



FEASTS & COMMEMORATIONS....

Holy Apostolic & Catholic Church of the East, Mar Narsai Parish, 3939 Lawton Street, San Francisco, the Ven. Nenos S. Michael, Archdeacon officiating:

- Sunday, July 17 - Feast of Noserdel, 8:30 a.m. offering Qurbana Kadeesha
- Sunday, August 7 - Feast of Transfiguration, 8:30 a.m. offering Qurbana Kadeesha.

FUNCTIONS & ACTIVITIES....

- a) Daughters of Mar Narsai Parish, Church of the East, are giving a Church Benefit Dinner (Kabab, rice and vegetables) at the Parish Hall, 3939 Lawton Street, San Francisco on Sunday, June 5. Time: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- b) Assyrian Community Center is giving Dinner & Concert - Piano Recital by Mr. William Daniel (Conductor - Musician - Composer) on Saturday, June 18 at 8:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 1300 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco. Donation: \$12.50/person.
- c) Foundation Picnic  
The Assyrian Foundation has scheduled its annual picnic for Sunday, August 21 at Robert Crown Memorial Park in Alameda. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar!  
**Note:** Last year we held our picnic at this park. Everyone had a good time. In subsequent issues more details will be given.

AWAY FROM HOME IS....

Aprim Yonan of Hercules, CA, a member of the Foundation, who is on a business and pleasure trip to Baghdad, Iraq.

DO YOU KNOW THAT....

- a) Assyria was the first country to have a Navy. In the 700's B.C., King Sennacherib organized the first fleet to carry armed men.
- b) An aspect of Assyrian art which has considerable appeal to modern taste is carving in ivory. Carved ivory, often overlaid with gold.

THOSE OF YOU WHO MISSED....

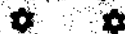
The May General Membership Meeting, brief! we would like to relate to you the main points discussed:

- 1. Renovation: The president, Joel Elias briefed the members on matters pertain to renovation of our Center. A committee consisting of six members (Joel Elias, Julius Shabbas, Youel Baa Daniel Shabbas, Sargon Shabbas, Baba Adam) volunteered to investigate, plan the rest of the work that needs to be done in the Center.
- 2. The members expressed approval of the plan to buy two replicas of Assyrian reliefs, approximate sizes 5 ft. x 2-1 ft. and 4 ft. x 3 ft. These will be mounted on two walls in the hall of our Center.
- 3. The membership approved the purchase of a copy of the film "Assyrian Heritage in World Museums," produced by Victor Alexander.

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ASSYRIANS IN TRANSITION  
PRE-CHRISTIAN TO POST-CHRISTIAN ERA  
PROTECTORS OF CIVILIZATION TO A PEACEFUL CHRISTIAN NATION  
AS RELATED BY WILLIAM DANIEL IN HIS BOOK "ASSYRIANS  
OF TODAY--THEIR PROBLEM AND A SOLUTION"

ASSYRIA MINOR AND ITS CONVERSION TO CHRISTIANITY

Unfortunately we have very little data depicting the events that occurred in Assyrian history during the period between the fall of Ninveh and the beginning of Christian era. We have some little information about the Minor Assyrian Kingdom ruled by the Abgar (Augar) dynasty, and one or two others. This covers a period of about 4-1/2 centuries, which almost fills the gap of the six or six and a half relatively eventless centuries. One regrets the absence of trustworthy information regarding the happenings during the one hundred and ninety or two hundred silent years. It is very probable that the reason for the historic silence is that, the Abgar's Kingdom was preparing itself for another stand; or also it could be that, this period is relatively silent in comparison with the great undertakings and accomplishments of its powerful predecessor.

A retrospective mental scrutiny focussed on Assyria Minor, reveals to the discerning student's mind's eye the picture of a nation, urged by the greatness of spirit of their forefathers endeavoring to make one more important cultural and political stand in the history of mankind; thus creating a smaller Assyria that tenaciously struggles for survival and self-expression against great odds; for they were now surrounded by fast growing powers all around them.

Eusebius the Jewish-Roman historian of the first century A.D. is quoted as having told, in his narratives, of the message sent to our Lord Jesus by the King Abgar Okama, inviting him to his kingdom where he might deliver his teachings to more ready and welcoming listeners. He refers to Jesus' miraculous deeds adding, "I hear people there do not accept your message, I invite you to my kingdom where there is enough room for both of us." Eusebius also tells of Jesus replying that, his mission was not completed yet, but that soon he would send his disciples to King Abgar. Thus the saints Thomas, of the twelve disciples; and Addai, of the seventy; after Ascension, travelled to King Abgar's land, healed the ailing ruler and Christianity became the faith of the land.

From that period on, the Assyrian history becomes a chain of religious events. The small kingdom, softened by the Christian faith's principles, is easily devoured by the fast growing Roman Empire. Thus once for all Assyria, as a military power, sees its end.

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PILLARS OF THE MANSION OF CHRISTENDOM

Voluminous records testify that Assyrians of the Abgar's Kingdom, and ever thereafter, not only became fervent Christians; neither that their Christian importance ended with being the backbone of this new faith in the Middle East; but that they constituted the all important element for the survival and growth of this doctrine. They, in the face of impossible obstacles, carried the Gospel's message throughout the length and breadth of Asia; even to Africa. Every atom of their zeal, an inherent quality, was lanced in this new campaign of peace. The Gospel became their souls' nourishment; the reason for living in favor of which all earthly possessions and carnal desires were sacrificed; for what does a man need if he has found the Kingdom of God. They meekly turned the other cheek; they shared their belongings with their neighbors; equipped with knapsack furnished with the meagerest victuals, on foot, they bore the message to Persia, India, China, Mongolia, Japan even to Africa. They became the main pillars of the Mansions of Christendom.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The next issue of NINEVEH WEST will incorporate the second and final portion of this presentation:

"Peak of Sacrifice"  
"The Eternal Peace"  
"From High Priest to Patriarch"

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HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY....

- Jenan Shabbas - June 1
- Dumarina Shabbas - June 11

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REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS....

- 1) A few members have not yet attended to their membership dues and initiation fees. We request that this matter be taken care of. Thank you.
- 2) We again appeal to those who pledged to the Building Fund to attend to this obligation. Again, thanks.

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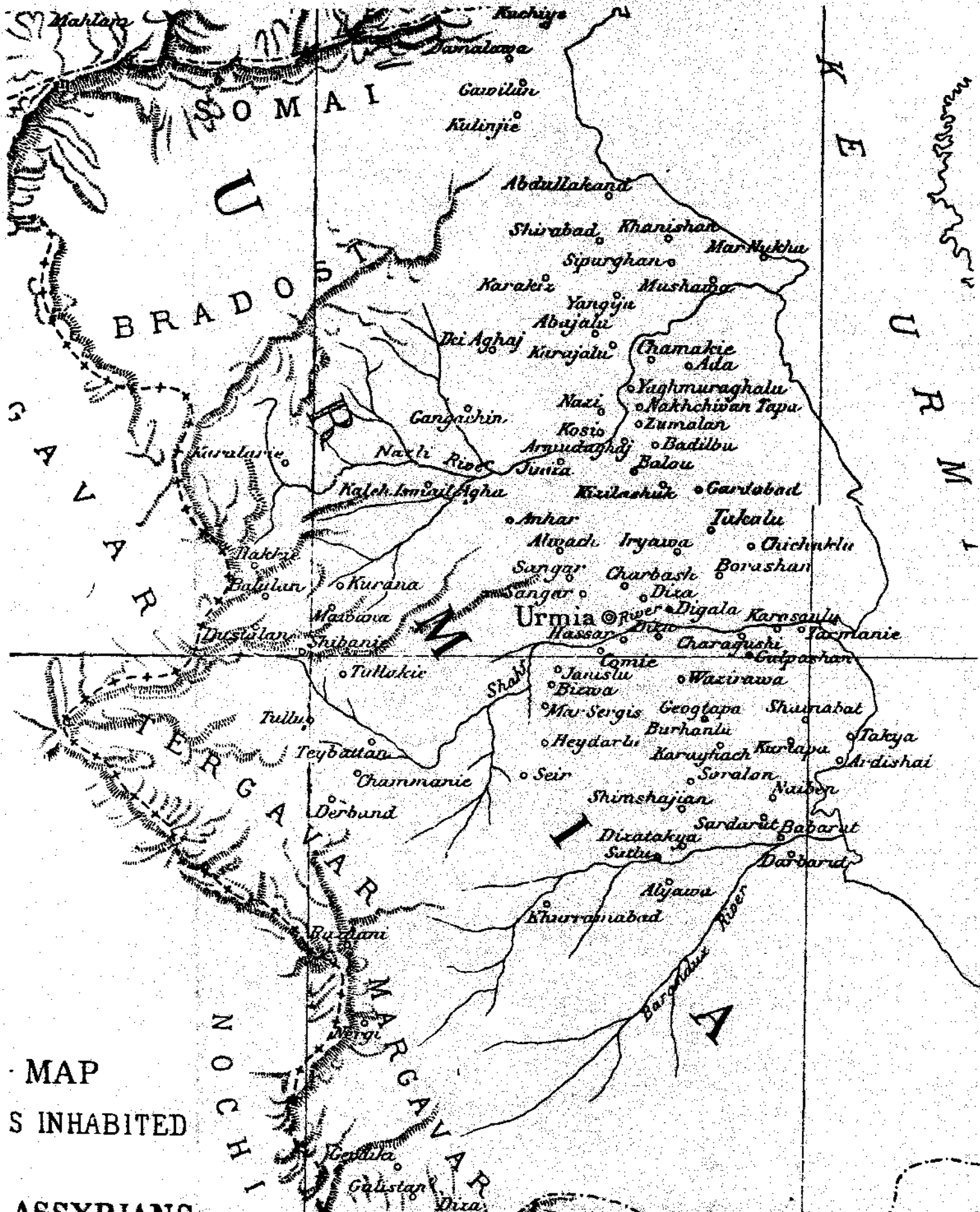
ATTENTION MEMBERS....

If you have any news items to add to NINEVEH WEST, please call us, or write them down, and next time we get together give them to us. It is not easy to hunt for news items.

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March 21, 1977 →  
BAGHDAD OBSERVER





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