



The Melkite Heritage Display was created in late 2020 by Jack Bettar under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Gerges Albutros (Dean of St. Michael's Cathedral) and Bishop Robert Rabbat (Eparch) in order to commemorate and celebrate the 130-year milestone of the presence of our church in Australia.

It will remain as an archival record for both Melkites and non-Melkites to view and appreciate the Eastern Catholic rite and better understand the important role and imprint St. Michael's Melkite Church and its community have in the religious, social and political spheres of Australian life.

The Display features original sacred vessels, photographs, an ornate priest vestment, iconography, newspaper clippings and precious religious literature among other pieces. The collection presents the early history of the Melkite community in New South Wales and is significant for researchers, theologians and historians.

The collection is drawn from archival materials in the Cathedral, at the Melkite Eparchy Centre, City of Sydney Council Records, National Library of Australia and also from generous material donations by families.

Visit



The Melkite Heritage Display is situated within:

St. Michael's Melkite Greek Catholic Cathedral
25 Golden Grove St., Darlington
N.S.W. 2008



Photo: A Byzantine Icon of St. Michael the Archangel. Collection of the Melkite Heritage Display

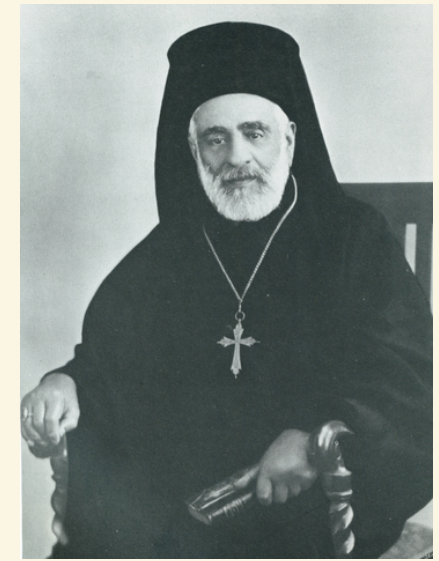
"Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you, your elders and they will tell you."

DEUTERONOMY 32:7



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Photo: St. Michael's Melkite Greek Catholic Church,
Wellington St., Waterloo. C. 1939
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**RT. REV. FR.
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*First Melkite priest in Australia and
founder of St. Michael's Melkite Greek
Catholic Church in Waterloo.*

Contact

Timeline

If you have an item that you or your family would like to donate or loan to the Melkite Heritage Display OR wish to send us any feedback, inquiries or comments before/after your visit, write or speak to us on any of the below:

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1880 – Migration of Melkite Catholics from Syria and Lebanon to Sydney.

1889 – Fr. Sylvanos Mansour sent to minister a growing community.

1891 – Foundation plaque of St. Michael's Melkite Greek Catholic Church laid.

1895 – First Mass held at St. Michael's after construction is completed.

1979 – St. Kieran's R.C. Church in Darlington is acquired by Melkite trustees.

1987 – St. Michael's Melkite Church in Darlington is designated as Cathedral.



*Remains of the 'original' St. Michael's Melkite
Greek Catholic Church on Wellington St.,
Waterloo in 2019.*