



His Beatitude Patriarch Sfeir Visits the U.S.A.

His Beatitude Patriarch Nasrallah Peter Cardinal Sfeir, Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, will begin his visit to the United States on Thursday, May 15, 2008. On Sunday, May 18, Villanova University in Villanova [Philadelphia], Penn., will confer on His Beatitude an Honorary Doctorate Degree. Below is a tentative schedule of his visit.

Thursday, May 15

- 7:00 a.m.:** Arrival at JFK Airport in New York City
(Go directly to the Bishop's Residence)
- 3:00 p.m.:** Meeting at UN with Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon
- 4:00 p.m.:** Leave UN for Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral
- 7:30 p.m.:** Public Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- 8:30 p.m.:** Public reception at the Cathedral Hall

Friday, May 16

- 10:00 a.m.:** Leave for Saint Maron Church in Philadelphia, Penn.
- 1:00 p.m.:** Brief visit to the church for Prayer to Our Lady:
Ya Om Allah
- 1:15 p.m.:** Lunch at Saint Maron Parish Hall
- 6:00 p.m.:** Pontifical Mass with Cardinal Rigali at Philadelphia Cathedral
- 8:00 p.m.:** Banquet at Sheraton Hotel

Saturday, May 17

- 11:00a.m.:** Mass at Saint Sharbel Church in Newtown Square, Penn.
- 12:30p.m.:** Lunch at Saint Sharbel Parish Hall
- 6:00 p.m.:** Private Dinner at Villanova University, Villanova, Penn.

Sunday, May 18

- 8:00 a.m.:** Mass at Saint Maron Church, Philadelphia, Penn.
- 10:00a.m.:** Conferral of honorary doctorate at Villanova University followed by reception at Villanova
- 4:00 p.m.:** Leave for airport for flight to Houston, Texas

Monday, May 19

- 8:00 a.m.:** Mass at Our Lady of the Cedars Maronite Church, Houston, Texas
- 8:45 a.m.:** Breakfast meeting with Church organizations. Round table discussion about the Maronite Patriarchal Synod
- 7:00 p.m.:** Banquet at Hotel

Tuesday, May 20

- Morning meetings to be confirmed
- 5:30 p.m.:** Meeting with the youth and the young adults of the parish.
- 7:00 p.m.:** Pontifical Mass and Reception in the Church Hall

Wednesday, May 21

- 8:00 a.m.:** Mass at Our Lady of the Cedars Church
- 1:00 p.m.:** Leave Houston. ☐