



Father Fouad Michel Sayegh was born in Damascus - Syria in 1955. He went to high school in Damascus. He received his Masters in Philosophy in 1978, from St. Paul Institute, Harissa - Lebanon. He also received a Masters in Divinity (Theology) in 1979, from St. Paul's as well.

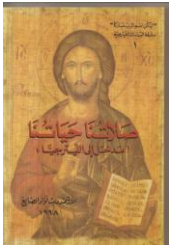
Ordained a priest on April 16th, 1979, Monday of Pascha.

In 1983 Father Fouad received a Masters in Eastern Studies, especially Liturgy, from the Oriental Pontifical Institute, Rome - Italy. He went back to Lebanon as a Rector of the Patriarchal St. Ann Major Seminary, Rabweh, and Professor of Liturgy at St. Paul Institute and other Institutes in Lebanon and Syria from 1983 – 2005.

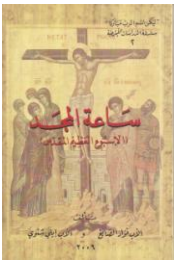
Father Fouad served two parishes in Damascus: Our Lady of Damascus (1993-2001), and the Cathedral (2001-2005).

Father Fouad has authored many articles, especially in Arabic, in the Lebanese and Syrian Religious Reviews and Bulletins. He is a Member, and former Secretary of the Patriarchal Liturgical Committee.

He is also the author of two books:



1. *Salātuna Hayātuna (Our Prayer is our Life), Introduction to the Liturgy* (in Arabic), “Liturgical Studies, n. 1”, Paulist Edition, Jounieh - Lebanon, 1998, 224p.



2. *Sā'atu l' Majd (Hour of Glory), The Holy and Great Week* (in Arabic), in collaboration with Rev. Elie Chatawi, “Liturgical Studies, n. 2”, Edition Bab - Touma, Damascus - Syria, 2006, 104p.

Former chairman of several church activities (Faith & Light -in all Syria-, Legio Mariae -in all Damascus, Equipes Notre-Dame, Rinascita Christiana, Scoutism).

Former Secretary of the Holy Synod of the Melkite Church from 1983 to 2004.

Former Secretary of the Conference of the Catholic Hierarchy of Syria from 1995 to 2005.

Father Fouad came to USA (NJ) in the beginning of 2006, and now he is the Pastor of St. John the Baptist Melkite Catholic Church, Northlake, IL, (since September 2006).