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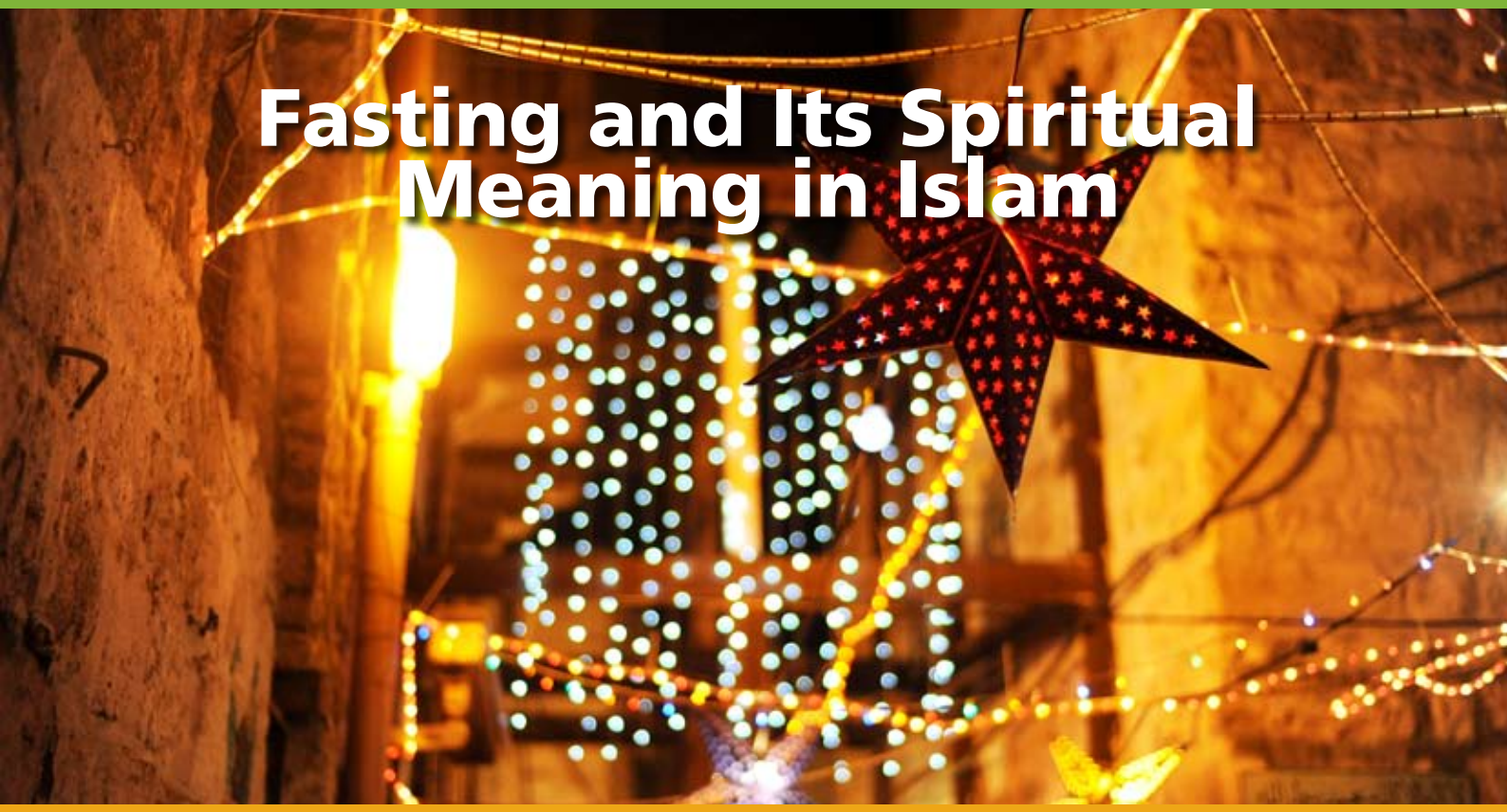

Fasting and Its Spiritual Meaning in Islam

Editorial
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Fasting in language is defined as refraining from doing a certain thing or abstaining from it. In the Islamic Shari'a (religious law) it is refraining, with the intention of worshipping, from food, drinking, sexual intercourse and other things which break one's fasting from the onset of dawn until sun set. It is a duty imposed by Almighty God on Muhammad's nation as He imposed it on the nations which preceded it, in Almighty God's saying: **"O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous".** (Surat Al-Baqarah: 183) This has been on Monday in the month of Sha'aban, in the second year of the blessed Prophetic emigration. In addition to its being a duty on the Muslim and one of the five pillars on which Islam

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is based, fasting has several virtues indicated by the noble prophetic sayings, such as the saying of the Prophet Muhammad, may God's prayers be upon him: **"Fasting is a shelter from hell fire."** This prophetic saying was told by Ahmad. The Prophet also said: **"Anyone who fasts a day for the sake of Almighty God, God will move his face away from hell fire for seventy autumns in lieu of that day".** (An agreed upon Prophetic saying) And also the Prophet said: **"The one who fasts has a supplication when he breaks the fasting and this supplication is not refused".** (A Prophetic saying told by Ibn Majah) And his saying: **"The one who fasts in Ramadan, prays, and does this for God's sake; God will forgive for him his previous sins".** (An agreed upon Prophetic saying)

The fasting duty has sublime spiritual meanings. It represents a unique spiritual and ethical characteristic in Islam. When Islam presented this organized and unparalleled pattern, it planted an immortal tree of virtue which does not end as well as picking a precious crop. In what follows there is an interpretation of the spiritual meaning of fasting in Islam:

1) It teaches man the principle of true love, because when he practices fasting, he practices it as a result of his deep love for God. The man who sincerely loves God is the man who knows what true love is.
2) It promises man with a meaning which is replete of hope and with an optimistic outlook for life, because when he fasts he hopes to please God and he seeks to obtain His graces.
3) It teaches man patience and discarding selfishness because when he fasts he feels the pain of hunger but he bears it and he is patient with it.
4) It is an effective lesson in practicing moderation and the strength of the will. The man who practices fasting in the most perfect way is certainly the man who can control his emotional desires and he puts himself above material temptations.
5) It formulates man in real purity which is full of piety and coming near to God, because when he fasts, he does so in order to seek God's satisfaction, mercy and forgiveness.
6) It arouses the awakening of the conscience in man, because the one who is fasting preserves his fasting secretly and openly equally. In fasting in particular there is no earthly authority which examines the conduct of man or which compels him to fast. He preserves his fasting in order to please God and to satisfy his conscience by being sincere to God in secret and in the open. There is no better way to resurrect a sound conscience in man than fasting.
7) It helps man to master the art of the studied adaptation. We can easily recognize this point when we realize that fasting makes man change the real cycle of his daily life. When this change occurs, man adapts himself to a new pattern and he moves to satisfy the new rules in it. This develops in him, on the long term, his feeling of the wisdom of adaptation and the power of the self in overcoming any emerging difficulties. The man, who attains constructive adaptation and courage, will appreciate the results of fasting in this domain.
8) It implants in man the real spirit of social belonging to unity, brotherhood and equality before God and before the law. This spirit is a natural product of a fact the purport of which is that when man fasts, he feels that he shares all the community of the Muslims in the same duty, in the same manner, at the same time, with the same motives and for the same purpose. There is no sociologist who can say that there was anything at any period in history which can be compared to this institution of Islam.

In conclusion, it is inevitable to say that this fasting which constitutes one of the five pillars of Islam, God exempted his worshippers the Muslims from it in special cases, out of being clement to them, rather he completely prohibited them to fast in specific days or specific cases which are: Al-Fiter Feast, Al-Adha Feast, the three Tashreeq days (which are the three days after the slaughtering day, that is the eleventh, the twelfth and the thirteen days of Dhi-Al-Hijjah month), **and the days of menstruation and postpartum period of the woman. He also prohibited fasting by the patient who fears perdition, for Almighty God says: "…Nor kill yourselves: for verily God hath been to you Most Merciful. If any do that in rancor and injustice, soon shall We cast them into the fire; and easy it is for God." (Surat Al-Nisa', 29-30).**

Theology and the Local Church in the Holy Land Conference (Palestinian Contextual Theology Conference) 21st Session

"On the Steps of the Arab Christian Heritage in Palestine"

10-12 January 2014 | Manger Square Hotel - Bethlehem

Religious figures, academicians, educators and tens of others from Galilee, the Triangle, the West Bank and Jerusalem, both Christians and Muslims, participated in the 3 day conference on "Christian Arab heritage throughout the ages and its importance".

The inaugural session began with introductory remarks by Dr. Geries S. Khoury, Bishop Mar Swerios Malki Murad, Bishop Atallah Hanna and Fr. Dr. Rafiq Khoury.

This opening session was followed with a lecture on "The Arab Christian heritage and its characteristics" by Fr. Dr. Gian Maria Giannaza and was moderated by Dr. Charlie Abu Sa'da.

The second day began with prayers and contemplations by Mr. 'Atef Bahhuth followed by a lecture on "Palestine's Monasteries and their role in furthering Christian Arab Heritage" by Fr. Dr. Louis Hazboun which was moderated by Dr. Adnan Musallam. This was followed with another lecture by Fr. Yousef Riziq which focused on "Arab Christian Heritage in Palestine: a Case Study of Sulaiman Al-Ghazzi". Mr. Yousef Mattar was the moderator.

Following a lunch break conferees returned to listen to a lecture by Bishop Boulos Marcuzzo on "The Arab Christian Heritage in Palestine: A Case Study of Al-Tabarani" which was moderated by Dr. Peter Qumri. This lecture was followed with a lecture by Dr. Geries S. Khoury on "The Arab Christian Heritage in Palestine: A Case Study of St. Sophronios, Patriarch of Jerusalem" which was

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Christmas Celebrations

10 January 2014 | Manger Square Hotel - Bethlehem

At the invitation of Al-Liqa' Center, a very distinctive Christmas Evening took place with leading and other members of the community, both Christians and Muslims attending the annual Al-Liqa Center event. Dr. Geries S. Khoury stressed that the message of Christmas is a message of hope, love and renewal of faith all of which are sources of our strength and steadfastness and shared living as Christians and Muslims. While His Excellency Bishop Butros Mu'allem and Sheikh 'Abd Al-Majeed 'Ata, asked those present to strengthen love and the respect of each other, and to reject hate and violence in order to reach an end to all conflicts in our land and the region. This way, we can live in dignity and freedom.

Chants of Hymns were carried out by the Orthodox Church chorus led by Mr. Lawrence Sammour. In addition, Mrs. Luna Amin, from Bethlehem, and Mrs. Taghreed Qa'war, from Nazareth, presented few chants and Christmas carols

Al-Liqa' Youth Group Meeting

20 February 2014

Al-Liqa' Center has always focused on the importance of youth in shared living in the Holy Land. At the initiative of two educators, Sima Al-Ghawali and George Maria and with the assistance of Marian Bassous, Secretary of the Center, a group of young people, males and females, Muslims and Christians, were invited to the Center to establish Al-Liqa' Youth Group and were introduced to the center, its goals, works and the importance of young people in shared living. The establishment of "Al-Liqa' Youth Group" is of great importance for national unity and life with dignity. This meeting was followed by weekly youth activities.

Educational and Entertainment Visit to Jericho and Surroundings

11 June 2014 | Jericho

Al-Liqa Center organized a field trip to the youth. George Maria, Sima Ghawali and Marian Basous who are in charge of Al-Liqa's Youth Section took part in this visit. Accompanying them was Dr. Geries S. Khoury, director of Al-Liqa' Center. Mr. Iyad Qumsieh was the tourist guide who led the group in this visit.

The places which were visited were: Qumran caves, Jordan River, Jerich city, Hisham's Palace and Tal Al-Sultan, the Mountain of Temptation , the Church of Zacchaeus; and after lunch the group visited the Qelt Valley where one of the oldest Palestinian monasteries of Saint George is located.

Wednesday Evening Forums

13 March 2014

At Al-Liqa' Center, Prof Aziz Haidar gave a lecture titled: **"Is the Two-States Solution Possible or Not?"** to tens of Palestinian young people and other friends of Al-Liqa', representing all sectors of society. Prof. Haidar focused on subjects dealing with the peace process; he was pessimistic and pointed out that is difficult to speak about two states solution or even a bi-national state solution. Prof. Haidar presented a dark picture of the situation and the future of the Palestinian problem. In conclusion, a long discussion of the situation followed the lecture.

20 May 2014

Tens of religious leaders among them H.B. Patriarch Michael Sabbah, Bishop Atallah Hanna, the Mufti of Bethlehem Governorate Sheikh Abd al-Majid, scholars, politicians and others from the community, men and women, attended Dr. Geries Khoury's lecture on "Arab Christians in Israel: Worries and Challenges", which was moderated by Mr. Mousa Darwish. Dr. Geries focused in the beginning on a survey of the demographics of Christians in Israel since 1931 and the difficulty which Christians faced since the foundation of Israel up to the present.

Concerning military service of Christians, Dr. Khoury said that this issue has been with us since 1950. But Christians and their religious leadership refused this military service.

Dr. Geries added by stressing the importance of education for shared living and joint Christian – Muslim unity in face of all challenges including against those who plant the seeds of hatred and disunity as seen in the 24th of February law concerning Christian military service in Israel.

The present situation in the Arab world and especially in Egypt and Syria where radical jihadist Islamists are poisoning the brotherly atmosphere by killing Christians or religious leaders or kidnapping Christian sisters or Bishops are exploited by the media in general and the Israelis in particular in order to win over some Christian youths, not because of their love for them, but with the aim to divide the Arab Israeli community more and more.

Khoury ended his lecture saying that despite all difficulties, I can say that our youth are in good shape, and their future is the responsibility of all including political and spiritual leaders.

25 June 2014

Lecture in Kufr Kanna

At the invitation of the Parish Priest and parish council in Kufr Kanna, Dr. Geries S. Khoury lectured on "The Challenges which face Christians in our country and proposals to solve them". Mr. Yousef Matar moderated the lecture which was attended by community leaders and members as well as friends of Al-Liqa' Center. A question and an answer session followed the lecture.

"A Reading of His Holiness Pope Francis' Pilgrimage to the Holy Land"

4 June 2014

Al-Liqa's Lecture Hall was crowded with personalities, males and females, secular and religious, from the Bethlehem and Jerusalem Governorates. Moderator Dr. Geries S. Khoury welcomed the panelists and all attendees. He added that it is indeed a blessing, the visit of His Holiness to the Holy Land. The context of Pope Francis' upbringing in Argentina is similar to the Palestinian situation in as far as marginalization, suppression and poverty. The situation of his parishioners in Argentina is similar to that of the Palestinians. That is why he wanted to do his pilgrimage to the Holy Land and to his parishioners and to see their miseries.

H.E. Bishop William Shomali, the first panelist, followed with an overview of organizing the visit of the Pope and the ecumenical aspect of the visit which was seen in the meeting between the Pope and the Ecumenical Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church, Bartholomew, in the Holy Sepulcher church. The Pope then met with the Mufti of Jerusalem, His Excellency Sheikh Muhammad Hussein, and other Muslims. Bishop William focused as well on the Pope's visit to Bethlehem and His Holiness' meeting with several Palestinian families as a gesture of his closeness to the poor and marginalized. The climax of his visit to Bethlehem was touching with his hands the separation wall and His prayer in front of it and his meeting with the

youth in the Dheisheh refugee Palestinian camp.

H.E. Palestinian ambassador to the Holy See, Mr. 'Issa Qassissiya, focused on the political aspects of His Holiness' visit. The Palestinian people and President Abu Mazen received him warmly. The Pop's replies were always stressing peace and justice and the rights of Palestinians. His Holiness' Visit to the Dheisheh refugee camp and the youth symbolized the dire need for a just peace and the solution of the refugee problem. Israelis tried to exploit his visit to their advantage, but the Pope did what his pilgrimage intention. The Pope's visits to the Sho'ah victims and Theodore Herzel were a part of the protocol for heads of states visiting Israel.

A detailed question and answer session followed the presentation

Local Activities

"Nablus… The City of Shared Living"

An-Najah University- Nablus - 30 April 2014

On 30 April 2014, Nablus Municipality organized a Conference on: **"Nablus… The City of Shared Living"** .To this conference more than ten scholars were asked to present papers on the abovementioned subject. Sheikh Zuheir Dab'i prepared the program.

To this conference tens of personalities, Christian, Muslim and Samaritan religious leaders were present as well as many scholars and politicians. A delegation of seven persons from Al-Liqa Center attended the conference.

Dr. Geries S. Khoury represented Al-Liqa' and in his presentation focused on Al-Liqa' and its experiences in the last 33 years in shared living while challenging in the process Israeli occupation and western support of Israel.

Dr. Khoury concluded by saying that education, religious discourses, freedom of worship, and full participation

in public life are the only way to keep the Palestinian body united and strong stressing that "we either stand together or fall", that is to be strong in faith, modesty and human values which are taught to us by Christianity and Islam.

The 5th International Islamic Conference on Jerusalem

26-28 May 2014

Attorney 'Ali Rafi' represented Al-Liqa' Center in the proceedings of the conference. He was an active participant. For three days conferees discussed Islamic financial support and its many spheres. The conference is held yearly at the time of Feast of Al-Isra' and Mi'raj under the patronage of Palestinian President Mr. Mahmoud 'Abbas and the attendance of key Muslim and Christian figures.

Study Days

A Study Day titled: "Fifty Years between the Visit of Pope Paul VI and the Visit of Pope Francis I to the Holy Land (1964-2014)"

2 April 2014

Tens of participants, Muslims and Christians, including religious leaders from all Churches, sisters and monks, academicians and political leaders were present at this unique event.

The inaugural speeches which were moderated by Dr. Geries S. Khoury began with a commentary by H.B. Patriarch Fu'ad Twal who stressed the importance of the Pilgrimage of Pope Francis I to the Holy Land in May 2014; for it will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Pilgrimage of Pope Paul VI to the Holy Land and his historical ecumenical meeting with The Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras in 1964.

The Mufti of Bethlehem Governorate, Sheikh Abd Al-Majeed 'Ata pointed out that all Palestinians, leadership and masses, welcome the visit of Pope Francis I as previous Popes were cordially welcomed as well. H. E. Msgr. Giuseppe Lazzarotto – Apostolic Delegate to Jerusalem, stressed the ecumenical nature of Pope Francis visit and added that the Pope will pray in Bethlehem and Jerusalem for peace.

The first session of the study day was moderated by Dr. Khoury and the first speaker was Fr. Dr. Rafiq Khoury who focused on the historical circumstances of the visit of Pope Paul VI in 1964.

The second speaker Fr. Rif'at Bader focused on Pope Paul VI's speeches. He accompanied his presentation with historical pictures of the visit. The first session was concluded by Fr. Dr. Frans Bouwen who focused on the ecumenical importance of the visit of Pope Paul VI.

The second session took place and was moderated by Mr. Mousa Darwish. Fr. Dr. Jamal Khader focused on the local church and its expectation from Pope Francis visit. Dr. Bernard Sabella, on his part, stressed the expectations, political and social, from the visit of the pope, and Prof. Thiab Ayyoush focused on the expectations from the visit of Pope Francis I concerning Christian – Muslim dialogue and a life together.

"Arab Christian Heritage in the Holy Land"

6 June 2014

The study day on "Arab Christian Heritage in the Holy Land" was attended by members of the diplomatic service, Church organizations, NGO'S representatives and expatriates. The main aim of it is to inform and familiarize them with the Christian Arab Heritage in Palestine. Group members were welcomed on behalf of H.B. Michael Sabbah, President of the Board of Trustees of Al-Liqa', and members of the Board, by Dr. Adnan Musallam and Dr. Geries S. Khoury who spoke as well on the importance of this study day and the common search for ways to protect this Heritage.

Several lectures were presented. Fr. Dr. Gianmaria Giannaza focused on the "Arab Christian Heritage and its characteristics" while Fr. Dr. Louis Hazboun's lecture revolved around "Palestine's Monasteries and their role in furthering Christian Arab Heritage". Fr. Dr. Rafiq Khoury spoke on the role of ecumenical movement on this Heritage while Dr. Geries S. Khoury focused on Christian – Muslim dialogue in this Heritage. The last lecture was on "Arab Christians in Arab countries" which was delivered by Dr. Bernard Sabella.

The Study Day was moderated by former Palestinian ambassador to France, Mrs. Hind Khoury, and educator, Mrs. Sima Ghawali.

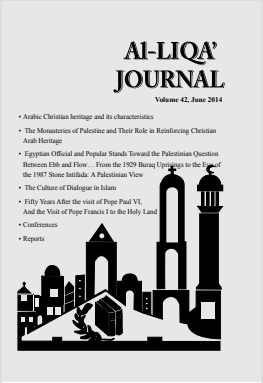
Most Recent Publications

Peaceful Resistance in Islam and Christianity (in Arabic), (174 Pages)

This book was published by Al-Liqa and Sabeel Center and contains articles on non-violence and Islam, the concept of "courage" between violence and non-violence, comparison between the "Stone Uprising" and "Al-Aqsa Uprising", studies in resistance in Palestine in the Arab Spring, the revival of non-violence in the Palestinian context, and examples of peaceful resistance in Palestine.

Al-liqa' Journal (in English), Volume 42, June 2014

This issue focused on 50 years between the visits of His Holiness Pope Paul VI and His Holiness Pope Francis I (1964 – 2014). Other featured articles include Arab Christian Heritage, Egyptian stand toward the Palestinian problem (1929 – 1987) and the culture of dialogue in Islam.



Al-liqa' quarterly review (in Arabic), Volume 1 + 2, year 2014

This issue focused on the proceedings of the 25th session of the Christian and Muslim Heritage conference of 2013 titled: "The Palestinian National Scheme and the Modern State."

Al-Liqa' Center Visitors

28 January 2014

Al-Liqa' Center was visited by a group of lecturers and students from the Catholic Theological Union – Chicago led by Dr. Scott Alexander. The delegation comprised Jews, Christians and Muslims. The group was hosted by Dr. Geries S. Khoury who presented a detailed view of the march and the development of contextual theology in general and Palestinian theology in particular.

29 January 2014

Al-Liqa' Center was visited by the Executive Director of the **Adam Center for Dialogue of Civilizations**, Engineer 'Imad Faluji, and a number of his companions including Mrs. Luna Amin from Bethlehem. The aim of the visit is to familiarize the Adam Center with Al-Liqa' Center and to study the possibility of future cooperation between the two centers within the vision and activities of Al-Liqa' Center. Dr. Geries S. Khoury and Mr. Mousa Darwish represented Al-Liqa' Center.

7 February 2014

Al-Liqa' Center was visited by Tim Budge from the Anglican Institute for External Aid. The aim of the visit was to familiarize oneself with the programs and activities of the Center in the areas of interfaith dialogue and Palestinian Contextual Theology since 1982. In addition, Mr. Tim was presented with some publications of the Center in both English and Arabic.

18 February 2014

A group of pilgrims from the Vicenza Diocese in Italy led by Father Giacomo Viali visited Al-Liqa' Center in order to get acquainted with the conditions of Christians in the Holy Land, their relations with Muslims and with the Palestinian Israeli conflict. Dr. Geries spoke to the group and focused on the activities of the Center in the areas of Christian – Muslim relations and contextual Palestinian theology which is a voice of every Christian Palestinian.

25 February 2014

A group of Italians, led by Fr. Nandino and Mr. Julini visited Al-Liqa. The group's aim is to get acquainted with the activities of Al-Liqa' in interfaith dialogue, Palestinian contextual theology, the Palestinian Christian situation and with the peace process. Dr. Adnan Musallam welcomed the group; and Dr. Khoury addressed them concerning the present situation in the Arab world which is chaotic. Likewise, Dr. Khoury focused on the present situation in Egypt and Syria. In addition, he spoke about local Palestinian theology and Muslim-Christian dialogue and added that the future of Christian Arabs is not different from that of Muslim Arabs. All of us desire a quiet future and a democratic country which preserves the dignity of its citizens.

11 March 2014

Dr. Geries S. Khoury met with a group of pilgrims from the Italian Vicenza Parish who wanted to hear about developments in the Holy Land and in the Arab world and their impact on Christian presence and shared living with Muslims. The pilgrims wanted to hear as well about Al-Liqa' Center and its programs, especially the Christian Muslim dialogue and Palestinian contextual theology.

List and Prices of Al- Liqa's Publications 1982-2014 (All publications are in Arabic unless specified)

Christian - Muslim Dialogue Conference (1982 –2013)	
1. Proceedings of the First Conference, *Jerusalem* 1983 to 12th Conference, Bethlehem 1994	$10
2. 13th Conference, *Bethlehem*. 1995. (see no. 9 Miscellaneous)	$10
3. 14th Conference, *Bethlehem*, 1996	$10
4. 15th Conference, *Bethlehem*, 1998	$10
5. 16th Conference, *Bethlehem*, 2001	$10
6. 17th Conference, *Bethlehem*, 2003	$10
7. 18th Conference, *Bethlehem*, 2005	$10
8. 19th Conference, *Bethlehem*, 2007 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year. 22, no. 4, 2007)	$10
9. 20th Conference, *Bethlehem*, 2008 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year. 23, no. 3, 2008)	$10
10. 21st Conference, *Bethlehem* 2009 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year. 25, nos. 1,2, 2010)	$10
11. 22nd Conference, *Bethlehem* 2010 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year. 27, no. 2, 2012)	$10
12. 23rd Conference, Bethlehem 2011 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year. 27, no. 4, 2012)	$10
13. 24th Conference, Bethlehem, 2012 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 28, nos. 2,3, 2013)	$10
14. 25th Conference, Bethlehem, 2013 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 29, nos. 1,2, 2014)	

Palestinian Contextual Theology Conference (1987-2013)	
1.Proceedings of the First Conference, *Jerusalem* 1983 to the Eighth Conference, Jerusalem 1995	$7
2.Ninth Conference, Bethlehem, 1996 (Contained in Al-Liqa' Journal, Vol. 9/10, (1997)	$7
3.10th Conference, *Bethlehem*, December 1998 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 19, vol 1+2, 2004)	$10
4.11th Conference, *Bethlehem*, June 2003 (There are no published proceedings)	$10
5.12th Conference, *the Galilee*, 2004 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 20, vol 1+2, 2005)	$10
6.13th Conference, *Bethlehem*, 2006 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 21, vol 3+4,2006)	$10
7.14th Conference, *Ibillin*	$10
8.15th Conference, *Ibillin* (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 23, vol. 1, 2008)	$10
9.16th Conference, *Bethlehem* 2009 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 24, vol. 1, 2009)	$10
10.17th Conference, *Haifa* 2010 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 25, vol 3+4 2010)	$10
11.18th Conference, Haifa 2011 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 27, vol 3, 2012)	$10
12.19th Conference, Bethlehem 2011 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 28, vol 1, 2013)	$10
13.20th Conference, Bethlehem 2012 (contained in Al-liqa' quarterly review, year 28, vol 4, 2013)	$10

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Miscellaneous	
1. Fr. Peter Madrous, ***Paul the Apostle and the Man*** (67 pages)	$5
2. Najib Nassar, ***Under the Protection of the Arabs*** (91 pages)	$5
3. Younis Amr, ***Jerusalem the City of God*** (152pages)	$5
4. Louis I. Hazboun, ***Principles of Sociology of Religion*** (162 p.)	$5
5. Western Christian Zionism, (43 pages)	$3
6. Jerusalem Between Religious Freedom and Political Sovereignty,(in English) (78pages)	$5
7. Christian Feasts between Unity and Pluralism, (96 pages).	$5
8. Qustandi Shomali, ***El-Carmel*** (534 pages)	$10
9. Jerusalem: ***Palestinian Muslim- Christian Studies*** (600 ps.)	$10
10. Anton Shomali, ***Collected Poems*** (255 Pages)	$7
11. Fr. Dr. Rafiq Khoury, ***Contextualized Eastern Churches*** (393 pages).	$7
12. Jamal Salsa', ***Palestinian Poetical Message Between Religion and Nationalism*** (174 pages)	$6
13. Thiab A. Ayyoush, ***Social Problems: An Islamic Perspective*** (212 pages) (in English)	$7
14. Sami Adwan, ***Reality of Religious Education, both Muslim and Christian, in Palestinian Schools***.(404 pages)	$10
15. Fr. Dr. Rafiq Khoury, ***Say your Word and Go! Quick Inputs into Vital Files (273 pages)***	$7
16. Fr. Dr. Rafiq Khoury, ***The Book of Days: In Search of the Lost Word*** (159 pages)	$7
17. Geries S. Khoury, ***Arab Christians: Rootedness... Presence... Openness*** (278 pages)	$10
18. Geries S. Khoury, ***Arab Christians and Muslims: Past... Present... Future*** (272 pages)	$10
19. 'Abd Al-Rahman 'Abbad, ***Dialogue in Islam*** (188 pages)	$10
20. ***Al-Liqa' quarterly review indexes, 1985-2010*** (266 pages.)	$10
21. Fr. Dr. Rafiq Khoury, ***Open Borders between Time and Eternity: Toward Contextual Theology in Our Native Soil.*** (547 pages)	$15
22. Qustandi Shomali, ***Palestinian Folk Heritage: A Historical and A Bibliografical Study,*** (76 pages)	$ 8
23. Fathi Fourani, ***Arab Muslims and Christians Under One Tent,*** (103 pages)	$ 8
24. ***Dirasat Islamiyya (Islamic Studies), (199 pages)***	$ 8
25. ***Peaceful Resistance in Islam and Christianity*** (in Arabic), (174 Pages)	$ 10

Al-Liqa' Center's Documents
(Available in Arabic and English)

1. Theology and the Local Church in the Holy Land, 16p	$4
2. In Jerusalem, Justice and Peace Embrace Each Other, 5p.	$2

Al-Liqa' Arabic Language - Quarterly Review
(1985 - 2014)

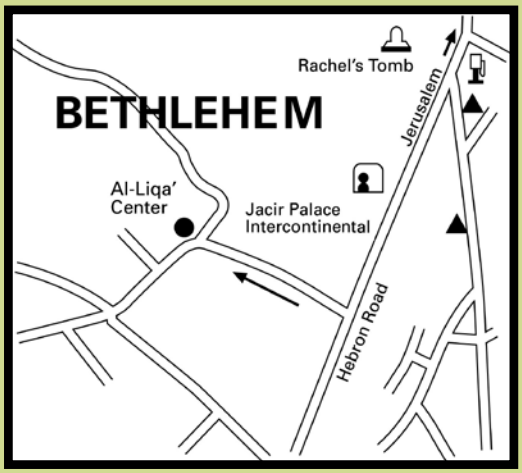
Year 1-Year 3 (3 issues each year)	$20 per Year
Year 4-Year 29 (4 issues each year)	$40 per Year
Price per one issue	$10

Al- Liqa' Journal (in English) 1992 – 2014

Vol. 1 (August 1992) – Vol. 42 (June 2014)

Al-Liqa' Center

In Jerusalem, the city sacred to billions of diverse believers, a Palestinian interfaith initiative led to the establishment of "Al-Liqa' Center", a unique place of research, study and dialogue on the religious traditions, institutions and daily life of the people of the Holy Land and the region. The program includes, interfaith dialogue, Palestinian Contextualized Theology in the Holy Land, international activities, and the publication of journal, newsletters, books and occasional papers. H.B. Patriarch Michel Sabbah, President, Board of Trustees; and Dr. Geries S. Khoury, Director.



Al-Liqa' Center's Headquarter

54-56 Al-Quds Jerusalem Str.

The Center is located less than 200 meters to the southwest of Rachel's Tomb at 54-56 Al-Quds Jerusalem Street. After passing the Jacir Palace Intercontinental to the right on the Hebron-Jerusalem Rd, take a right turn at the first intersection at the end of which Al-Liqa' Center is situated on the right side of the street.

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moderated by Mr. Mousa Darwish.

Following a coffee break, Father Dr. Rafiq Khoury lectured on "Ecumenical Texts from Christian Arab Heritage and their Impact" which was moderated by Mrs. Sima Ghawali.

The third day began with some Christmas hymns by 'Amer Baba and prayer and contemplation by Bishop Boutros Mu'allem. These were followed by a lecture on "The Arabic Icons in General and in Palestine in Particular." This was moderated by Mr. Souheil Makhoul. Following a coffee break a panel comprising Fr. Dr. Jamal Khader and Dr. Johnny Mansour examined in depth "This is our Heritage: What to do next?" The moderator of the panel was Mr. Ziad Shlewit.

Following the panel, Dr. Geries S. Khoury summarized the proceedings of the conference and thanked all conferees, lecturers, panelists as well as the preparatory committee and especially Fr. Dr. Rafiq Khoury and all staff members of Al-Liqa Center who exerted the efforts in order to make the proceedings of the conference successful.

Dr. Khoury then read the final communiqué of the conferees.

Upcomming Events

The Christian – Muslim Dialogue Conference

The 26th Session

"Arab heritage in Jerusalem"

25-27 September 2014

Bethlehem

Conference on Palestinian Contextual Theology (PCT 2014)

22nd Session

«The Palestinian Christian between Citizenship and Faith»

12-14 December 2014

Bethlehem

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