

### NAM SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2009

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the NAM MYO Scholarships for the 2008-2009 school year. Each winner will receive a \$1000 scholarship pending notification of enrollment in college. This scholarship may be renewed for one additional year provided the recipient maintains a 3.0 or better average on a 4.0 scale and enrolls for an additional year in college.

This year's John A. Solomon Memorial MYO Scholarship winners are:

*Christine Zaccak, Our Lady of Lebanon, Washington, DC*

*Curtis Michael Taylor, Our*

*Lady of the Cedars, Fairlawn, Ohio*

This year's Naomi and Paul Kassouf NAM Scholarship winners are:

*Kimberly Ababseh, Our Lady of Lebanon Parish, San Francisco, CA*

*Maurice Hajjar, St. Jude Parish, Orlando, FL*

This year's Thomas and Jennie Ayoob Memorial NAM Scholarship winner is:

*Michael Saba, Our Lady of Victory, Pittsburgh, PA.*

*Congratulations and best wishes to all of our students, we are proud of what you have accomplished and wish you success in all your future endeavors.*

*The five scholarship winners*

*from last year need to please contact the NAM office at 914-964-3070 or [nam@namnews.org](mailto:nam@namnews.org) for verification that each qualifies for the second \$1000.*

*Last years recipients were:*

Rachelle Palasota - St. George, San Antonio, TX

Stephen Bolus - St. Elias, Birmingham, AL

Anthony Budway - St. George, Pawtucket, RI

George Boumitri - Our Lady of Lebanon, Chicago, IL

Jessica Atallah, Our Lady of Lebanon, Waterbury, CT

2010 applications will be available online by

January 1st, 2010

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### 46th Annual Convention a great Success

On July 1st - 5th Maronites from across the country followed the Star to the City of Los Angeles. More than 1200 members of Beit Maroun joined together in prayer, and many social activities to celebrate NAM's 46th annual convention. With an extensive list of popular speakers and entertainers, this convention have gone down in history as one of the most elaborate conventions.

Cardinal Sandri joined us during the clergy conference and all the other events of convention. It was both an honor and blessing

to have him with us during the General Assembly where he blessed the gathering with the Blessed Massabki Brothers' relic.

Joumana Mdawar captivated the hearts of the audience on Thursday night. She was pure energy on stage. Many were left with tears in their eyes as she sang many of her beautiful religious songs and other old favorites.

Carlos Slim Helu, was the special highlight for Friday. He spoke to everyone about his experiences and work as a fellow Maronite

and about his family which came from Lebanon.

Ghassan Saliba was a major hit on Saturday as he sang many of his songs that we love from his plays, and other songs from Lebanese folklore and Rahbani Brothers' repertoire.

Our guest speakers included Secretary of Transportation Ray Lahood, Antoine Chedid, and Nehmat Frem from the Maronite Foundation.

Over 50 committees worked together under the directorship

Dr. and Mrs. Ayoub, and the leadership of Rev. Abdallah Zaidan.

Congratulations to the winners of the Gold Massabki Award: Bernadette Shalhoub, and Nina Bejany.

We wish to thank all the local committees who worked hard for 2 years to ensure the success of the convention. Also, thank you to the board members and delegates who joined in the efforts on a national level. To everyone who attended, we appreciated your support and participation in making this convention a memorable one.

## *Let's put the "fun" into fundraising!*

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We are excited to announce the addition of a new funding program for National Apostolate of Maronites. NAM now has its own little Expedia®! This is a full featured travel website private labeled with the NAM name. Go check it out! You can find it at: [www.NamTravelStore.com](http://www.NamTravelStore.com).

**How it works:** Every time travel is arranged through an online travel website, travel companies pay commissions for your reservation. When travel is booked on our new website, NAM will receive 60% of these commissions paid as royalties!

This is an exciting program that we will make available to our supporters. They can visit the website, book their personal travel and NAM will receive our share of the commissions. But, we also need to take advantage of the program internally to maximize the funding from this program.

### **Website Features**

If you are familiar with booking travel online, you shouldn't have any trouble navigating the new website. The site functions in a similar manner to other travel websites such as Expedia® and Orbitz®. Some of the key features you will find on the website include:

- Air, hotel, car rental search and booking features
- Vacation Packages
- Cruise Packages
- Ordering flowers online
- Ordering Event and sport tickets

**Website Address:** [www.NamTravelStore.com](http://www.NamTravelStore.com) Please bookmark this URL.

### **Internal Travel**

All your business travel for NAM can be arranged through our new website. If you are arranging travel for yourself or someone else in your business, please use our new website and bookmark the site for future use.

### **Personal Travel**

Just like our supporters, the website is available to you and your family to book your personal travel. Please help us increase our funding. Use our new website whenever you travel!

### **Group Travel**

In addition to the travel website, we also have group travel services provided to us through this program. Through this part of the service we have a group travel specialist available to arrange group travel events. This includes internal group travel as well as fundraising travel events that can be arranged for supporters. As with the website, all group travel arranged through this program will pay commissions back to NAM. Group travel must comply with YTB Group Travel Guidelines.

If you have any questions about this new travel program, please contact national office 914-964-3070

**Please help to make this exciting new program a success!**

**Book all travel and do all your shopping at:**

**[www.NamTravelStore.com](http://www.NamTravelStore.com)**

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## **SILVER AND GOLD MASSABKI AWARD RECIPIENTS - 1975 TO PRESENT**

In this issue we would like to recognize all of the winners who have won Silver and Gold Massabki Awards. We thank them for their dedication and hard work for NAM and the Maronite Church. The highest honors bestowed on NAM members are the Silver and Gold Massabki Awards, which are presented annually. These awards are named after three martyred Maronite Brothers of Damascus, Francis, Abdel Mohti and Raphael, who refused to renounce their faith. The awards are bestowed on members of the apostolate who have contributed extraordinarily of their time, talent, and treasure on a parish, regional or national level. The Silver Massabki Award is given on the parish level, while the prestigious Gold Massabki Award is given on a national level (one per eparchy) to one individual or a married couple and is always presented at the national convention.

(\*regional At-Large Award - +Deceased)

### **1975 SILVER**

Anthony R. Abraham - Miami, FL  
Sadie A. Corey+ - Lawrence, MA  
Michael Deets - Troy, NY  
George A. Ellis - Utica, NY  
Sadie Gazell - St. Louis, MO  
Michael Hashem - Dover, NY  
Remon Hayek - Youngstown, OH  
George Jebaily + - Brooklyn, NY  
Louis J. John - Wheeling, WV  
Frederick Joseph - Olean, NY  
Joseph Monsour+ - Fayetteville, NC  
Genevieve Resha - Minneapolis, MN  
Joseph Shaker - Hillside, IL  
Theresa Shiner - Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Hon. Anthony Solomon - Providence, RI  
Genevieve Thomas - Worcester, MA

### **1975 GOLD**

**JAMES J. ELASMAR, SR.**  
**SPRINGFIELD, MA**

### **1976 - SILVER**

George Attallah - New Bedford, MA  
Joseph Azar - Fall River, MA  
Paul Bedwick - Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Joseph Coury - Fall River, MA  
Dr. Raymond Decker+ - Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Virginia Zahran - Fayetteville, NC  
Joseph Dumit - Hillside, IL  
Sadie Gabriel - Danbury, CT  
Frank Gazeley - Troy, NY  
Lucy George - Worcester, MA  
Charlotte Hanni - Easton, PA  
Frederick Hebshie - Brockton, MA  
Mitchell Hilow - Worcester, MA  
Mr. & Mrs. Emil Jaha - Portland, OR  
Peter Joseph - Waterville, ME  
Thomas D. Joseph+ - Williamsville, NY  
George Karam+ - McAllen, TX  
Ralph Karam - San Antonio, TX  
Ed Lahood - Peoria, IL  
Mike Mansour+ - Atlanta, GA  
Albert Nehme - Scranton, PA  
Fred Sahib - Fall River, MA  
Richard Shaker - Waterbury, CT  
Edward Shibley, Sr. - Glen Allen, VA  
Thomas Simon - Minneapolis, MN  
Mary Thomas - Miami, FL  
Martha Yameen - Lawrence, MA  
Joseph Zemer - Olean, NY

### **1976 GOLD**

**FLORENCE JOHN**  
**CLEVELAND, OH**

### **1977 SILVER**

Laurice Alwan - Peoria, IL  
Helen Anton - Murray, UT  
George Boden+ - Hillside, IL  
Anton Bouhassan - Cleveland, OH  
Homer Cronin+ - Atlanta, GA

Anthony Ellis - Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Philip Farris - Olean, NY  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holling - Portland, OR  
Rose Jacob - Minneapolis, MN  
Julia Karam - San Antonio, TX  
Maurice Koury - Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Michael Michael - Detroit, MI  
Mary Najjar - Easton, PA  
Alfred Ojile - Minneapolis, MN  
Fayes Thomas - Miami, FL

### **1977 GOLD**

**DR. ELIAS T. SAADI**  
**YOUNGSTOWN, OH**

### **1978 SILVER**

Elias Badway - Pawtucket, RI  
Vincent Carlo - Waterbury, CT  
Raymond Carrah - Waterbury, CT  
Mr & Mrs. Alfred Deeb - Troy, NY  
Maria Di Paola, Atlanta, GA  
Rose Doumitt - Portland, OR  
Ronald Galip - Youngstown, OH  
Richard Ganim - Cleveland, OH  
Charles Haykel+ - Williamsville, NY  
Michael John - Olean, NY  
Daniel Jowdy - Danbury, CT  
June Karter - Waterville, ME  
George Lewis - Glen Allen, VA  
Michael Paradise+ - Cleveland, OH  
Cecelia Thomas - Wheeling, WV

### **1978 GOLD**

**THOMAS D. JOSEPH +**  
**WILLIAMSVILLE, NY**

### **1979 SILVER**

Joseph Beshara - Youngstown, OH  
Andrew Haley - Dover, NH  
Barbara Harris - Portland, OR  
Margaret Joseph - Detroit, MI

### **1979 GOLD**

**REV. MSGR. JOSEPH JOSEPH +**  
**WILLIAMSVILLE, NY**

### **1980 SILVER**

Theodore Aberdale - Springfield, MA  
Albert Abraham - Lawrence, MA  
Nellie Anthony - Williamsville, NY  
Ann Coury - Cleveland, OH  
Jack Dumit - Hillside, IL  
Deeb Ferris - Waterville, ME  
Charles Flayhan - Dover, NH  
Joseph Francis - Detroit, MI  
Wadad Frangie - Troy, NY  
Mary Gabriel - Newcastle, PA  
Romey Dahdah Gussin - Philadelphia, PA  
Raymond Habib - Brooklyn, NY  
Millard Hykel+ - Springfield, MA  
Frank Joseph - Pittsburgh, PA  
Amelia Karam+ - Washington, DC

Morris Karam - San Antonio, TX  
Joseph Kneiser - Olean, NY  
Francis Slay - St. Louis, MO  
Edward Younes - Miami, FL

### **1980 GOLD**

**JOSEPH P. MOSEY, JR**  
**WILLIAMSVILLE, NY**

### **1981 SILVER**

Amira Andera - San Antonio, TX

### **1987 GOLD**

**DEACON JOSEPH S. NOHRA**  
**YOUNGSTOWN, OH**

### **1982 SILVER**

Joseph & Frieda Abi-Najm - Washington, DC  
Louise Anton - Minneapolis, MN  
Monsour Botaish - Jamaica Plain, MA  
Carlie Estefan - San Antonio, TX  
Agnes Howard - Detroit, MI  
Patricia Impagliazzo - Philadelphia, PA  
Eli Kalil - Lawrence, MA  
Maxine Shalhoub\* - Los Angeles, CA  
Edward Shiner\* - Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Dr. Joseph Soma - Scranton PA  
Jeanette Milton Wyrick\* - Birmingham, AL

### **1982 GOLD**

**JUDGE KENNETH P NASIF**  
**JAMAICA PLAIN, MA**

### **1983 SILVER**

Norman Abdella - Flint, MI  
Zarie Jowdy Aboud - San Antonio, TX  
Janet Alexander - St. Paul, MN  
Edward+ & Selma+ Ameen - Scranton, PA  
Mr & Mrs Louis Anthony - Detroit, MI  
Joseph Coury - Cleveland, OH  
Charles Gebron\* - Springfield, MA  
Sharbel Heshema - Miami, FL  
Joseph Joseph - Youngstown, OH  
Regina Joseph - Williamsville, NY  
Joseph Kalil - Lawrence, MA  
Gerald Kimes - Birmingham, AL  
John Nassif\*+ - St. Louis, MO  
Norman Nemer\*+ - Cleveland, OH  
Peter Peters - Waterville, ME  
Mary Anne Shamatta - Atlanta, GA  
Michelle Thomas\* - Wilkes-Barre, PA  
John Zaidan - Philadelphia, PA

### **1983 GOLD**

**MONSOUR J. FERRIS**  
**FALL RIVER, MA**

### **1984 SILVER**

Carol Basil - Minneapolis, MN  
Joseph Bostany - Birmingham, AL  
Marie Deeb - Waterville, ME  
Mary Shehwen Ellis+ - Wilkes-Barre, PA

Madeleine Estes - Dover, NH  
Alfred Fadel - Brooklyn, NY  
Joseph Hatem - Lawrence, MA  
Michael Hiffa - Atlanta, GA  
Kurba Joseph - Uniontown, PA  
Robert Karam - San Antonio, TX  
Beverly Kassouf Kimes\* - Birmingham, AL  
Louis Lobris - Pawtucket, RI  
Alfred Saker\* - Akron, OH  
Mary Dahdah Salerno+ - Philadelphia, PA  
Dr. Edward & Anne Soma - Washington, DC  
Geraldine Saba Thomas - Cleveland, OH  
Helen Tower - Jamaica Plain, MA

**1984 GOLD**

**RALPH KARAM  
SAN ANTONIO, TX**

**1985 SILVER**

Anthony Abraham - Miami, FL  
Albert Albert\* - Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Marie Barrood - New Brunswick, NJ  
Frank Fennell - Atlanta, GA  
Shirley Gazell - Flint, MI  
Emily Kahaly - Brooklyn, NY  
Ann Karam\* - San Antonio, TX  
Azizi Karam - San Antonio, TX  
Joseph Karam, Sr - Philadelphia, PA  
Kenneth Kellan - Lawrence, MA  
Doris Kouri - Minneapolis, MN  
Theresa Nemer - Waterville, ME  
Ida Tyger - Dover, NH

**1985 GOLD**

**LORETTA S. GEORGE  
FALL RIVER, MA**

**1986 SILVER**

Diane DeBonis\* - Danbury, CT  
Cecilia Dunphy+ - Fairlawn, OH  
Toni Hanna El-Alam - Miami, FL  
Fernando Fernandez - San Antonio, TX  
Edward George - Dover, NH  
Grace Habib+ - Brooklyn, NY  
Linda Joseph - Wilkes-Barre, PA  
George Khoury - Cleveland, OH  
Deacon & Mrs. Alan Ramey - Lawrence, MA  
Sylvia Roger, - Uniontown, PA  
Leo Shababy - Atlanta, GA  
Virginia Solomon - Pawtucket, RI  
Joseph Sowma - Cincinnati, OH  
Leila Stadelman - New Brunswick, NJ  
Leo Thomas+ - Wilkes-Barre, PA

**1986 GOLD**

**SOLOMON J. KARAM  
SAN ANTONIO, TX**

**1987 SILVER**

Sue Adado - Flint, MI  
Rafael Becil - Miami, FL  
William Bedwick+ - Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Angeline Buckley - Dover, NH  
Frank Coury - Somerset, NJ  
Lyda Deep - Birmingham, AL  
Joseph Dohar - Youngstown, OH  
Carolyn Monsour Dorroll - Fayetteville, NC  
Claire Habib - Brooklyn, NY  
Charlene Moses Hiffa\* - Atlanta, GA  
Hon Ruth Joseph - Waterville, ME  
Mary Kemen\* - Dover, NH  
Gabriel & Eileen Migala - Washington, DC  
Sammy Najjar, Sr. - Atlanta, GA  
Sherma Norris - Portland, OR  
Alton Wells - San Antonio, TX

**1987 GOLD**

**ALEXANDER THOMAS+**

**JAMAICA PLAIN, MA**

**1988 SILVER**

Helen Abdoo - Utica, NY  
Jean & Tanous Azar - Pawtucket, RI  
Marie Brower - Uniontown, PA  
Margaret Coury - Cleveland, OH  
Loraine Elhilow - Brooklyn, NY  
LaVonne Shiner Elias - Wilkes-Barre, PA  
George Ellis, Sr. - Youngstown, OH  
Edna Lemiska - Somerset, NJ  
Richard Levine, Sr - Waterville, ME  
Irene Lyst - Washington, DC  
Edith Patnode - Troy, NY  
Mary Ann Sheehan - Flint, MI  
Helen Naffah Yameen - Lawrence, MA

**1988 GOLD**

**ATTY. RICHARD SHADYAC  
WASHINGTON, DC**

**1989 SILVER**

Sub-Deacon Roger Dannels - Murray, UT  
Rosemary Elias - Newcastle, PA  
Deborah Mery Fernandez - San Antonio, TX  
Claude Franklin, Sr - Fayetteville, NC  
Marie Grabriel - Dover, NH  
David George - Minneapolis, MN  
Clara Gustin - Scranton, PA  
Dr. & Mrs. John Hashim - Washington, DC  
Millie Joseph - Pittsburgh, PA  
Edward & Theresa Jowdy\* - Los Angeles, CA  
Helen Mansour Kalil - Lawrence, MA  
L. Paul Kassouf - Birmingham, AL  
Mary Milton\* - Birmingham, AL  
Renee Najjour - Atlanta, GA  
Rose Sahyoun - Youngstown, OH  
Nabil Salem - Miami, FL  
Marie Shaheen - Jamaica Plain, MA  
Carol Ann Shufelt - Troy, NY  
Mary Ann Watson - Cleveland, OH  
Mabel Zehenni - Cincinnati, OH  
Mahmoud Zogby\* - Utica, NY

**1989 GOLD**

**PHILIP BARROOD  
SOMERSET, NJ**

**1990 SILVER**

Thomas Abraham - Newcastle, PA  
George Antoon - Hillside, IL  
Nabil Antoun - San Antonio, TX  
Thomas Ayooob - Pittsburgh, PA  
Diane Barimo - Miami, FL  
Charles & Debe Edrich - Cincinnati, OH  
Samir Farah - Cleveland, OH  
Kenneth & Geraldine Fiyod - Pawtucket, RI  
Millicent Gabriel\* - Uniontown, PA  
Marie George - Minneapolis, MN  
Tuffic & Diane Hatem - Lawrence, MA  
Charlotte Joseph\* - Wilkes-Barre, PA  
George Jowdy - Danbury, CT  
Nassif & Nawal Maroun - Somerset, NJ  
Toofey Mater - Dover, NH  
Elizabeth Morgan - Fayetteville, NC  
James Mowad - Scranton, PA  
Louise Najjar - Atlanta, GA  
John Sadd+ - Washington, DC  
Mary Shannon - Fairlawn, OH  
Elena Williams\* - Dover, NH

**1990 GOLD**

**CHARLES GEBRON  
SPRINGFIELD, MA**

**1991 SILVER**

Mary Lou Abdella\* - Danbury, CT  
John Acerra - Youngstown, OH

Melin+ & Kay Alexander - Uniontown, PA  
Kathy Andera\* - San Antonio, TX  
Joseph Anton - Minneapolis MN  
Yvonne Boris\* - Pittsburgh, PA  
Sadie Budwey - Pittsburgh, PA  
Madeline Dupont - Dover, NH  
Nabil & Mona Eid - Somerset, NJ  
Joseph Elias\*\* - Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Robert & Barbara Foster - Fairlawn, OH  
Lorraine Gabriel - Newcastle, PA  
William Hatem - Lawrence, MA  
Lawrence Karam - San Antonio, TX  
Philip & Rose Nehme - Scranton, PA  
Michael Owen+ - Brooklyn, NY  
Raymond & Roxie Rask\* - St. Louis, MO  
Marie Reale - Fayetteville, NC  
Anita Samaha - Danbury, CT  
Latify Shibly - Cleveland, OH  
Yolanda Teran - Austin, TX  
Arthur Zohab\* - Glen Allen, VA  
Robert C. Zugby\* - Washington, DC

**1991 GOLD**

**MICHELLE THOMAS  
WILKES-BARRE, PA**

**EDWARD M. SHINER  
BROOKLYN, NY**

**1992 SILVER**

Michel & Camille Akkaoui - Pawtucket, RI  
Jack Basil - Washington, DC  
Gloria Benson - San Antonio, TX  
John Carington + - Austin, TX  
Kenneth & Dorothy Gabriel - Lawrence, MA  
Badia George - Jamaica Plain, MA  
Bedelia George\* - St. Louis, MO  
Dennis George - Philadelphia, PA  
Thomas & Judy George - Newcastle, PA  
Rosemary Hennem - Minneapolis, MN  
Thomas Jesser\* - Fairlawn, OH  
Mary Karter Joseph - Waterville, ME  
Elias Khawand - Miami, FL  
Cecilia Mery\* - San Antonio, TX  
Nancy Michael - Danbury, CT  
Raymond Miller - Fayetteville, NC  
Mary Nicholas - Cincinnati, OH  
Donald Paliani - Flint, MI  
Mary Rozgony - Uniontown, PA  
Elizabeth Rumanes\* - Atlanta, GA  
Ida May Stone\* - Dover, NH  
Anthony Ralph Wahby - St. Louis, MO  
Joseph Warino - Youngstown, OH  
Gerald & Patricia Zennie - Dayton, OH  
Gibran Zogbi - Cleveland, OH

**1992 GOLD**

**JOHN A. SOLOMON  
JAMAICA PLAIN, MA**

**1993 SILVER**

Terry Abdoo-King - Washington, DC  
Florence Amon - Youngstown, OH  
Janie Ashmore\* - Dallas, TX  
Amelia Bramwell - New Bedford, MA  
Anthony Budway - Pawtucket, RI  
Robert & Evon Danus - Lawrence, MA  
Samuel Ibrahim - Hillside, IL  
Albert Latouf - Detroit, MI  
Edward Mery - San Antonio, TX  
Daniel & Ann Nader - Cincinnati, OH  
Duane & Elizabeth Nasser - Minneapolis, MN  
Widad Rizk - Houston, TX  
Julia Joseph Sawyer - Austin, TX  
Roberta Tahan - Danbury, CT  
Josephine Voller - Fayetteville, NC

**1993 GOLD**

**L. PAUL KASSOUF**  
**BIRMINGHAM, AL**

**1994 SILVER**

George & Flora Azar - New Bedford, MA  
Anne Bedwick - Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Rosalie & Steve Berti - Fayetteville, NC  
S.D. Joseph & Carolyn Crowley - Austin, TX  
Raymond Dahdah - Philadelphia, PA  
Salah Diab - San Antonio, TX  
Connie Ferris - Uniontown, PA  
Jose' Garcia - Miami, FL  
Mary George\* - Cincinnati, OH  
Margaret George - Youngstown, OH  
Sylvia Karam\* - San Antonio, TX  
Violet Karam - Brooklyn, NY  
Lee & Henry Marcinuk - Lawrence, MA  
Dr. Thomas Michael - Pittsburgh, PA  
Joan Moses - Minneapolis, MN  
Margaret & Don Skiba - Danbury, CT  
Margaret Thomas - Cincinnati, OH  
Samira Thomas - Pawtucket, RI  
Moses Ward\* - Jamaica Plain, MA  
Judge Jonathan Zischkau - Washington, DC

**1994 GOLD**  
**GENEVIEVE RESHA**  
**MINNEAPOLIS, MN**

**1995 SILVER**

Maroun Atallah - Los Angeles, CA  
Dr. John & Nina Bouhasin - St. Louis, MO  
Geraldine Boulous - Easton, PA  
S.D. Raymond & Alice Casillas\* - San Antonio, TX  
David & Madeline Clarke - Youngstown, OH  
Michael & Dalloul Coury - St. Paul, MN  
John Hassan - Lawrence, MA  
Michael Joseph - Minneapolis, MN  
John & Inaam Katra - Brooklyn, NY  
Freddy Lahood - San Antonio, TX  
Elias Machalany - Somerset, NJ  
Adele Mazloom - Troy, NY  
Margaret Ogle - Pawtucket, RI  
Edward Peters\* - Fall River, MA  
Jamal Salem\* - Fairlawn, OH  
George Sfeir - Utica, NY  
Gertrude Shadeed - Fairlawn, OH  
S.D. George & Marilue Simon\* - St. Louis, MO  
Peggy Sowma - Cincinnati, OH  
Margaret Thomas - New Bedford, MA

**1995 GOLD**  
**GERRY & BEVERLY KIMES**  
**BIRMINGHAM, AL**  
*Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon*

**LEILA STADELMAN**  
**SOMERSET, NJ**  
*Eparchy of St. Maron*

**1996 SILVER**

Malcom & Joan Badway - Pawtucket, RI  
Myrtle Beshara\* - Austin, TX  
Claudine Bouhasin\* - St. Louis, MO  
Frank & Ann Capece - Waterbury, CT  
George Chamoun - Somerset, NJ  
Evelyn Chory - Danbury, CT  
Toufic Daniel - Houston  
Gayle George DeWolf - Minneapolis, MN  
Joseph & Louise Dupre - New Bedford, MA  
Sager & Patricia Hattar - El Paso, TX  
Isabel Iocco - Philadelphia, PA  
Olga Karma - Los Angeles, CA  
George & Julie Mery - San Antonio, TX  
George & Marcelle Nemr - Washington, DC  
Eva Simon\* - Pawtucket, RI  
Sadie Tanoury - Utica, NY  
Richard Thornton - Utica, NY

Josephine Touma - Lawrence, MA  
Martha Wakim\* - Cincinnati, OH  
Charles Zidian - Youngstown, OH

**1996 GOLD**  
**MARY ANN SHEEHAN**  
**FLINT, MI**  
*Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon*

**ROSANNE SOLOMON**  
**JAMAICA PLAIN, MA**  
*Eparchy of St. Maron*

**1997 SILVER**

Mary Ackourey - Washington, DC  
Rizk Alwan - Peoria, IL  
Abraham and Josephine Barrood - Somerset, NJ  
Nina Bejany - Los Angeles, CA  
Jamil Couri\* - Peoria, IL  
Sheila M. Deeb - Lawrence, MA  
Bernard and Jennie DiLullo - Providence, RI  
Raymond Dupere - Fayetteville, NC  
Paul and Wanda Elkourie\* - Birmingham, AL  
Emilio and Yvette Garcia - San Antonio, TX  
Kamil and Dorothy Habib - Brooklyn, NY  
Dr. Robert Haglund\* - Brockton, MA  
Winifred Hammond - Youngstown, OH  
Salim Joubran - Houston, TX  
Antoine Mefleh - Minneapolis, MN  
John G. Moses - Utica, NY  
Bernadette Shalhoub - W. Palm Beach, FL  
David Tamer\* - Seattle, WA  
James Tamer - Detroit, MI  
George & Rejeanne Thomas - New Bedford, MA  
Jeffery and Adele Towers - Pittsburgh, PA  
Tamara Zappone - Waterbury, CT

**1997 GOLD**  
**ALBERT G. ALBERT**  
**WILKES-BARRE, PA**  
*Eparchy of St. Maron*

**MAROUN ATALLAH**  
**LOS ANGELES, CA**  
*Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon*

**1998 SILVER**

Paul M. Abbott - St. Paul, MN  
Dr. Jeannette Niemczyk\* - Newtown Square, PA  
Mark Chory - Danbury, CT  
Hasna Besheer - Brooklyn, NY  
Elsie Ead Faris - Lawrence, MA  
Albert A. George - Youngstown, OH  
Fred Hamad - Cincinnati, OH  
John Norman Karam - Philadelphia, PA  
Antoin Loubnan - Somerset, NJ  
Georges and Bosra Mouawad - Houston, TX  
Alma M. Noga - Utica, NY  
Gloria Elley Palmer - Fayetteville, NC  
Gennaro & Nancy Pasquariello - Pawtucket, RI  
Jo Ann Sada Reed - San Antonio, TX  
Mary Saba - New Bedford, MA  
Luella Simon - Minneapolis, MN  
Ramez & Joey Skaff - Washington, DC

**1998 GOLD**  
**CAROLYN DORROLL**  
**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**  
*Eparchy of St. Maron*

**JEANETTE MILTON WYRICK**  
**BIRMINGHAM, AL**  
*Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon*

**1999 SILVER**

Joann Andera - San Antonio, TX  
Joseph and Pat Anton - Minneapolis, MN

Patrice Boulous\* - Easton, PA  
Eva Farhat - Easton, PA  
Josephine Harwood - Pawtucket, RI  
Eileen Hicks - Fayetteville, NC  
Melvina Higgins - Newtown Square, PA  
Scottie Kelly - Fairlawn, OH  
Josephine Eyssie McDougall - Lawrence, MA  
Sue Nakley - Youngstown, OH  
Mae Saffee - Brooklyn, NY  
Mary Sue Salamy+ - Utica, NY  
Joseph Shaker\* - Hillside, IL  
Rose Summers - Millbrae, CA  
Tommy Tedros - Los Angeles, CA  
Dr. James D. Thomas\* - New Bedford, MA  
Matther & Catherine Thomas - New Bedford, MA  
Jeanette Soma Wagner - Scranton, PA  
Brent and Lea Williams - Waterville, ME

**1999 GOLD**  
**HON. ANTHONY & SARA SOLOMON**  
**PAWTUCKET, RI**  
*Eparchy of St. Maron*

**MARY FARRAGE**  
**ANAHEIM, CA**  
*Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon*

**2000 SILVER**

Mel and Martha Badway\* - Easton, PA  
Raymond and Lillian Barish - Pawtucket, RI  
Clara Boohaker\* - Birmingham, AL  
Kathryn Calabrese - Danbury, CT  
Joann Clark - Cincinnati, OH  
Roger El-Khoury - Austin, TX  
S.D. Thomas George - Uniontown, PA  
Walli Henne - Minneapolis, MN  
Gary and Kathy Housey\* - Warren, MI  
Donald and Samira Howard - Detroit, MI  
Dr. Jacob Jorishie - Tulsa, OK  
Joanne Kahwaji - Los Angeles  
ASahira Maalouf - New Bedford, MA  
Susan Martin - Lawrence, MA  
Mary Mazloom - Utica, NY  
Audrey Nessralla - Brockton, MA  
James Reale - Fayetteville, NC  
Sarmad and Ina Rihani - Washington, DC  
Joseph Salami - Jamaica Plain, MA  
Lillian Shahade - Newtown Square, PA  
Joseph Shaia, Sr. - Brooklyn, NY  
Jamal and Ghayda Tawil - San Antonio, TX

**2000 GOLD**  
**ANTHONY ABRAHAM**  
**MIAMI, FL**  
*Eparchy of St. Maron*

**DUANE & ELIZABETH NASSER**  
**MINNEAPOLIS, MN**  
*Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon*

**2001 SILVER**

Samuel and Carmella Abood - Pawtucket, RI  
Sarah Abraham - Utica, NY  
Josephine Aesy-Thomas - Roanoke, VA  
Rose Anton - Minneapolis, MN  
Marguerite Korkmas Asack - Brockton, MA  
Josephine Berry - Cincinnati, OH  
Janet Charon - New Bedford, MA  
Ingrid Franklin - Fayetteville, NC  
Evelyn Ghaphery - Wheeling, WV  
Gloria Haddad - Fairlawn, OH  
Elias Karam - Brooklyn, NY  
Richard and Peggy Karam - San Antonio, TX  
Sandra Nahra - Los Angeles, CA  
Jean Richa - Newtown Square, PA  
Dr. Laurie Smith - Washington, DC  
Anthony Turco - St. Louis, MO

**2001 GOLD**

**DR. EDWARD & ANNE SOMA**  
**WASHINGTON, DC**  
*Eparchy of St. Maron*

**CECILIA MERY**  
**SAN ANTONIO, TX**

*Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon*

**2002 SILVER**

Daniel G. Casavant - Waterville, ME  
Andrew and Patricia Demko, New Castle, PA  
Mary Denny - St. Louis, MO  
Keith and Jean Erickson - Blaine, MN  
Catherine A. Gergora - Cranston, RI  
Jeanette Hajjar - Rockville, MD  
Randa Hakim- Tulsa, OK  
Dorothy Hill - Williamsburg, OH  
Peter M. Hobaica - Utica, NY  
Louis and Charlotte Khourey - Wheeling, WV  
Raymond Mabarak- Grosse Pt., MI  
Yvette Mockary - Los Angeles, CA  
HelenSahadi Olejniczak - Aston, PA  
Raya, Rayanne T. - Somerset, NJ  
Shaia, Lorraine - Brooklyn, NY  
Soma, Judith A. - Scranton, PA  
Tayoun, Edmund J. - Collingswood, NJ  
Joan M. Thomas-Mello - New Bedford, MA  
Ted and Cathy Van Delden - San Antonio, TX  
Kenneth & Suha Vargas - Austin, TX  
Lynn Vaughn - Fayetteville, NC

**2002 GOLD**

**LISA FERRIS KUSNIAR**  
**UNIONTOWN, PA**  
*Eparchy of St. Maron*

**IDA "ROXIE" RASK**  
**ST. LOUIS, MO**

*Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon*

**2003 SILVER**

Donald & Jacqueline Abraham - Tulsa, OK  
Dr. Jacques Paul Barbour - New Bedford, MA  
Antoinette Chamoun - Somerset, NJ  
Bonnie Corcoran - Cincinnati, OH  
Patricia Corey - Lawrence, MA  
Tony Farah\* - Minneapolis, MN  
Arthur A. Gabriel - Uniontown, PA  
Raymond & Matilda George - Pawtucket, RI  
Sub. Deacon Alfred Harb - Anaheim, CA  
Carol Kannan - Fayetteville, NC  
George and Margot Karam - El Paso, TX  
Marion Kempf - Utica, NY  
Elaine Lahoud - Danbury, CT  
John Lecuyer - St. Louis, MO  
Ross & Sylvana Mery - San Antonio, TX  
Angela Minutoli - Jamaica Plain, MA  
Edward & Darlene Rice - Minneapolis, MN  
Dr. Bassam Rizk - Jacksonville, FL  
Philomena Simon - Brooklyn, NY  
Donald & Shirley Sunderlin - Youngstown, OH  
Joseph & Sadie Tedros - Los Angeles, CA  
Robert & Gloria Thomas - Fairlawn, OH  
Jean Weisner - Wheeling, WV

**2003 GOLD**

**ANTHONY T. BUDWAY**  
**PAWTUCKET, RI**  
*Eparchy of St. Maron*

**MARIE GEORGE**  
**MINNEAPOLIS, MN**

*Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon*

**2004 SILVER**

Jovita Awajjane – Minneapolis, MN  
George and Nouhad Ayoub – Los Angeles, CA  
Raymond Bedwick – Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Timothy & Theresa Brotherton – St. Louis, MO  
Carol Desmond – Youngstown, OH  
Freida Fadel – Fayetteville, NC  
Nicholas A. Ghaphery, Jr. – Wheeling, WV  
Lydia Nofel Gordon – Brooklyn, NY  
Aida Hatter – Tulsa, OK  
Adeeb A. & Lorraine A. Hazzouri–Scranton, PA  
Kathleen Hobaica – Utica, NY  
Joseph P. Jarjura – Waterbury, CT  
Donald and Donna Massoud – Fall River, MA  
Denise Saliba – Somerset, NJ  
Margaret Sarofeen – Jamaica Plain, MA  
John J. & Jeanette Solomon – Pawtucket, RI  
Rosemarie Twomey – New Bedford, MA  
Miriam Wells – San Antonio, TX

**2004 GOLD**

**CLAIRE HELENE HABIB**  
**BROOKLYN, NY**

*Eparchy of St. Maron*

**DR. JACOB JORISHIE**  
**TULSA, OK**

*Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon*

**2005 SILVER**

Albert Akeke – Jamaica Plains, MA  
Emma Alle – Los Angeles, CA  
Eva Anthony – Pawtucket, RI  
Robert Beathe – San Antonio, TX  
Kimberly Boackle – Birmingham, AL  
Joseph Chebli – Somerset, NJ  
Anthony El-Khouciry – Anaheim, CA  
Jim and Shirley George – Wheeling, WV  
Susan Goff – Austin, TX  
Elie Habchi – San Diego, CA  
Michael Macary – Waterbury, CT  
Therese and Chafic Massad – El Paso, TX  
Yvonne Nahme McKinney – Brooklyn, NY  
Ramona Milford – St. Louis, MO  
Ghassan and Betty Najm – Danbury, CT  
Frank and Maryann Nockley – Wilkes-Bare, PA  
Joanne M. Ramah – Springfield, MA  
Fredrick Shahade – Newtown Square, PA  
Scott and Cindy Shaheen – Flint, MI  
Julia Simon – Youngstown, OH  
Tomas Simon – Cincinnati, OH  
Alex and Vera Sleiman – Minneapolis, MN  
Chuck and Marie Van Heusen– Fayetteville, NC  
Wadhi Zoghby – Utica, NY

**2005 GOLD**

**KATHRYN G. CALABRESE**  
**ATLANTA, GA**

*Eparchy of St. Maron*

**JULIA J. SAWYER**  
**AUSTIN, TX**

*Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon*

**2006 SILVER**

Chuck & Eliana Abou-Jaoude – Houston, TX  
Suad Ammar – Anaheim, CA  
Mitzi Anderson – Austin, TX  
Dr. Thomas Aziz Artabane – Scranton, PA  
Najat Abdo – Tulsa, OK  
Camille Atallah – Waterbury, CT  
Eleanor A. Battah – Brooklyn, NY  
Maroun Joseph Boohaker – Birmingham, AL  
Tania Brown – St. Louis, MO  
Rose Crigger – Utica, NY  
Annie Jabbour – Tulsa, OK  
Rodolphe Jabbour – Detroit, MI  
Madeline Jabor – El Paso, TX

Roukos Jacobs – Somerset, NJ  
Mary Karam – San Antonio, TX  
Mary Theresa Mackarey Fielding – Scranton, PA  
Catherine Marr – Detroit, MI  
Richa Nehme – Jacksonville, FL  
Samir & Eseta Sakkal – Millbrae, CA  
Paul & Laudy Sawan – Los Angeles, CA  
Donna Shaheen – Danbury, CT  
Mounir & Lisa Saleh – Raleigh, NC  
Anthony Thomas – New Castle, PA  
William & Laura Thomas – Dayton, OH  
Ghada Zumot – Pleasantville, NJ

**2006 GOLD**

**DEBORAH FERNANDEZ**  
**SAN ANTONIO, TX**

*Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon*

**DR. THOMAS & MARTHA MICHAEL**  
**PITTSBURGH, PA**

*Eparchy of St. Maron*

**2007 SILVER**

Therese Abi-Habib – Brooklyn, NY  
Gaby & Joyce Bahri – Jacksonville, FL  
Paul & Gina Buzad – Los Angeles, CA  
Joseph & Melanie Dow – Houston, TX  
Khairallah & Soni El-Ghazal – Scranton, PA  
Jean & Aida Feghali – Tulsa, OK  
Nouha Habeiche – Somerset, NJ  
Howard Joseph – Austin, TX  
Richard & Arlene Jowdy – Danbury, CT  
Jackie Kalil – Millbrae, CA  
Edward Karam – San Antonio, TX  
Maureen Lewis – Utica, NY  
Joseph & Amanda Moses – Roanoke, VA  
David & Elena Rajme – El Paso, TX  
Dany Sayad – Tampa, FL  
John & Julie Schiavone – Youngstown, PA  
Rose Shaker – Waterbury, CT

**2007 GOLD**

**GARY & CATHY HOUSEY**  
**WARREN, MI**

*Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon*

**DR. JOSEPH & JUDY SOMA**  
**SCRANTON, PA**

*Eparchy of St. Maron*

**2008 SILVER**

Joseph & Anastasia Abboud – Houston, TX  
Leila Abdala – Springfield, MA  
Ann Abbott Bryant – Scranton, PA  
Annemarie Espindola – New Bedford, MA  
Yazmeen Fernandez – San Antonio, TX  
Linda Hill – St. Louis, MO  
Fady & Milia Garabet – Los Angeles, CA  
Rose Jabbour – Tulsa, OK  
Richard Kassouf – Birmingham, AL  
Sager & Randa Nammour – Pleasantville, NJ  
Joseph Nebhan – El Paso, TX  
Roger & Fadia Nassar – White Plains, NY  
Pamela Lahoud Saba – Danbury, CT  
Youssef & Marie Salama – Millbrae, CA  
Anthony F. Shaheen – Utica, NY  
John & Samira Souaid – Somerset, NJ  
Antonakis & Katina Tannousis – Brooklyn, NY

**2008 Gold**

**Patrice Boulous**  
**Easton, PA**

*Eparchy of St. Maron*

**Joseph & Vera Maalouf**  
**Lombard, IL**

*Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon*

# *NAM Vocations Awareness Contest Winners – 2009*

## *Essays*

*Grades K-1: Write a prayer thanking God for a priest, deacon, subdeacon or religious.*

1 - Hunter Fodill, St. Anthony, VA    2 - Grace Elias, St. Ephrem, CA    3 - Jillian Winfree, St. Ephrem, CA

*Grades 2-3: Write a prayer thanking God for those studying for the priesthood.*

1 - Melanie Safi, OLOL, NY    2 - Mary Chorlupnik, St. Ephrem, CA    3 - Noah Lutz, St. George, PA

*Grades 4-6: Write a letter of thanks to a priest, deacon, subdeacon or religious.*

1 - Melissa Safi, OLOL, NY    2 - Maya Massmart, St. Ephrem, CA    3 - Janelle Jones, St. Jude, UT

*Grades 7-9: Write an essay describing an event in your life, where a priest, deacon, subdeacon or religious made a difference.*

1 - Makiya Johns, St. Jude, UT    2 - Tanesha Johns, St. Jude, UT    3 - George Salah, St. George, TX

*Grades 10-12:*

*Write an essay describing the process of discernment needed to discover if one has a vocation [Subdeacon, deacon, priest or religious].*

1-Marie Karam, St. George, TX    2-Kevin Weisson, St. George, TX

## *Posters*

*Grades K-1: Priest, Deacons, Subdeacons, Religious Having Fun!*

1 - Ben Ferris, St. Elias, AL    2 - George Saikali, St. Sharbel, PA    3 - Hannah Sutton, St. George, PA

*Grades 2-3: Families "Grow" Vocations*

1 - Kayla Kaleel, St. Jude, UT    2 - Sydney Filipe, St. Anthony of Desert, MA    3 - Matthew Moradian, St. Maron, OH

*Grades 4-6: God Is Calling, Are You Listening?*

1 - Claudia Aboudinian, St. Sharbel, NJ    2 - Barbara Favorite, St. Maron, MN    3 - Maurice Semaan, St. Elias, AL

*Grades 7-9: God Needs You to Lead His Flock*

1 - Stephanie Moeller, St. Ephrem, CA    2 - Alexandra Goins, St. Jude, UT    3 - Luke Blankenship, St. Ephrem, CA

*Grades 10-12: The Plan of God Is Written in Our Hearts*

No Entries

*Congratulations to all of our children and youth who have participated in this year's contest.*

*Thank you to all religious, clergy, DREs, delegates, and members of parishes who contributed to the success of this contest.*

*Make sure to ask the Director of Religious Education and pastors at your parish to participate in next year's contest. The applications for the 2010 contest will be available at the parishes by the end of September 2009.*

*All prizes will be mailed to the pastors and administrators by the end of September 2009.*

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## *High School Graduates:*

*NAM has always valued our vibrant youth and young adults and continues to support them with many programs.*

*It has been our policy to offer a one year free membership to all high school graduates. So if you know anyone that graduated this year or last year, or if you are one yourself, please send us those names and addresses and we will gladly welcome them as members. As they leave to their colleges, NAM may be their only connection to our heritage and Maronite rite.*

*Thank you*

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## **Outstanding Delegates - 2009**

Our delegates are the messengers of NAM to their parishes and they represent their parish within NAM. Their hard work continues all year round where they promote all of the NAM projects at their churches. Many of them participate in the planning and the work at retreats, regional and national conventions.

This year we wanted to recognize delegates who exceed in their hard work and dedication.

On Friday evenings during the national conventions, the Regional Vice Presidents will honor a delegate that has done outstanding work for the year.

Congratulations to all the winners and hope to have many more like them so NAM will continue to flourish for years to come.

### St. Maron Eparchy

#### New England Region

Mary Matook,

St. Therese, Brockton, MA

#### Mid Atlantic East Region

Eva Farhat,

Our Lady of Lebanon, Easton, PA

#### Mid Atlantic West Region

Connie Ferris,

St. George, Uniontown, PA

#### Southern Region

Robert C. Zugby,

Our Lady of Lebanon, Washington, DC

#### Far South Region

Bernadette Shalhoub,

Mary Mother of the light, Greenacres, FL

### Our Lady of Lebanon Eparchy

#### Mid America Region

Michael Zerka,

St. Maron, Minneapolis, MN

#### Mid West Region

Shirley Saad,

St. Sharbel, Warren, MI

#### Southern Region

Robert Beathe,

St. George, San Antonio, TX

#### South West Region

Maroun T. Atallah

Our Lady of Mt. Lebanon-  
St. Peter Cathedral, Los Angeles, CA