



THIRTY - SEVENTH

ANNUAL

***KFEIRIAN
BROTHERHOOD
REUNION***

AUGUST 30, 31 and SEPTEMBER 1, 1969

Beckley, West Virginia

**Dedicated to the Kfeirian Youth
Who Will Carry on the Project
and Benevolent Activities of the
Kfeirian Foundation.**



Beloved President, Officers and all members of the
Kfeirian Reunion Organization

We greet you in the Name of Our Lord and Redeemer Jesus Christ.

We were indeed delighted to receive your kind invitation to attend your 37th Kfeirian Reunion. For the past two years we were very fortunate to be with you, enjoy your fellowship and witness closely the fine and important work which you have been doing.

We commend your loyalty and dedication to the principles of your fathers and forefathers and we do hope that you will plant these very same principles in the hearts and minds of your beloved children.

Regards and best wishes for a successful reunion.

Your friend,

+ Archbishop Philip

Metropolitan PHILIP
MP/pb



It is with a great deal of pleasure that we of the Beckley Kfeirian Reunion Committee again welcome you to this our 37th Annual Kfeirian Reunion. We feel it has been our privilege to host the Reunion this year. Our many varied committees have worked long and hard to make this a memorable Reunion.

As we enjoy ourselves participating in the festivities of this Reunion and in future Reunions let us always remember the wonderful heritage which bonds us all together. Let us never forget the benevolent purposes for which our Foundation was organized. **Let us always serve willingly and thank God we have been given the ability to serve.**

Beckley Kfeirian Reunion Committee
Louis A. Rahall, Chairman
Philip Michael, Co-Chairman
Mrs. Ramez Ramey, Secretary
Fred Michael, Treasurer



**In Loving Memory of
The Very Reverend Michael Aborizk**

Birth Date	Date of Death
1904	April 10, 1969

**PRIEST OF ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH
Kfeir, Lebanon**

1948 to 1969

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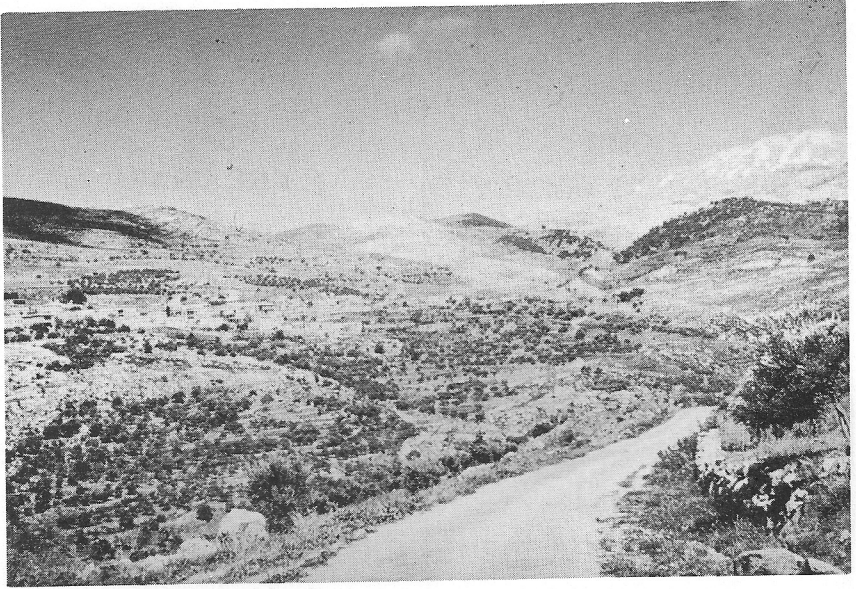
BECKLEY KFEIRIAN REUNION COMMITTEE

**SAINT NICHOLAS
ORTHODOX CHURCH
Beckley, West Virginia**



WELCOMES
ARCHBISHOP PHILIP SALIBA
KFEIRIANS
FRIENDS

To The
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Al Kfeir, Lebanon

The beautiful village of Kfeir is located 70 miles southeast of Beirut, Lebanon and 70 miles southwest of Damascus, Syria. It lies at the foot of snow capped Mt. Haramon, which is mentioned many times in the Bible. The economy consists mainly of agriculture. The main products are olives and pistachio nuts. Approximately 800 families of Kfeirian descent now reside in North America.

PROUD HERITAGE

From the day of our first meeting in 1932, Kfeirians have looked out for each other. We have come to recognize that times change but Kfeirians don't. This fact alone is one of our greatest attributes. Over the past 37 years, many changes have come about in our country. One thing stands out over all – the strength and stability of the Kfeirians in our country.

Today's society is one of protest and rebellion. We have seen more chaos and violence on our streets in the past 5 years than most countries experience in a war. It is during times like this that we can truly understand the position and effects of our Kfeirian heritage. I maintain that in the young people's wandering and searching lies the answer to many of our questions that we continually ask. They are searching for guidance. They are seeking direction. They say they want independence, but they can't live with the responsibilities that go with it. Let me quickly add that many of these young people do not have the ties to link them to the past. They do not feel the family ties that will give security and guidance to young people in their search for the rewards of life. What a lesson many people in this world could take from the Kfeirians. The position of the family and church among Kfeirians is uppermost in their daily lives. We feel the love and compassion for all our cousins wherever they may be.

Our love and compassion has been shown over the years by our desire to improve the conditions that exist for our families in Kfeir. To mention just a few, we must include the refurnishing of the church in Kfeir and the continual help to those in need. Our work in this country is encouraged by our dedicated Board of Directors who guide and lead toward specific goals of dedication and understanding among all our families. Our scholarship committee is firmly established to help young Kfeirians in their search for knowledge through higher education. At the present time, we are assisting four young people to defray college costs. In the past five years, we have seen two of our recipients graduate from college, one of whom received money from the Foundation during all four years of college.

At no time during this exposition have I mentioned any famous names of our known cousins. I strongly believe that all Kfeirians are famous because of what they believe in and what they stand for. We can speak proudly of our heritage. We can look at our accomplishments with pride and recognize that we have done our part in making this the strongest and greatest nation in the world.

Raymond A. Hawarny
Past President
Kfeirian Reunion Foundation