Middle Assyrian" period. At the start of this period Assur-Uballit I (reign ca. 1363-1328 B.C.) conquered territory near Assur and sought diplomatic recognition of his status from the kings of Egypt and Babylonia.

### **Neo-Assyrian Period**

The time period from the 9<sup>th</sup> century B.C. (when the Assyrians started expanding again) to the destruction of the Assyrian Empire (before 600 B.C.) is often called the "Neo-Assyrian" period by modern-day scholars.

During this time the territory that Assyria controlled reached its greatest geographic size.

Under Ashurnasirpal II (reign 883–859 B.C.) the Assyrians reconquered much of the territory that they had once controlled, again reaching the Mediterranean coast. In recognition of his achievements, Ashurnasirpal II constructed a new palace at the city of Nimrud and used this city, rather than Assur, to control Assyria. This policy of the king keeping himself some distance from Assur would be continued by future Assyrian kings.

Sargon II (reign ca. 721-705 B.C.) founded a new city called Khorsabad, making it his capital, while Sennacherib (reign 704–681 B.C.) constructed a new palace at Nineveh, moving the Assyrian capital there



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Originally from San Diego, Ellie worked in real estate for 10 years before moving to San Jose, where she now lives with her husband. She enjoys volunteering for her church and spending time with the friends she has made.



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Mark relocated to Bay Area in 2016 following his marriage to his wife who was born and raised in San Jose, a place that now he calls home.

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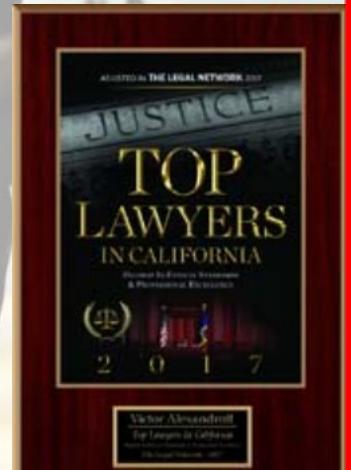
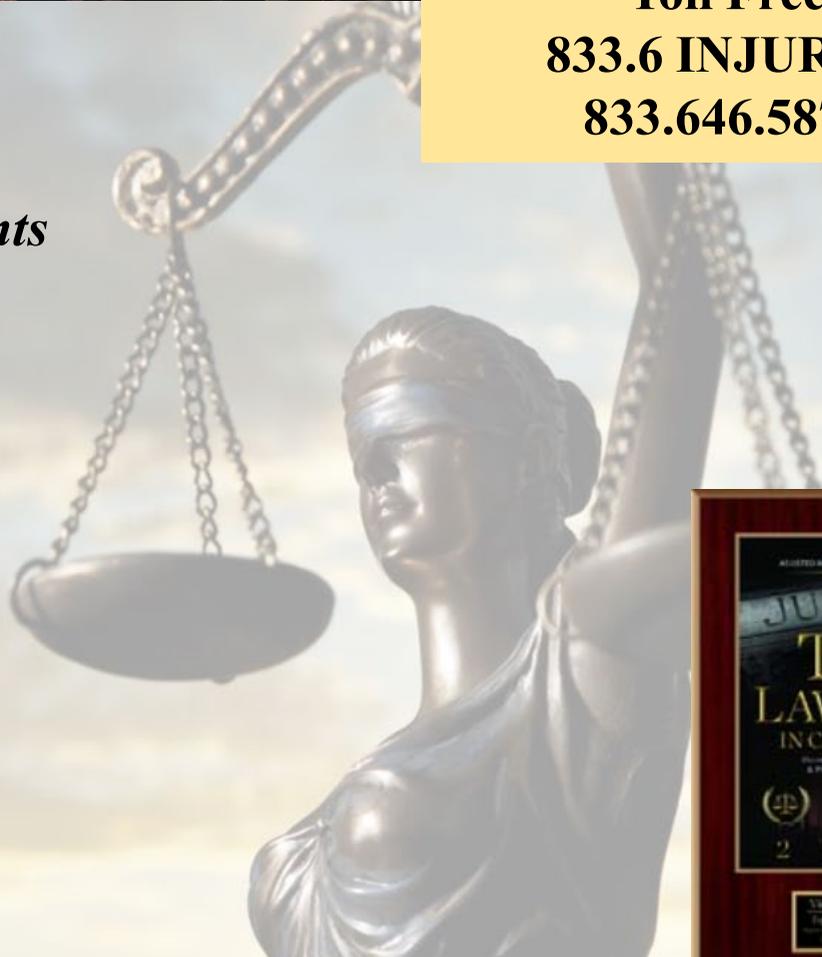
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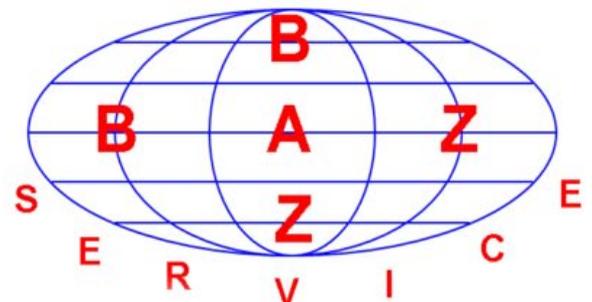
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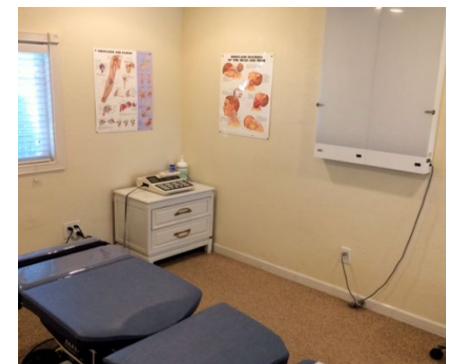
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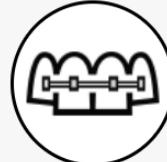
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Dr. Nazari is currently a faculty member at UCSF School of Dentistry, where he loves to pass down his knowledge to current students. In order to gain more experience and broaden his knowledge, Dr. Nazari is committed to taking continuing education and staying up to date with the latest techniques and technologies in order to provide the best patient care possible. He is also an active member of the American Dental Association, California Dental Association, Santa Clara County Dental Society, and the American Academy of General Dentistry.

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In his free time, he enjoys traveling with his wife and trying new restaurants. As a Bay Area native, Dr. Nazari is an avid sports fan attending San Jose Earthquakes, Golden State Warriors and San Francisco 49ers games. He also referees soccer matches ranging from local youth leagues to collegiate level.

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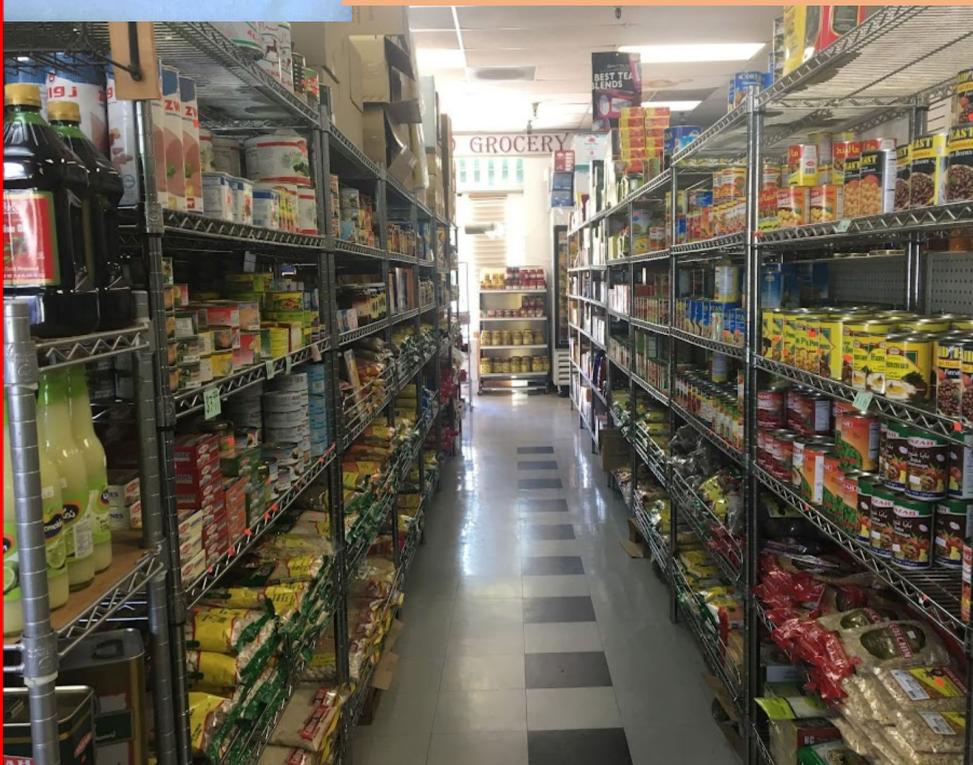
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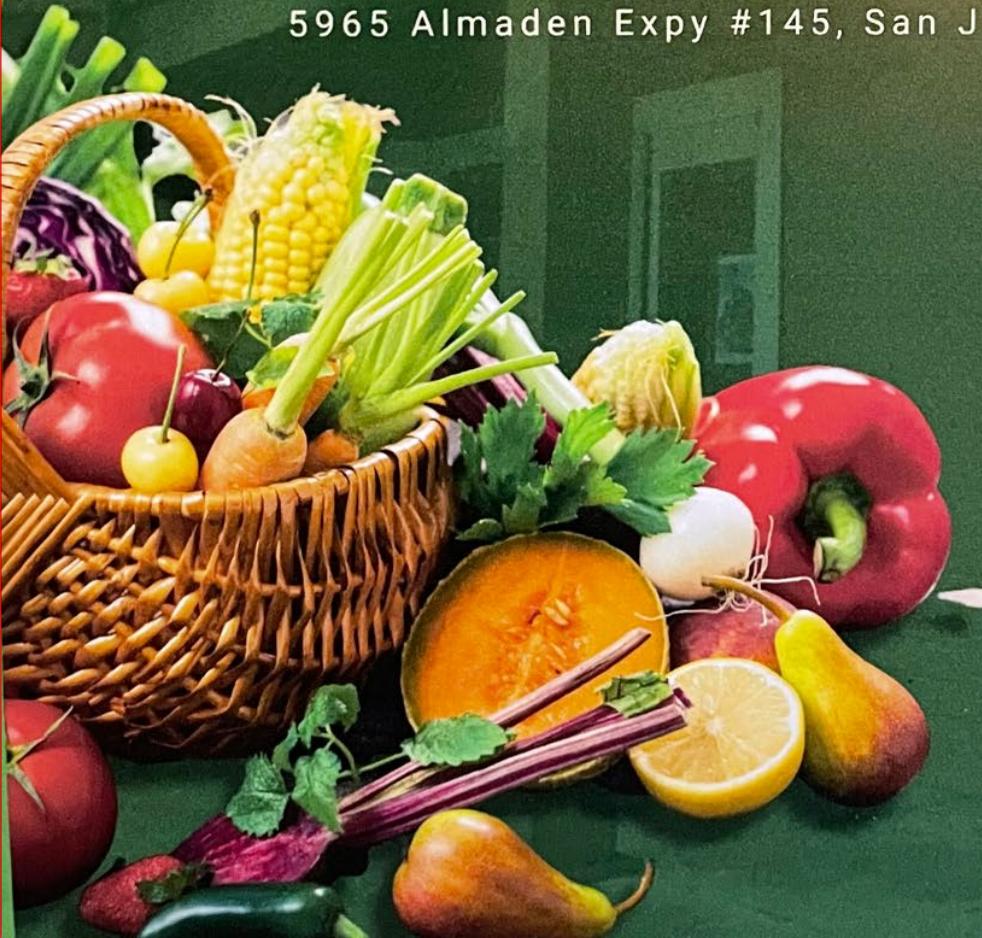
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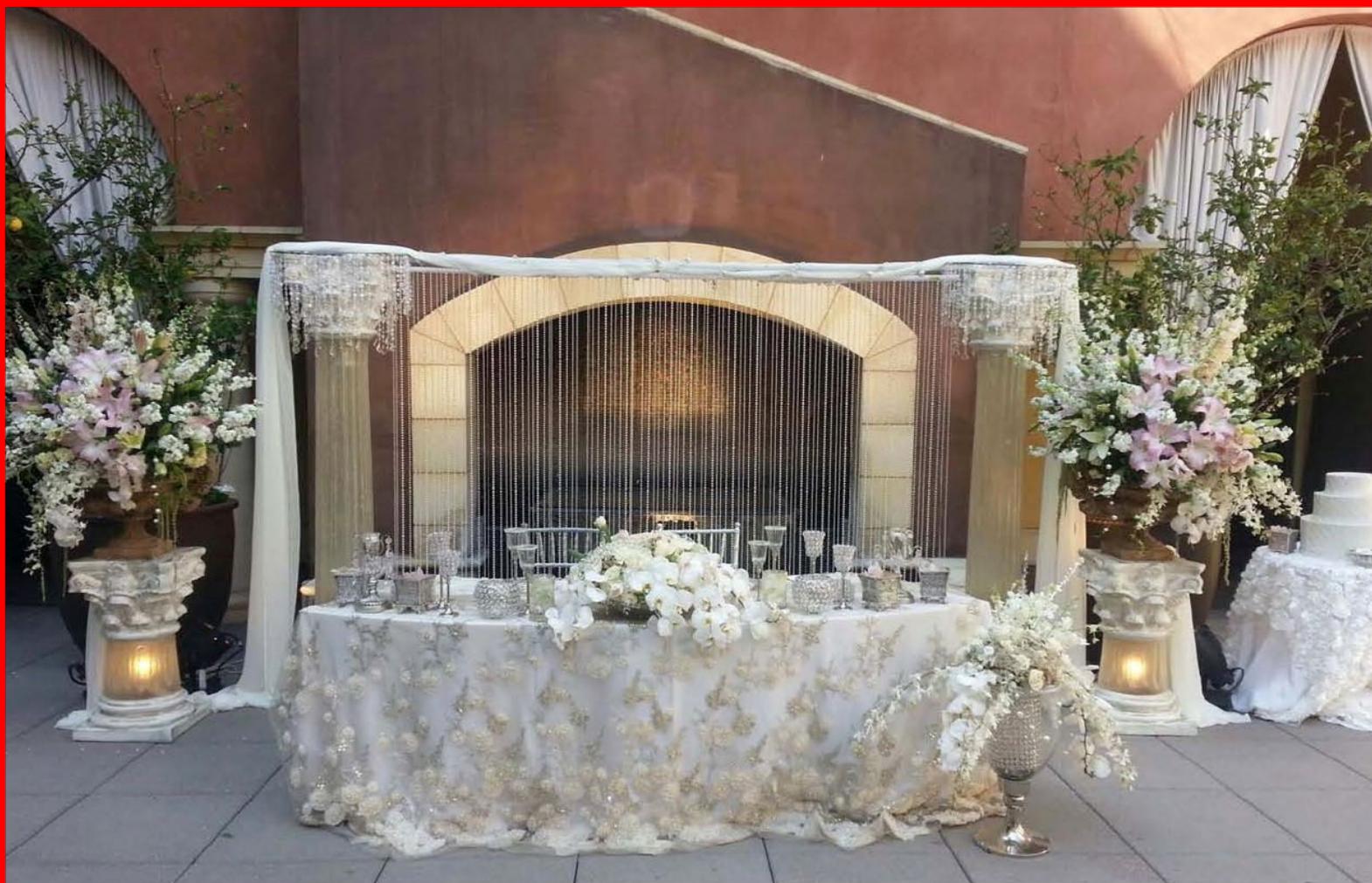


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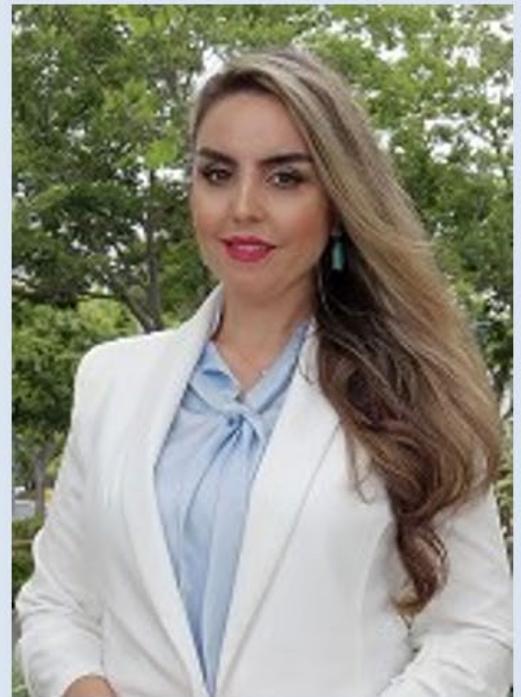
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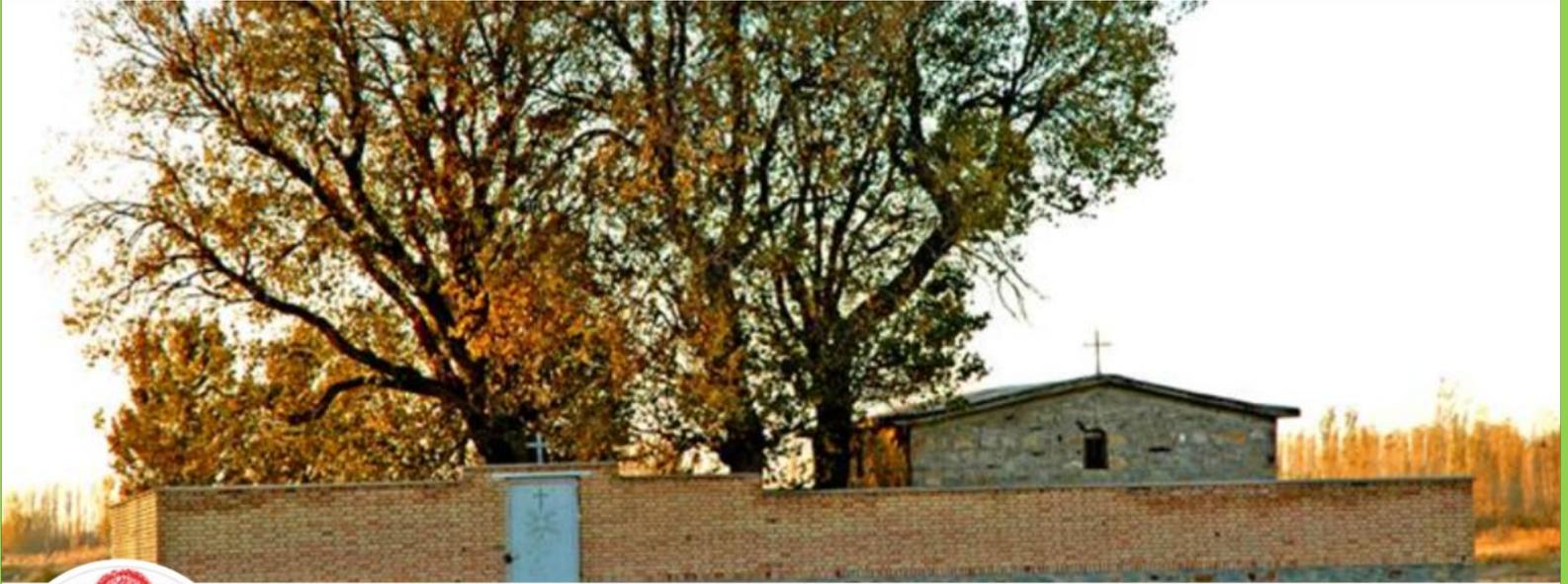
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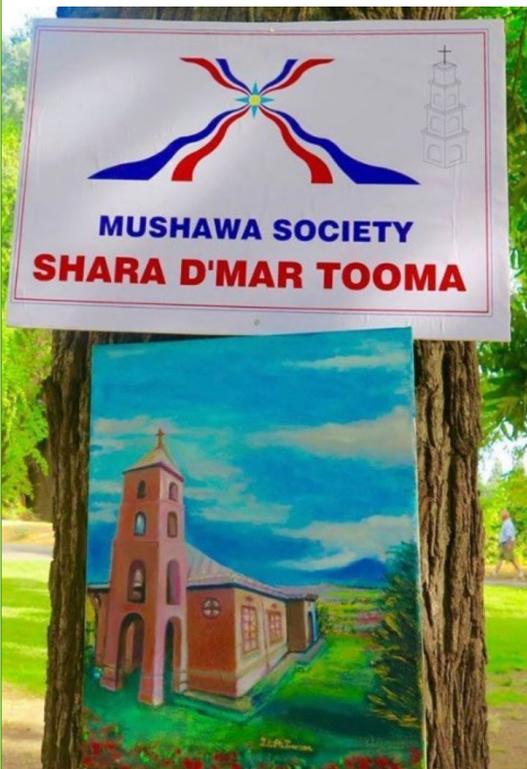
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## *(Takka Ardehay Society)*

Ardshai started in the year 1914 with 700 Assyrian families. They came from north of Turkey and were called Karapapakh. For long time the Urmia people called these Assyrians Bne Suldoz, or Karapapakh. They stayed in Suldoz until they look for permanent place to live. Some moved to Iraq - Armenia - Kermanshah - Maraghe - Hamadan - and Tehran. The Assyrians from Suldoz found an area close to village Taka. (Bne Suldoz) from North of Turkey were called Ard-Shin and they called the new village Ardshai.



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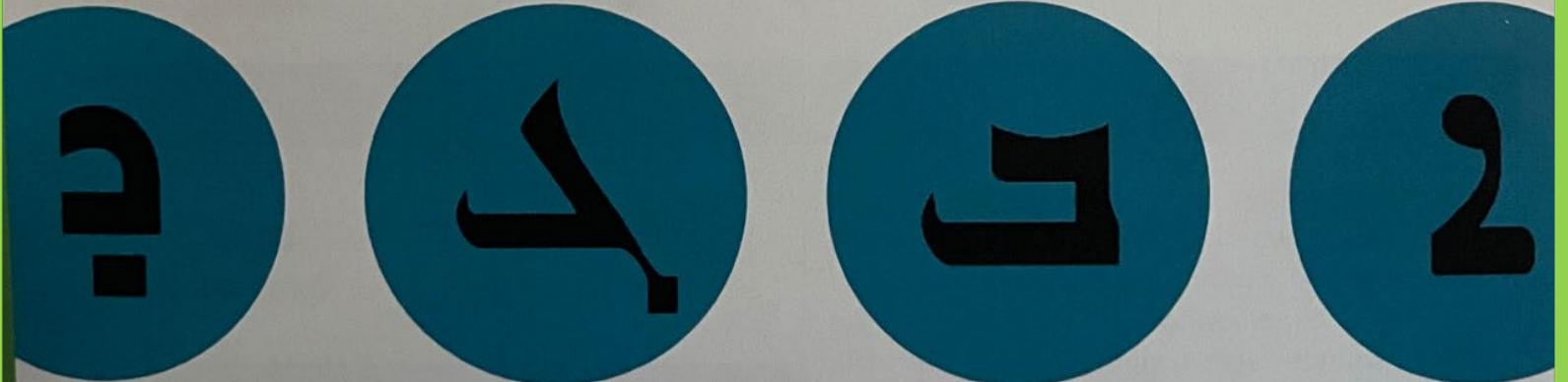
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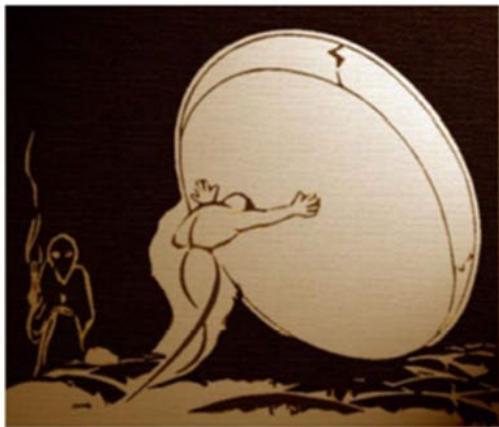
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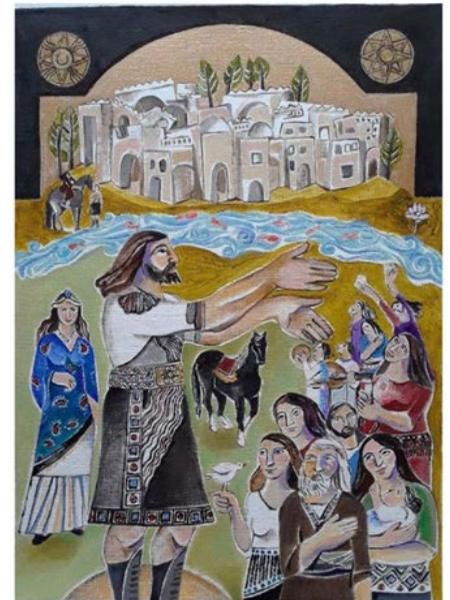
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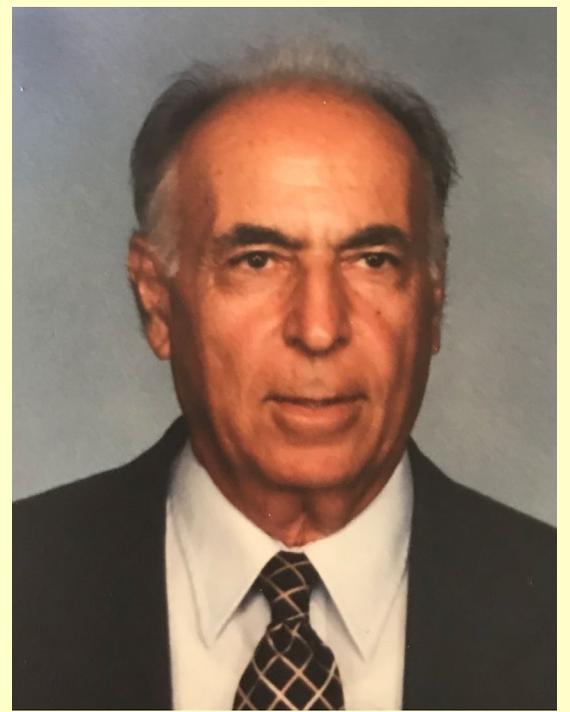
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*In memoriam of*  
**Clarence Raman Bit-Shamoon**  
**1924 - 2020**

Clarence (Calo) – literary name, Raman Bit-Shamoon, passed away on July 7, 2020, at 96 years of age in Modesto, California.

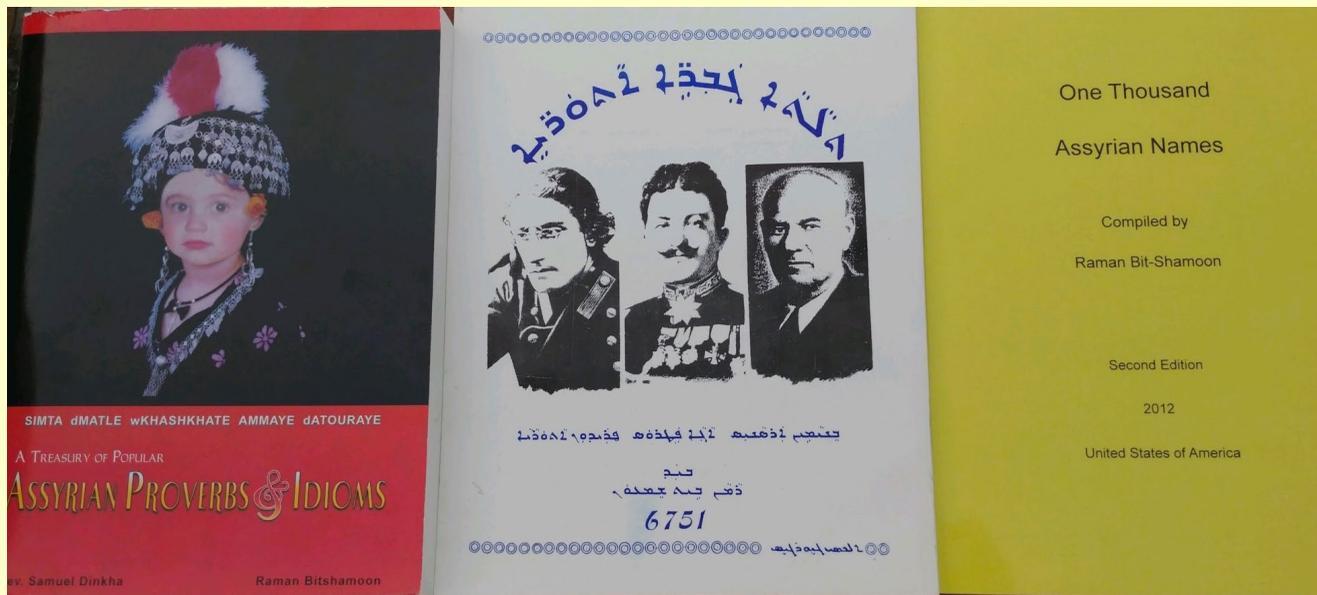
Calo was born June 27, 1924 in Urmia, Iran to parents Rabi Benyamin Bit-Shamoon from the village of Digala, and Khanna Peera, from the village of Mar Nukha (adjacent to Mushava). According to Shamasha (Deacon) Giwargis Dawid Malik from Sporghan memoirs, Rabi Benyamin was hailed as a hero for having saved several villages from the planned massacres by the Ottomans. He did so by intercepting the telephone communications between the Turk leaders of the plan to attack the Assyrian villages. He then notified Agha Petrus on time to evacuate the entire villages before the Turks arrived. Calo's mother, Khanna, was the granddaughter of Giwargis Peera Bak, who was appointed as "Millat-Bashi" or head of the Assyrian community.

Calo was the 3rd of 5 siblings: Meelis, Lily, Nelly, and Helen. In high school, his math teacher nicknamed him the "god of mathematics." He graduated from the University of Tehran in Chemical Engineering, with honors, and was employed by the oil company in Tehran for 35 years. In 1959, he married Lily Malek from Salamas a descendent of Abona Paul Bejan, and had two children: Sharokina and Atour. In 1990, Calo moved to the United States and resided in San Jose and Modesto, California.



**Calo sitting right next to his parents and siblings**

**Calo with his wife Lily 1959**



Because of the love and passion for his nation, Rabi Benyamin Arsanis who was a distant cousin of Calo nick named him Raman, which he chose to use as his pen name. Throughout his life, Calo was heavily involved and was a member of several Assyrian organizations in Abadan and Tehran. He was a member of “Seeta Sapreta” and was one of the few who helped build the St. Mary’s Assyrian Church of the East in Tehran. He taught the Assyrian language to his children and many students. He also authored 4 books in Assyrian under Raman Bit-Shamoon: “One Thousand Assyrian Names” (of which he is directly credited for thousands of Assyrian parents naming their children Assyrian names), “The Three Mighty Assyrian Men”, co-authored the book of “Assyrian Proverbs & Idioms”, and “The History of the Assyrian Church of the East” in printing.

He was laid to rest on July 13, 2020, in the Turlock cemetery. He was a man of integrity, honor, and humility. He leaves behind his wife, Lily, his daughter, Sharokina and her husband Dr. Deacon Peter Koryakos, and 3 grandchildren and one great granddaughter. His son, Atour.

It is my promise to continue to walk in his footsteps and to preserve his legacy of dedication to our faith and preserving and promoting the Assyrian heritage and cause. He will be greatly missed!!

By: Sharokina B. Koryakos



**At his daughter’s wedding**



**Family Gathering during Christmas**

# Congratulations David & Nari

July 02, 2022

From the entire family



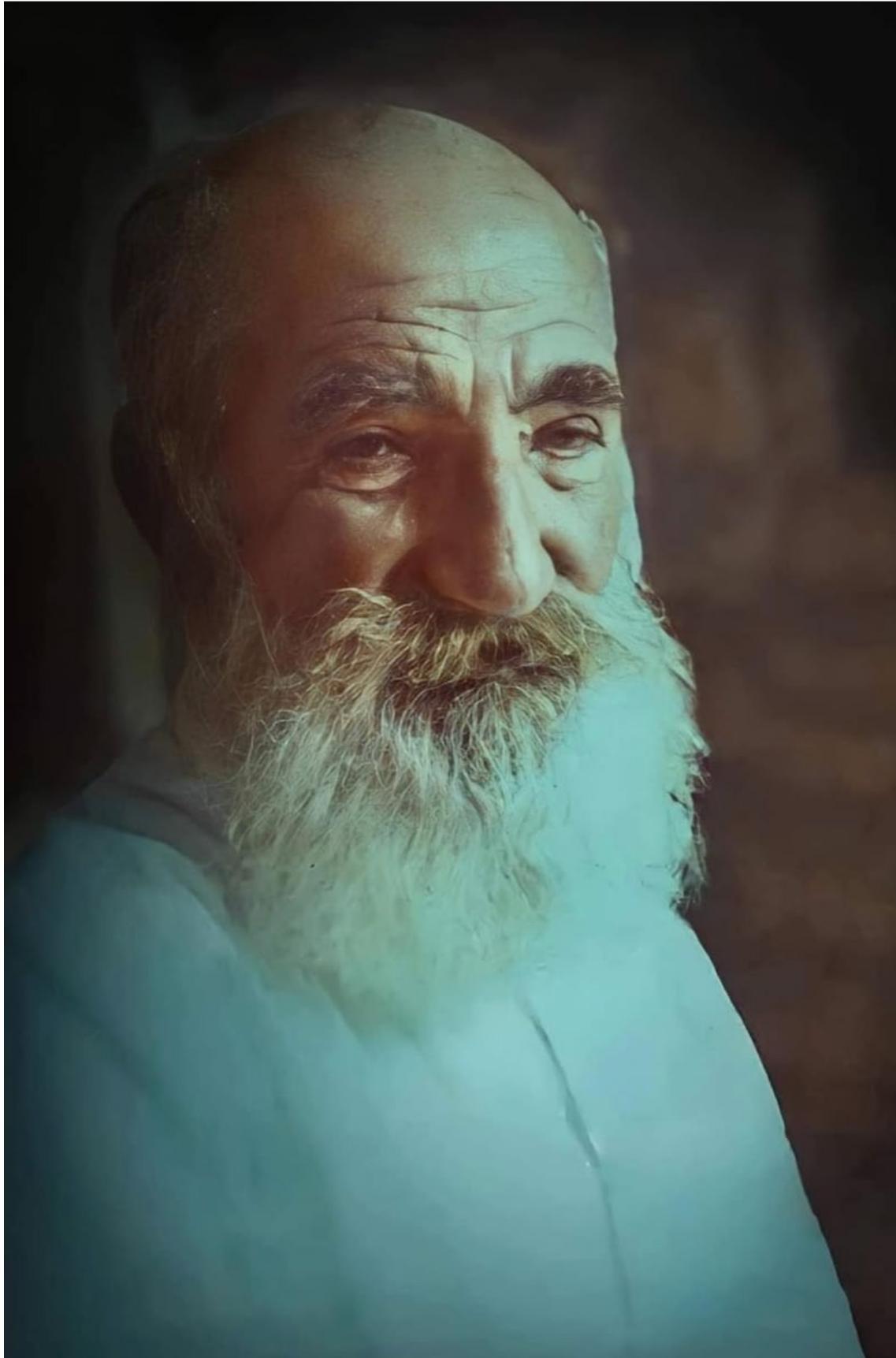
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**Best wishes of another successful Assyrian festival,  
God bless the Assyrian church of the east.**



**Shamash Ashur, Shameran, Mary and Paul Kanoon**

# *“Zachary Peera”*



***Congratulations to the baptism of Zachary Peera!  
May God bless him always!  
Peera & Lazary***

## *“Lucas Fredrick Ternian”*



“Through water and the word, you are sealed by the holy spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.”

Welcome to the Christian family **Lucas Fredrick Ternian!** May God watch over you and protect you all the days of your life.

It was a true honor to have H.H. Mar Awa III officiating.  
Thank you Kessi for this blessing.

**With love,  
The Ternian family**

# *“Christian William Darmoo”*



Baptized on July 17, 2022 in London, UK.  
Godfather Joseph Youna ordained by H.G. Mar Awraham Youkhanis.  
Congratulations on your Holy Baptism, Christian! May God Bless You Always

**Love Mark, Eva and big brother Isaac.**

## **Dilmona, Broneil, Bronsin and Emmita**



We are very proud of all of you! As your parents, we walk tall with our heads held high because the lord has blessed us with children like you! You are all devoted to our lord and savior Jesus Christ, you are extremely dedicated to your family, and your loyalty to your friends & peers is admirable without a doubt. We love you so much, and are astonished by all of your accomplishments! We humbly ask our lord to continue to bless you by his grace every step of the way and protect you always.

***Your proud parents,  
Abradat and Jacklin  
Soren and Madlin  
Hannibal and Evlin***

## Our Dearest Mother Suzie



The true meaning of motherhood has been felt by your kind demeanor and gentle heart, and your generosity surpasses all limits imaginable. Sacrifice takes a whole new meaning with your selflessness, and we are forever in debt for your love and support. Words do not do justice for the tremendous love we have for you, and we want to THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for everything you do for us and for being our role model in life! We pray that God 's grace will forever shower over you and protect you. We love you very much mom!

**Jacklin, Madlin, Evlin, Toma**

***"May the Blessing of God be Upon You"***



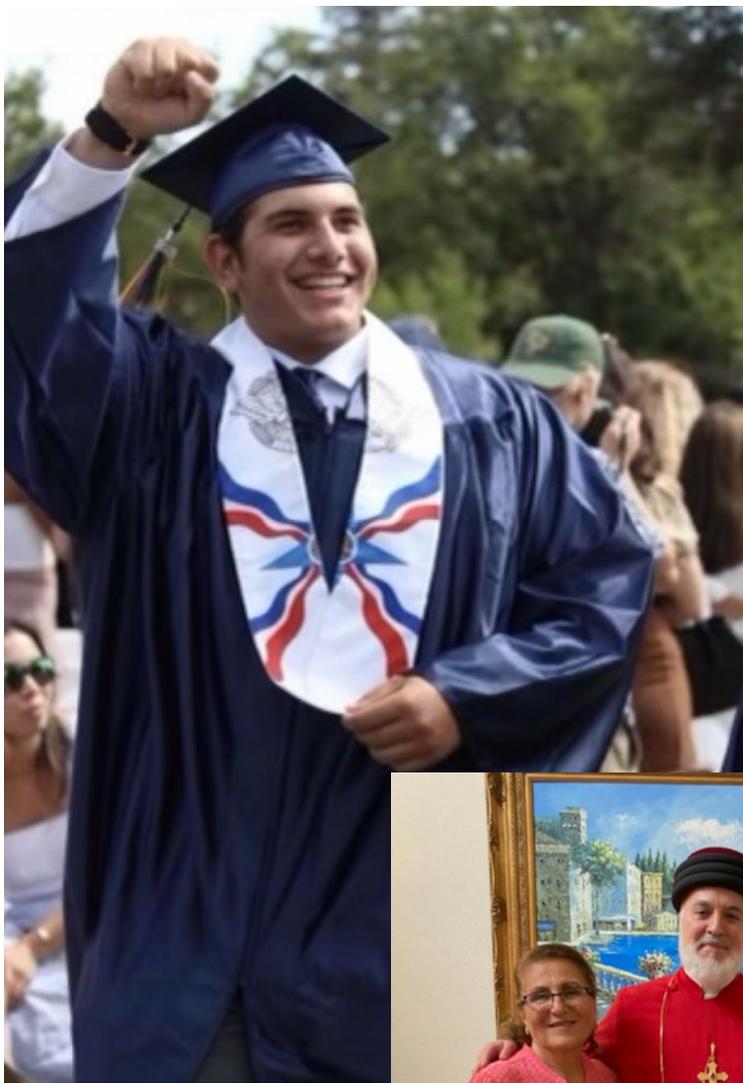
***"I am the Vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."  
John 15:5***

**May God Bless You Always**



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"Don't fear, because I am with you, don't be afraid, for I am your God. I will  
Strengthen you, I will surely help you, I will hold you with my righteous  
strong hand" Isaiah 41:10

**With Love,  
Fredrick and Souzi Ternian**



Congratulations High School Class of 2022!  
Natasha Marie Estensen



We are so very proud of all your achievements!  
May God continue to bless you in all  
that you do.



Love,  
Dad (Marc), Mom (Elizabeth) and Rachel

**God Bless our Qadishote Mar Awa Royel III for our church and nation**



**Vanya, Galieh, Ashoor,  
Poulyana Noah Pazand  
Waseem Srouji**

## **Congratulations!**

To our daughter and son for obtaining their second Bachelor Degree.



Poulyana Pazand-Srouji, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Organizational Psychology.

Ashoor Pazand, Honors-Bachelor of Business Administration and Management.



Blessings to our pride and joy, our grandson, Noah Broneil who graduated from Mar Narsai Malpana, Mar Yosip Parish.

**Love, Mom & Dad/Nana & Savu.**

**Christian M. Zaia**  
**University of San Francisco**



Take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you can go.  
You always make us proud.  
Enjoy your new journey.

**Michael, Linda, Alexander and George Zaia**

## George M. Zaia



Wow, our youngest shining star off to college. Beyond proud of the man you are becoming. Remember your future is in your own hands so, Live, Love, Study and Succeed.

**We are proud of you, Michael, Linda, Alexander and Christian Zaia**

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# Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Nico



Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday to our dear grandson and nephew

Nicolas Paul Lazari! Love you!

Sharo, Edick, and Mamoona Peter Lazari



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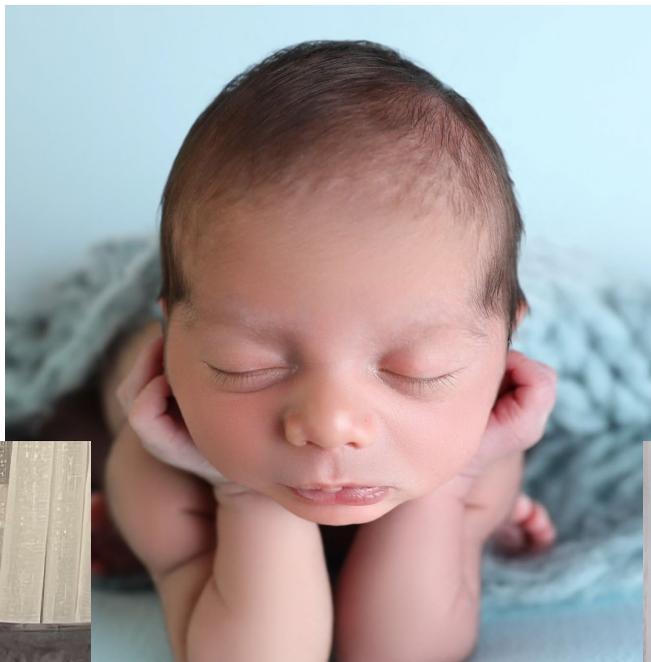
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**Thank you Lord for this precious pearl in our life.**

*The Youssefi Family*



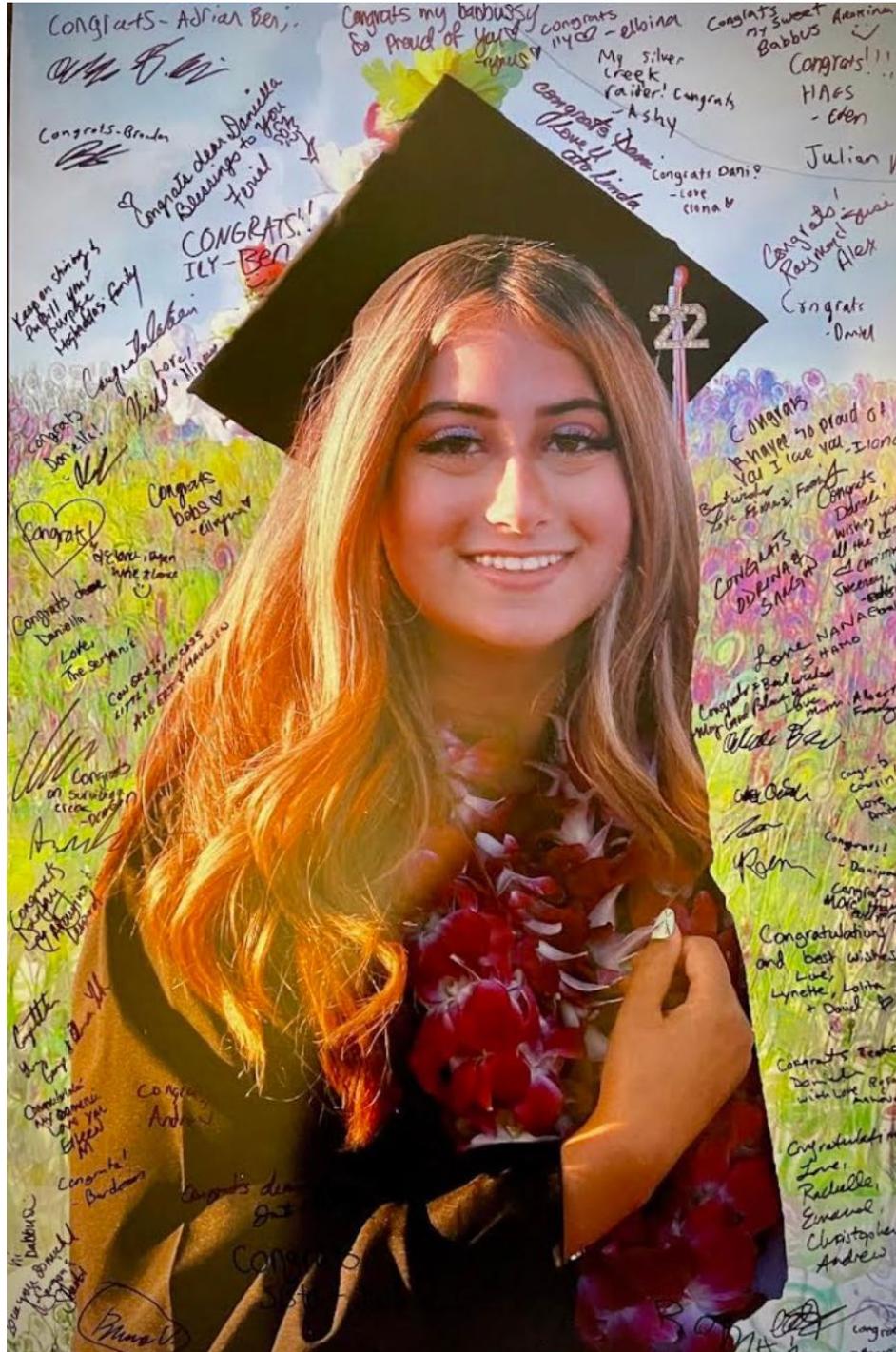
So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ".

Galatians 3:26-27

The strongest people are those backed by a loving family.  
A warm welcome to baby Aviel, God bless you!

**Hormoz, Josephine and Kimona Hacoubi**

# Daniella Mansour



**Congratulations  
High School Class of 2022**

**Congratulations to our pride and joy Daniella!  
So proud of your success! May the lord bless you and guide your future**

**Love Always**



## **Congratulations Christian**

we are beyond proud of you for your graduation from elementary school.

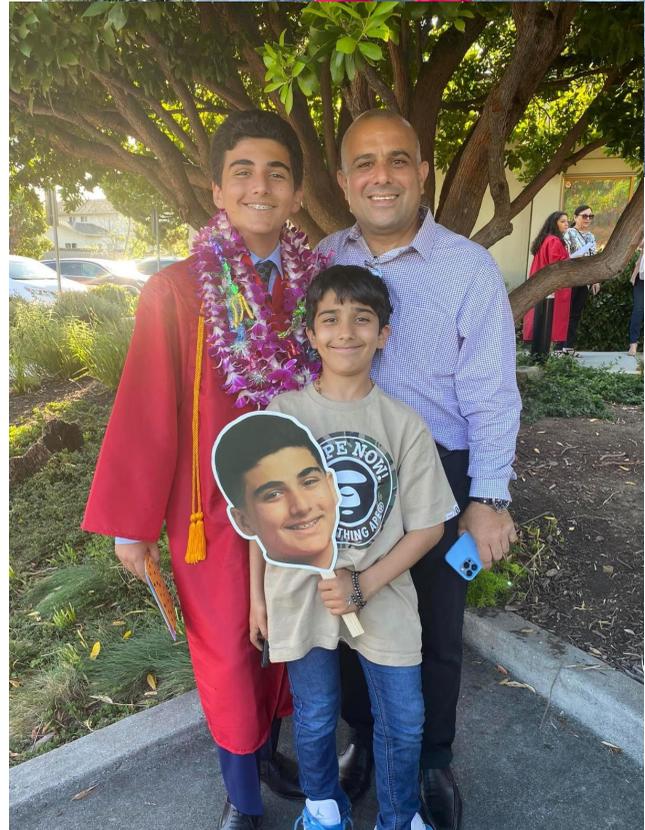
Next stop is middle school!! Continue the good work and don't forget to enjoy every moment.

May God bless you with all the strength

**We love you!**

**Dad, Mom, and Gabriel**

# Dear Gabriel



Congratulations on your well-deserved success Gabriel we are beyond happy and proud. May your graduation be the beginning of many more wonderful achievements in your life, May the light of your glory never go dim. May the wisdom of God remain in you, and may mighty doors be opened up for you.

Congratulations on your graduation.

**We love you**

**Dad, Mom, and Christian**



Congratulations- The sky's the limit, so fly high!!  
We are so proud of your achievements, but even  
more proud of the person you have become!

**Love Mom & Dad**

# Dear Dorina



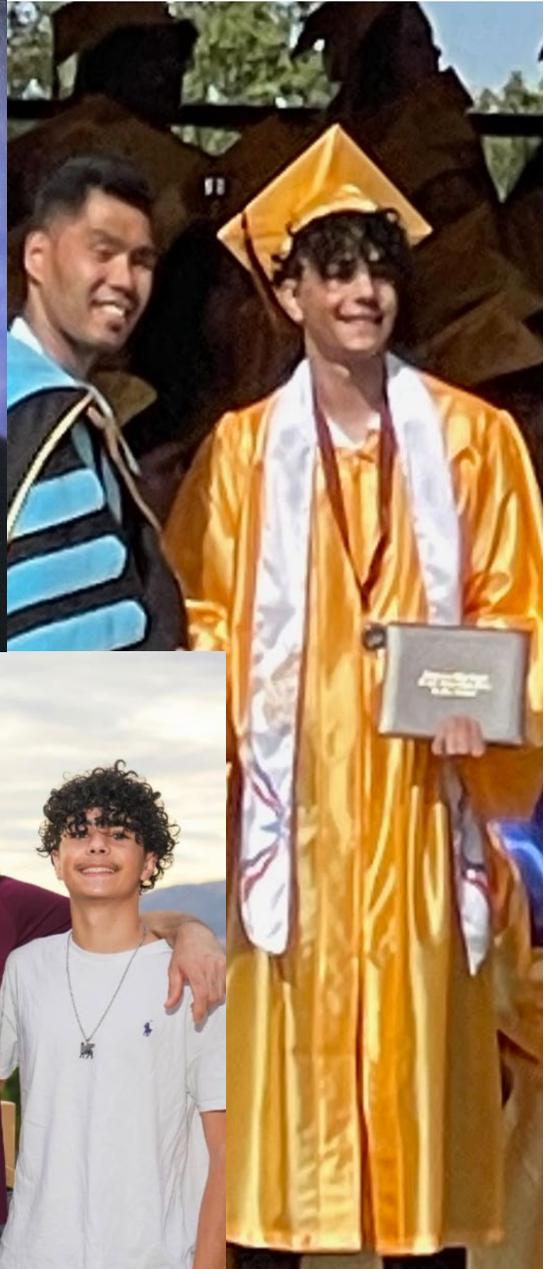
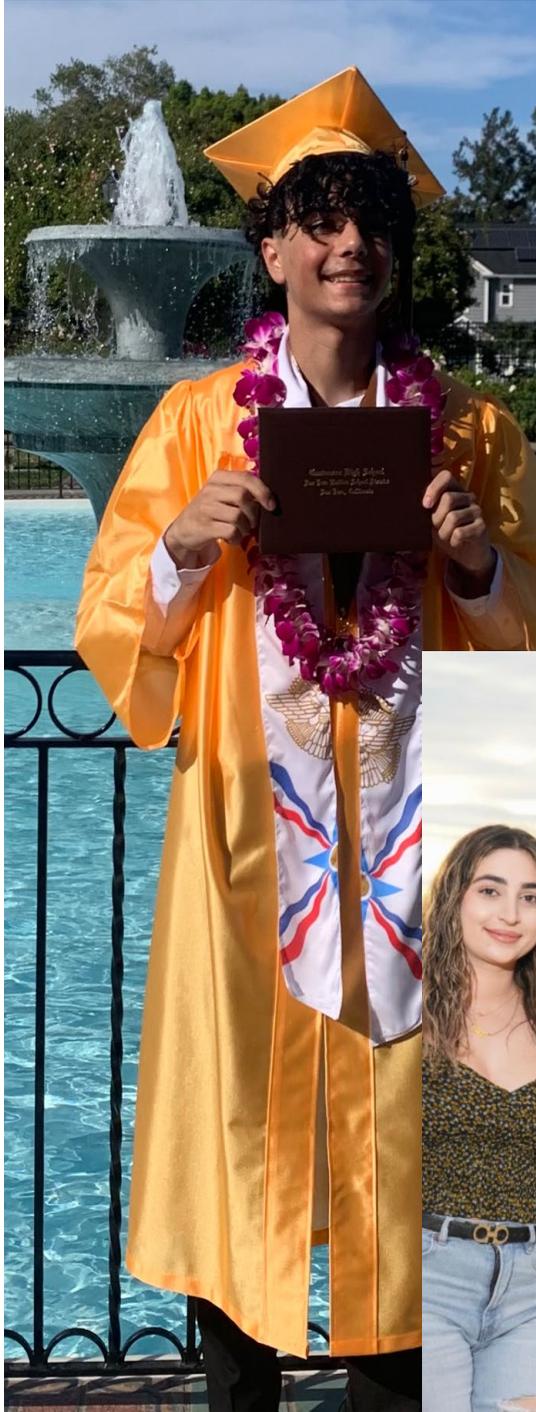
**Congratulations on your graduation from San Jose State University, your acceptance into the University of the Pacific, Dugoni School of Dentistry and on becoming a self-published author.**

**We are so proud of all your accomplishments. It's been an honor to share this journey with you and to watch you grow and achieve your goals.**

**We wish you continued success and pray that God will guide you and lead you through every facet of your life**

**Love you always, Mom, Dad and Dalton**

**Congratulations!**  
**Nicolas Seryani on his High School Graduation.**  
**Wishing you much happiness and success as you enter the next**  
**chapter of your life.**  
**May the Lord bless you in your future endeavors**



**Always stand tall, proud and strong!**  
**Love ♡ Mom, Dad, Yaya, Nana and little Max**

**Congratulations  
Ashur on your Graduation  
We are so proud of you and love you very much!**



**Love:  
Demeil, Shamiram, Ashurina & Ashuraya Betoushana**

# *Congratulations Dearest Andrew!*



We are very proud of you and your achievements.  
As you head to college, may the Lord continue to bless you with good health  
and lead you on a path filled with faith, joy, and success.

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

**We love you very much,  
Mom, Dad, and Christopher Daryoush**

*Dr. Jacob Shahidi, OD*



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Jacob, we want you to know we love you and will support you.

Go out and live your dreams and love your life.

**Congratulations,  
Love, Mom and Dad**



# *Mar Tooma*

Village of Mushawa, Urmia Iran

"He who is humble easily obeys everyone, fears to offend anyone, is at peace with everyone, is kind with all." -Thomas the Apostle

May the Blessings of Mar Tooma be upon us.

Sargon, Sherbi, Atalia & Kiana Badal

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Assyrian Church of the East, St. Thomas the Apostle church

Village of Mushawa, Urmia - Iran

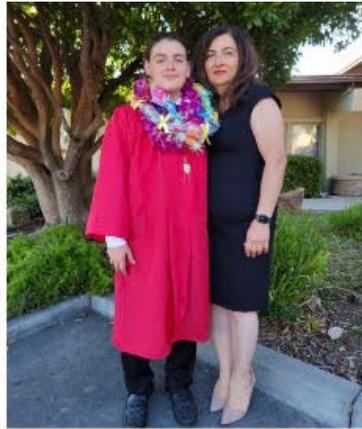
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Pierre, Carmen, Roxanna, Shamasha Raumin, Eva, Elijah, Thomas

# *Johnathan Hormozi*



## **Congratulations on your 8th Grade Graduation**

Your dad in heaven and I are so very proud of you.

You are such an invaluable gift from God.

We have watched you change and grow as quickly as seasons come and go.  
We know God has the perfect plan to shape our baby boy into a successful man.

May you always stay true and fight every obstacle to fulfill your dreams

*I feel so proud to be your mother*

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Sabrina Morad



**We are so thankful for this great blessing in our home**

**-Morad Family**



**God bless His Holiness Mar Awa III  
May God bless our Assyrian Church of the East**

**Elieh and Ishoo Family**



**To our beloved late Patriarch Mar Dinkha IV  
Your love of your savior and your church was evident in your every  
move and your loving smile.**

**You were the reason for a lot of people to have faith and to be good  
Etanayeh and good Omtanayeh**

**We miss you so very much, you will always be in our hearts and our  
thoughts.**

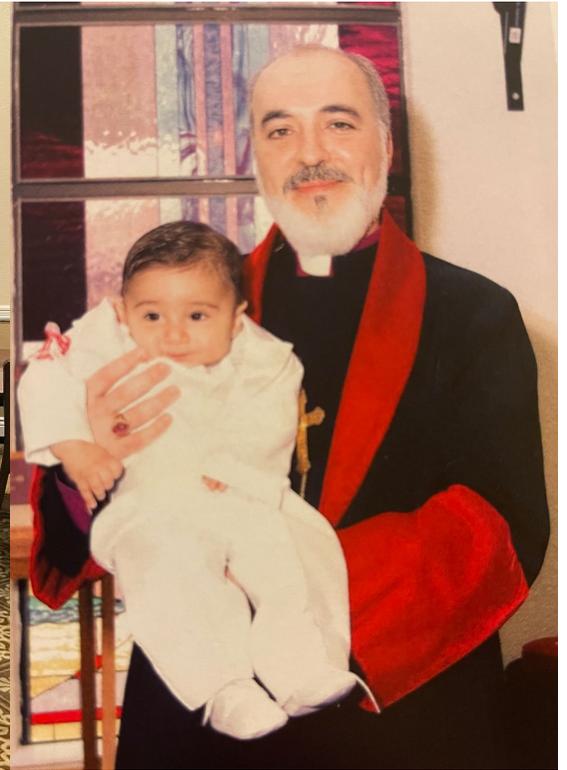


Congratulations to my dearest daughter,  
Mariam and her Fiancé, Thomas!

We love you and wish you a lifetime of Joy, Love and  
Happiness

**Love, Mom**

**Dear Qassi Mar Awa III**  
**May your blessings be always with us**



Dear Athan,  
We are beyond proud of you.  
Continue the good work and don't forget to enjoy every moment.  
May God always bless you.

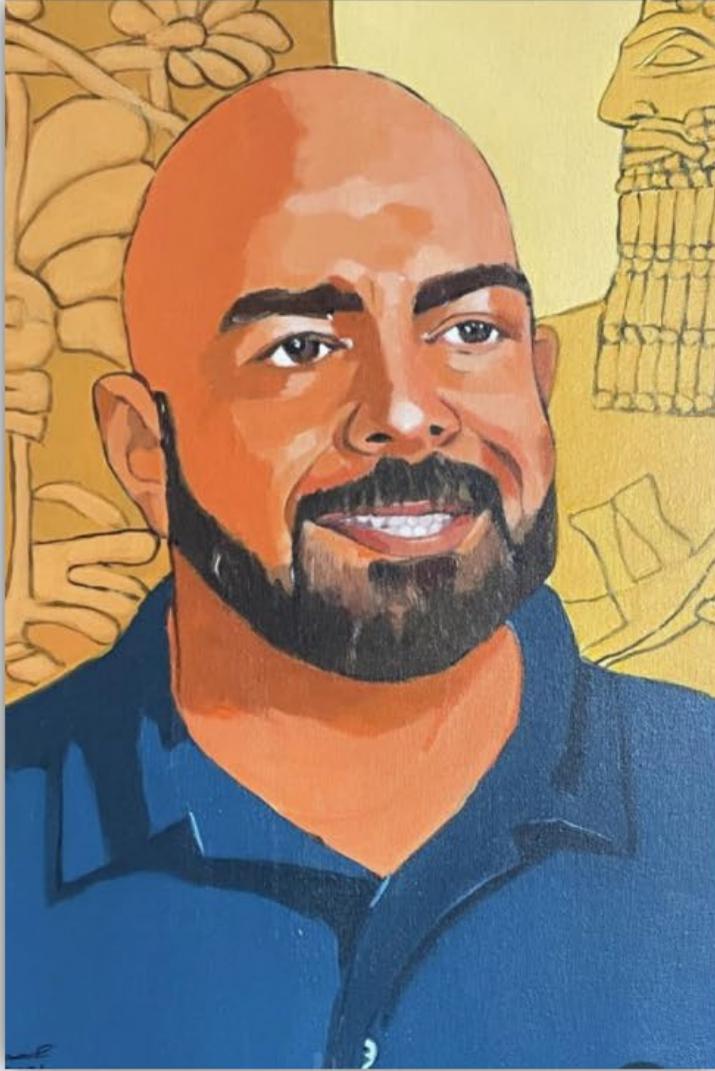
**Love, Mom & Dad , Linet, Emil**



**By your will, Christ the King**

**The days of my life are completed in that faith which you did grant from the heights of your holiness, and you did receive my spirit by your commandment, and now give unto me rest in the bridal chamber of the light of your kingdom.**

**Youkhana, Benyamin & Maiel Families**



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"Youel Daniely"  
1928 - 2012  
Husband, Father & Grandfather*

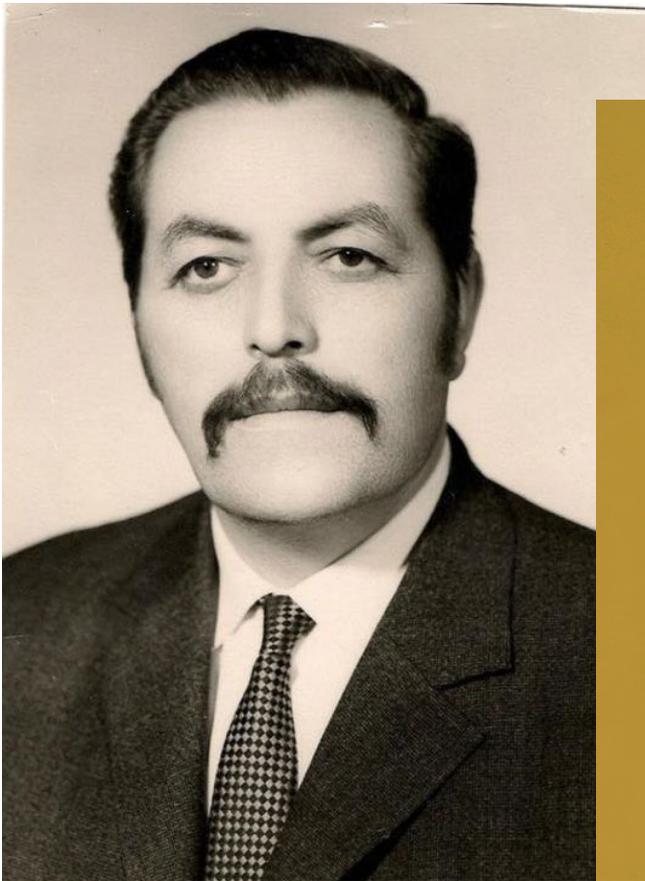


*Always in our hearts  
"Daniely Family"*

*In Loving Memory of  
Albert Beitsayad*



*“Our dear brother Albert Beitsayad”  
Gone from our sights but never from our hearts*



**"You have made known to me the path of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence, with  
eternal pleasures in your right hand". Psalm 16:11**

**Always in our hearts, Never Forgotten.**

**Maiei Family**



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Jack & Mary Bookie*

Marilynn, Evy, Kathy & Renee

**IN THE LOVING MEMORY OF**

**Shemshon Lazari and his Mother Poureh Malek**



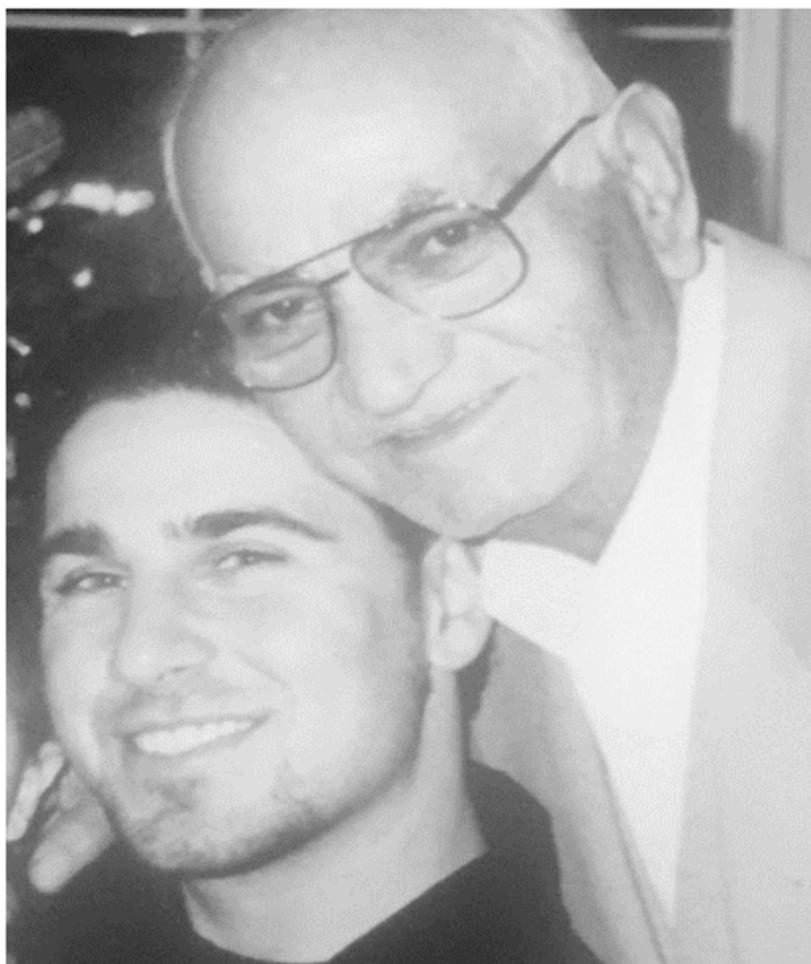
A great soul serves everyone all the time.

A great soul never dies.

It brings us together again and again.

Best Grandmother and Father!  
We will always remember you in our hearts!

Love,  
**Juliet, Caroline, George, Sargis and their families**



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MY FATHER**

*Victor Badal*

An amazing father, grandfather, brother, friend and crusader for everything Assyrian. You are truly missed by those in your life and those that did not have the honor to meet you.

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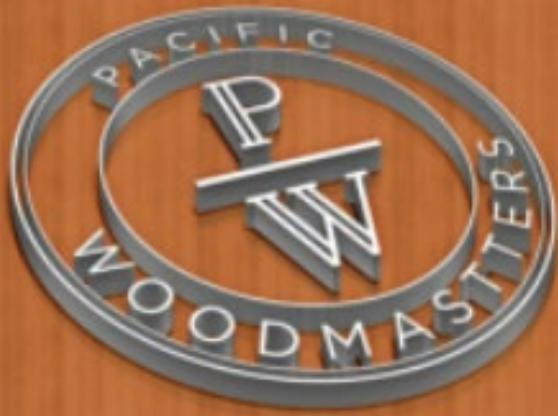


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