

ASSYRIAN WORLDWIDE PRELIMINARY ELECTION

ELECT AN ASSYRIAN GLOBAL LEADER



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Elect a **president** and an **ambassador** for the Assyrian nation worldwide. The president will be the global leader for the Assyrians worldwide and the ambassador will be the president of Assyrians in the country where he/she resides.

ONLINE: Go to assyrians.com, click on “Trial Election”, select the president and the ambassador from the list of prominent and qualified Assyrian candidates, and email the two names to assyrianelection@gmail.com.

With a leader for the Assyrian nation, our next generations will survive and thrive. In all important aspects of our lives, a drill/trial action is especially important before launching an actual action. Please vote responsibly. Thank you for your vote and **God bless all Assyrians**.

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List of Prominent and Qualified Assyrian Candidates

Candidate Name & Profile	Candidate Photo
<p>Mar Awa Royel (Erbil, Iraq)</p> <p>Mar Awa is the 122nd Catholicos-Patriarch of the Assyrian Church of the East. S.E.O.D. (Doctorate of Oriental Ecclesiastical Sciences), Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome 2007 Concentration: Eastern Liturgies. He is President of both the Commission on Inter-Church Relations and Educational Development (CIRED).</p>	
<p>Sargon Dadisho (Ceres, California)</p> <p>Sargon is a founder of Bet-Nahrain Democratic Party and Assyrian National Congress. Currently, he is the president and owner of KBSV TV. The Government of Iraq tried to assassinate him, and he sued the Government of Iraq and won. Sargon is an author. He holds a PhD degree in the biological sciences.</p>	
<p>Younadam Kanna (Baghdad, Iraq)</p> <p>Younadam is the Secretary General of the Assyrian Democratic Movement (Zawaa). He is the former Kurdistan Regional Government Minister of Labour. Younadam is a member of the National Assembly of Iraq representing Al Rafideen National List. He Holds a BS degree in Civil Engineering.</p>	

Ignatius Aphrem II (Damascus, Syria)

Patriarch Moran Mor Ignatius Aphrem II is the Syriac Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch. The bishop of Antioch and the head of the Syriac Orthodox Church. He attended the opening ceremony of many Assyrian Genocide monuments around the world.

**Dikran Ego (Sweden)**

Dikran is the Editor in Chief and the Producer of Assyria TV. Assyria TV is owned by Assyrian Media Institute.

**Attiya Gamri (Haarlem, Netherlands)**

Attiya is a Dutch-Assyrian member of the province council of Overijssel in the Netherlands. Gamri is originally from Arbo in Tur Abdin, Turkey. In 2017, Gamri was the president of the Assyrian Confederation of Europe, a non-governmental organization that represents Assyrians living in the European Union.



Mar Meelis Zaya (Sydney, Australia)

Mar Meelis Zaya is the Metropolitan of the Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand, and Lebanon. He achieved many projects such as establishing Assyrian schools and strengthening the Assyrian church in Australia.

**Mar Awraham Youkhanis (London, England)**

Mar Awraham Youkhanis is the Bishop of the Diocese of Western Europe of the Assyrian Church of the East. A very charismatic and energetic Bishop and a role model for the Assyrian youth.

**Chorbishop Benyamin Betyadgar (Tbilisi, Georgia)**

Chorbishop Benyamin Betyadgar studies in Pontificia Universita Urbaniana in Rome. He is the head of the Assyrian Church in Georgia.



Ashur Giwargis (Beirut, Lebanon)

Ashur is an Assyrian activist and outspoken politician. He is the leader of the Assyrian Patriotic Movement. Ashur is a role model for Assyrian nationalism.

**Gabriel Moushe Gawrieh (Syria)**

Gabriel is the ex-president of the Assyrian Democratic Organization. He has a degree in Agricultural Engineering. Gabriel was arrested by the Syrian authorities and spent three years in prison.

**Hermiz Shahan (Sydney, Australia)**

Hermiz is the Deputy Secretary of AUA Australia. He is a long-time politician and activist. He was instrumental in establishing the Assyrian Martyrs Monument in Sydney.



Emanuel Khoshaba Youkhana (Iraq)

Emanuel is the president of the Assyrian Patriotic Party, based in Iraq. He became part of the party's council in 2002. He is a politician and activist. He gained the popular vote in the previous Iraqi election. He graduated from Baghdad Institute of Technology in 1984.

**Sargis Sangari (Skokie, Illinois)**

Lieutenant colonel, Sangari has been a veteran of the United States Army Infantry and Special Operational Forces for more than 20 years. He is the founder and president of the United Assyrian Appeal. He is the Chief Executive Officer of the Near East Center for Strategic Engagement.

**Marta Youeel Eshoo (Europe)**

Marta is an Assyrian activist and the current president of the Assyrian Federation of Europe.



Pascal Warda (Iraq)

Pascal is a former Minister of Immigration and Refugees in the Iraqi Interim Government. She helped in finding the Hammurabi Human Rights Organization, a non-profit group that monitors and opposes human rights violations against members of Iraq's minority groups. Since 2015, she served as the president of the Assyrian Women's Union in Baghdad. She holds a master's degree in human rights studies from the University of Lyon.

**Carlo Ganjeh (Los Angeles, California)**

Carlo is an Assyrian activist. He is the Secretary General of the Assyrian Universal Alliance.

**William Bnyameen Adam (Ankawa, Iraq)**

He is better known as Khlapieel Bnyameen. He is an Assyrian activist. He is also a documentary filmmaker and a journalist. He was jailed for helping the Assyrians in Syria. His release came after a worldwide Assyrian outcry.



Isa Yaramis (Paris, France)

Isa is the president of the Assyro-Chaldean Association of France.

**Samar George (Khabour, Syria)**

Samar is a soldier in the Assyrian Khabour Guards. In 2016, photos of Samar kneeling over her husband's casket went viral after he was killed in action just months after they'd married. Not long afterwards, photos surfaced of Samar in uniform, training with the Khabour Guards. She decided to honor her husband's sacrifice and carry on his mission by taking his place on the battlefield, defending Assyrian lands against terrorism and other threats.

**Anna Eshoo (Washington DC, USA)**

Rep. Congresswoman Eshoo was born of Assyrian and Armenian heritage. Eshoo is a graduate of Cañada College and the CORO Foundation. She was awarded an honorary Degree by Menlo College and was elected to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors in 1982. She served on the County Board for 10 years before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1992.



Jon Koriel (San Francisco, California)

Jon is a chairman of the Assyrian Policy Institute. He holds a master's degree in public policy from Pepperdine University.



Sabri Atman (Los Angeles, California)

Sabri is a director of Seyfo Center. He is actively seeking awareness and recognition for the WW1 Assyrian genocide.



Ken Joseph Jr. (Tokyo, Japan)

Ken is the first person who raised the Assyrian flag in Iraq. Ken is a protestant minister in Japan. He is a columnist in The Japan Times. He was a visiting professor at Chiba University. Ken was a chair member of the American Chamber of Commerce of Japan.



Zaya Younan (California)

Zaya is the founder and CEO of Zaya Properties, Inc. He is a businessman who accumulated his wealth in real estate. He is an inventor and holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

**Nuri Kino (Stockholm, Sweden)**

Nuri is an Assyrian Swedish journalist and an Assyrian activist.

**Savina Dawood (California)**

Savina is the co-founder of Etuti Institute. She is active in voicing human rights violations against Assyrians in Iraq and Syria. She has dedicated her life to humanitarian work, entering conflict zones and providing food, shelter, water, and medicine to internally displaced people. She worked to empower Assyrian children and young adults in Iraq and Syria in the hopes of creating a new generation of leaders in the Assyrian homeland.



Maryam Shamalta (San Jose, California)

Maryam has quickly become a household name in the Assyrian community worldwide. Maryam uses her weekly television program Shamiram Media as a platform to empower Assyrians.



Janna Yukhanova (Russia)

Janna is an Assyrian activist and president of Hagyana Atouraya Broadcasting & Media Production Company. She is talented in conducting interviews with Assyrians around the world.



Ronald Michael, MD (Indiana)

Ron was the founder of the Assyrian American League. He sent a lobbyist to Washington, DC to lobby on behalf of the Assyrians. In 2003 and before the invasion of Iraq, Ron was instrumental in urging President George Bush to warn Iraqi officials not to harm Assyrians. He is a neurosurgeon and likes to collect Assyrian books in his spare time.



Robert DeKelaita (Illinois)

Robert is an Assyrian activist and an attorney. He is a co-founder of Ashurbanipal Library in Lincolnwood, Illinois.. His master's degree thesis from University of Chicago is about Assyrians. He teaches Assyrian history at the Assyrian Cultural Foundation.

**Tiglat Issabey (Illinois)**

Tiglat is the director of the Assyrian Cultural Foundation. He is an Assyrian artist and a businessman.

**Joseph V. Danavi, DO (Indiana)**

Joseph is an Assyrian activist and the internal affair director of Gishru. He is a cardiologist.



Morris Dal (Germany)

Morris is an Assyrian activist. He is passionate about preserving the identity of our next generation. Morris was born in Tur Abdin and frequently visits his hometown.

**Afram Yacoub (Sweden)**

Afram is an Assyrian activist and former president of the Assyrian Federation of Sweden. He is an author. He holds a degree in political science and journalism.

**Youberd Bahram (Morton Grove, IL)**

Youberd teaches Assyrian language through Zoom. He is active at Saint Andrew's Assyrian Church.



Dr. Matay Arsan (London, England)

Matay was president of the Assyria Foundation - Netherlands. He is an orthopedic surgeon.



Sabrina Bet-Mansour (France)

Sabrina is an Assyrian activist and a powerful speaker. A role model for Assyrian youth.



Noor Matti (Ankawa, Iraq)

Noor is the co-founder of Shlama Foundation. He is the founder of Babylon FM, which is the first English radio station in Iraq.



**Ramina Jajoo Frindrich, MD
(Scottsdale, AZ)**

Ramina is the Seyfo Center representative in Arizona. She is instrumental in acquiring recognition proclamations from the state of Arizona for the WWI and Semele Assyrian genocides. She is the former director at the Sunday School of Saint Peter's Assyrian Church in Glendale, Arizona. She is also a former medical doctor, who specialized in Rheumatology (Arthritis).



Suzy David (Sydney, Australia)

Suzy is a Solicitor and an Assyrian activist. She is an advisor to the Australian Assyrian Universal Alliance branch. She was awarded Assyrian Australian Woman of the Year for her role in Assyrian genocide and plenty.



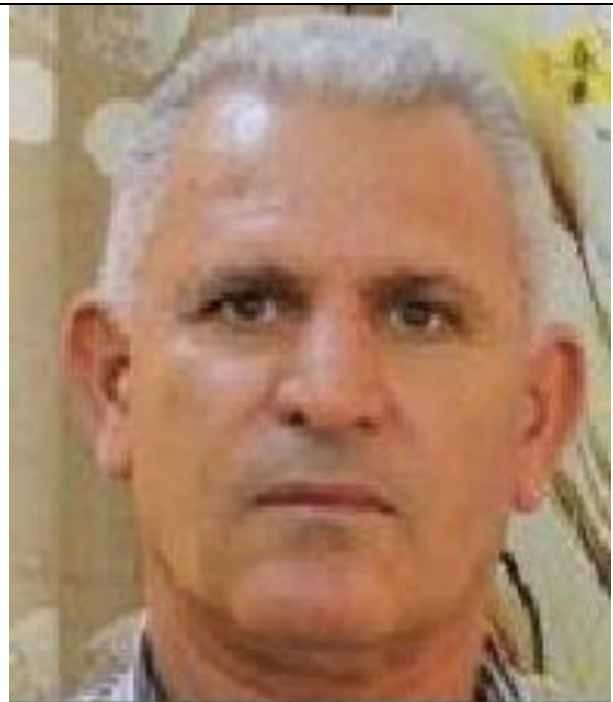
Ashor Bet Chamoun (Phoenix, AZ)

Ashor is an Assyrian activist and founder of the Assyrian American Cultural Organization of Arizona. He is the president of the Assyrian American National Federation.



Daoud Daoud (Qamishli, Syria)

Daoud is an Assyrian activist and the general secretary of the Assyrian Democratic Organization. He holds a degree in Civil Engineering.

**Dr. Nahrain Rasho (Glendale, AZ)**

Nahrain is an Assyrian activist. She holds a PhD degree in Political Science.

**Dr. Nicholas Al-Jeelo (Mardin, Turkey)**

Nicholas is an Assyrian activist and a Syriac scholar. He is fluent in all the Assyrian dialects. Nicholas is an English language lecturer at Kadir Has University in Turkey. He holds a PhD in Socio-Cultural History.



Peter BetBasoo (Chicago, IL)

Peter is the co-founder of the Ashurbanipal Library in Chicago. He is the founder and president of Assyrian International News Agency (AINA). He has a degree in Geology, and he is a talented software programmer.

**David Esha (California)**

David is an Assyrian singer and activist. He is famous for his Assyrian nationalistic songs. He holds a degree in Electrical Engineering. In 1970, he was the co-founder of the Assyrian Cultural Association in Baghdad. In 1978, he was detained by the Ba'ath regime of Iraq for his songs about Assyrian nationalism.

**Fred Parhad (California)**

Fred is a talented Assyrian sculptor. His most famous works are the sculpture of King Gilgamish at the San Francisco Public Library and the sculpture of Queen Shamiram.



Dabrina Bet-Tamraz (Switzerland)

Dabrina is an Assyrian-Iranian, who met President Donald Trump to seek help for her parents and other persecuted Christians in Iran. Her parents were accused of encouraging apostasy in Iran. She appealed to the United Nations, to overturn pending prison sentencing imposed on her parents by the Iranian government. She appeared on Swiss TV to tell the story of persecuted Christians in Iran.

**Februniye Akyol (Mardin, Turkey)**

Februniye is an Assyrian activist. In 2015, at age 26, she was elected as co-mayor of Mardin, Turkey.

**Rosie Malek-Yonan (California)**

Rosie has gained international recognition as an actress, author, and activist. She is a descendant of one of the oldest and most prominent Assyrian families. Rosie has dedicated much of her career to advocating for the rights of Assyrians, using her platform to bring attention to the Assyrian Genocide of 1914-1918.



Ibrahim Baylan (Sweden)

Ibrahim has been a member of the Swedish Riksdag since 2006. A Swedish politician who served as Minister for Schools from 2004 to 2006, Minister for Energy from 2014 to 2019, Minister for Policy Coordination from 2016 to 2019 and Minister for Business, Industry and Innovation from 2019 to 2021.

**Helena Guergis (Ontario, Canada)**

Helena is a Canadian politician. She represented the Ontario riding of Simcoe. She is a former member of parliament representing Ontario Providence from 2006-2011.

**Emanuel Kamber (Michigan)**

Emanuel is the former Secretary General of the Assyrian Universal Alliance. He is a physics professor at Western Michigan University.



Galeta Shaba (Iraq)

Galeta is an Assyrian activist and the head of the Abnaa Al-Nahrain (Sons of Mesopotamia) party.

**Yilmaz Kerimo (Sweden)**

An Assyrian-Swedish politician. He was a member of the Riksdag (the Swedish Parliament). He is a member of the Swedish Social Democratic Party.

**Sharli Envien (Tehran, Iran)**

Sharli is an Assyrian member of the parliament in the Islamic Republic of Iran.



John Lazar (Turlock, California)

John is the former mayor of Turlock, California. He is a Real Estate Broker Associate.



Joe Tuman (California)

Joe was a 2014 nonpartisan candidate for mayor of Oakland, California. He is a lawyer and a law and political science professor.



Dr. Roland Bidzhamov (Moscow, Russia)

Roland is an Assyrian activist and a reporter. He is an Orientalist and a candidate of political sciences.



Sargon Warde (Wellington, New Zealand)

Sargon is an Assyrian activist. He is a journalist and podcaster of Assyrian Voice of Nineveh in Access Radio.



Nahren Anweya (USA)

Nahren is an Assyrian and human rights advocate. She is very devoted in protecting Assyrians in the Middle East. She uses the American media as a platform to present the case of persecuted Assyrians.



Farouk Giwargis (Paris, France)

Farouk is an Assyrian activist who works to achieve full human rights of Assyrians in Iraq.



Dr. Edmond Betmaleck (Los Angeles, California)

Edmond is an Assyrian activist. He cares dearly about our next generation. He is an optometrist.



Arsen Mikhaylov (Arzni, Armenia)

Arsen devoted his life to help the Assyrians in Armenia. He is the president of the Assyrian Club in Armenia.



Father Sargon Yaro (Glendale, Arizona)

Rabi Sargon is a priest at Saint Peter Assyrian Church of the East in Glendale, Arizona. He teaches bible study for the Assyrian youth. He is instrumental in organizing a yearly Assyrian Youth Conference in the USA. He is a true role model for the Assyrian youth in Arizona.



Robert Ichou (Tel Tamar, Syria)

Robert is an Assyrian activist and a member of Tel Tamar Assyrian People's Guards (Natoreh). He is an advocate in defending Assyrian villages in the Khabour region of Syria.

**Husam Alkass (Syria)**

Husam is an Assyrian and human rights activist. He is a member of the Assyrian Democratic Organization. He was arrested by Syrian officials and released after a worldwide Assyrian outcry.

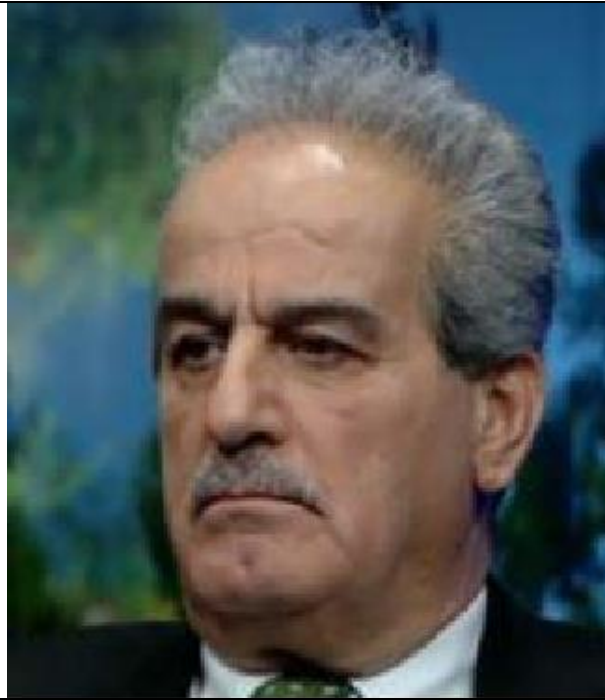
**Mar Gewargis Younan (Chicago, Illinois)**

Mar Gewargis Younan was recently elected as the 110th Catholicos-Patriarch of the Ancient Church of the East.



Romeo Hakkari (Erbil, Iraq)

Romeo is an Assyrian advocate. Romeo is the Secretary General of Bet-Nahrain Democratic Party, the head of National Union Coalition, and the former Kurdistan Parliament member. He holds a BA in English.

**Rev'd Archdeacon Fr William Toma (Chicago, Illinois)**

Dr. William Toma holds a PhD in Oriental Ecclesiastical Sciences. He is an adjunct instructor at Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois.

**Augar Malik Ismail (Chicago, Illinois)**

Augar is the president of the Assyrian National Council of Illinois. He is an Assyrian activist and a descendant of a prominent family.



Carmen Lazar (Fairfield, Australia)

Carmen is a member of the Assyrian Resource Center. She is the former Vice-President and Secretary of the Assyrian Australian Association. She was elected as a councillor in the Fairfield City Local Government.

**Dr. Muna Yaku (Erbil, Iraq)**

Muna is an Assyrian advocate. She is a Professor of Law at Salahaddin University. She was elected to serve as the only representative of Assyrians on a committee formed when the Kurdistan Regional Government began drafting a new constitution in 2015.

**Sargon Benjamin (California),**

Sargon is the founder of the sargonsays.com website. The website is an amazing English to Assyrian dictionary.

