



The Honorable Mayor Parker: I Will Always Serve the City of Houston

On a rainy Friday afternoon, the Lebanon Times staff composed of Nabil Habbaki, Julia Nader, Saleem A. Jaoude, and Hiba I. Elroz knocked on the entrance of a beautiful heritage house built in 1904. As the Lebanon Times team waited, a sleek black car pulled up and the always smiling Mayor Annise D. Parker emerged. She apologized for being two minutes late to our 3pm appointment, as she had just returned from City Hall. Mayor Parker then welcomed us into her lovely and cozy home as a few of her pets came to greet.

She has changed Houston to become one of the most admired bustling cities in the United States. Her leadership has led to continued growth and development for the City of Houston. With a generous smile, she handles responsibilities and the complex issues of a growing and vibrant city. She is the symbol of humanity and Houston's multi-ethnic community. She is Annise Parker.

Lebanon Times Magazine graciously appreciates the opportunity for this exclusive interview to find out more personal details about Mayor Parker:

- **Who is Mayor Parker? What can you tell us about your background?**

My background is a lot like Houston. I was born in Houston. My parents were born here. I worked in the oil industry, which is a very big part of our economy. I was also a small business owner of a retail bookstore for 10 years so I understand entrepreneurs and small businesses. I was, and still am, an active community volunteer. Being engaged in the community is what brought me into Government. I think Houstonians

are very generous and work to help each other. I try to embody what I think Houston is. Of course I am also a mom, a pet lover, and a historic preservationist.

- **What lessons can you share with us from being Mayor for almost 6 years?**

Cities are about providing core services – basic services – without which people could not live together. The work we do is absolutely essential – water, sewage, trash pick-up, and safety. Cities are also more

than just the services we provide. Houston has to be a place in which you want to live. There are things that we can do from the government side and things that people can do from the private side to make that happen. If I am not making people mad at me on a regular basis, then I am not doing my job. There are just lots of things where there is no just one right answer and we just have to make choices and move on. You cannot please everyone. Try to look long-term and try to make the best decision based on information of what the effects of the outcomes will be.

• **Do you have plans to continue in politics?**

I do not have plans but I have aspirations. I would like to continue in politics. By not having a plan, I mean that I do not know what I would run for. People should not be surprised to see me on a statewide ballot someday. All of the big statewide races are this year, but I would rather be Mayor than have any other political job; so I want to be Mayor as long as I can. Even if I did not stay in politics, I would remain engaged in the community.

• **How do you spend your day outside work? If you had a free hour now, what would you choose to do?**

I read, garden, and grow a few vegetables (but mostly flowers). I used to be a cactus hobbyist. I used to have a greenhouse. I do a lot of work around the house. I painted all these rooms – me on a ladder! If I had a free hour now, I would probably grab a book and curl up. I like to read for pleasure.

• **Do you like to cook and what is your favorite meal?**

I am actually neutral on cooking. I do not mind cooking and I actually used to do most of the cooking for the family.

Kathy bakes. I do not particularly like to bake but I cook. I like to prepare breakfast – omelets and biscuits from scratch.

• **Have you ever tried Lebanese food?**

Oh yes! I love Lebanese and Middle Eastern food in general. There are a number of great Middle Eastern restaurants in Houston. My first introduction to Lebanese food was Sammy's Lebanese here in Houston a long time ago.

• **What is your story with animals? We always see you carrying a dog or a cat in pictures.**

Obviously, I like animals. We have 3 dogs and 3 cats which is the city limit in a residence. I grew up with animals. I love animals. We have too many domestic animals (dogs and cats) abandoned in Houston and unfortunately, the City of Houston is the entity that has to take care of the problem. We have to euthanize a tremendous number of dogs and cats each year.



So, I decided to devote some of my time as Mayor to improving our animal shelters and improving the adoption rates for our animals. Each week, I do the dog and the cat of the week so that hopefully someone will adopt these animals. We have a great record of dogs and cats being adopted.

- **Do you prefer dogs or cats?**

Actually, I like them both. When I was growing up, we always had both. Cats are easier. Even when I didn't have a dog, I always had cats. I do not think that I have ever not had cats.

- **If you were not involved in politics, which other path would you have chosen?**

Well, I did work in the oil industry for 20 years so I have been in the private industry. My dream when I was growing up was to teach at the college level. I wanted to be in academia, so if I had the choice to do anything, teaching would be my first choice.

- **Any particular subject?**

I have degrees in the Social Sciences and at one point, I was going to go to graduate school for Anthropology and teach at a college. However, I then went to work in the oil industry and never went on with my graduate education. I have been approached by two universities about lecturing in Public Policy after I am done being Mayor. I do not know if I could do that long-term but I do have the opportunity.

- **What is your horoscope? Do you believe in horoscopes?**

I am a Taurus. I am home-oriented and very mellow but do not make me mad. I do not believe in horoscopes but Kathy does very much.

- **What is your favorite color?**

Red.

- **Final words!**

I am lucky enough to be able to do something every day that I am passionate about. I am excited to go to work every day. That's a blessing. I have family support and I have had career success. I feel like I have been blessed in life in general. To be able to go to work every day for a job that I love in a city that I love is wonderful. I am very grateful.

- **What advice would you give to this young generation today?**

It is not about how much money you make. It is not about how many people you know. It is about what you do with your life. Are you excited about what you do? It is about the quality of your life. I am a big believer in planning for the future. Kathy and I think long-term. We have two 19-year olds who are still at home. They think of success in terms of how much money they will make or they look at how many

friends they have on Facebook. That is not real and I try to remind them of that. You should live every day as if it is your last but you should also always recognize that it might not be and that you have to be planning for the future.

- **Being the Mayor, is it a challenge for your kids?**

If you ask them, they would say that it is hard because both Kathy and I are very work-oriented, we are high achievers, and we set high standards. They complain regularly that we push them too hard and that our expectations are too high. Our kids recognize that there are benefits from having a mom as the Mayor but there is a downside too. I might do something that makes people angry and the kids come home from school saying this person yelled at me at school about something you did or periodically, they will come home and there is a police car sitting outside the house. They then know that mom made somebody mad this week.

Lebanon Times Magazine thanks you, Mayor Annise D. Parker, for your kindness, hospitality, and continuous dedication and contributions to our beloved City of Houston!



الأب فادي الميماس كاهن طائفة الروم الملكيين الكاثوليك في هيوستن

Melkite Greek Catholic Outreach Community

كنت اسمع صوت الرب بداخلي نعم مررت بمراحل غيرت حياتي



الأب فادي الميماس ابن حريصا، ابن المرسلين البوليسيين. وصل إلى هيوستن بناء لطلب أبناء الرعية وتحت مظلة سيادة المطران نقولا أبو سمرا مطران طائفة الروم الملكيين الكاثوليك في الولايات المتحدة الأميركية. الأب فادي الميماس شعاره الانفتاح على كل الطوائف والمذاهب بعيداً عن المناطقية، لأن يسوع الفادي جاء لجميع البشر ولم يحدد لمن هو. كما درس الموسيقى في معهد اللويزة، وتعمق في دراسة اللاهوت وخدم بكل إخلاص ومحبة وبنى جمعيات للشبيبة والكشاف وأسس جوقة الكنيسة فكان خادماً الهيكل والطائفة والبشر أينما حل. ومجلة لبيانون تايمز تستضيف الأب فادي الميماس على صفحاتها ونذكره بأن منازل أبيه كثيرة في هيوستن. فأهلاً بك أبونا.

تحمل الوالدة طفلاً ذكراً ويبقى على قيد الحياة، فكانت دائماً تصلي وتبكي إلى أن رأت السيد يسوع المسيح الذي اقترب منها وفتح لها كف يدها ووضع فيه ثلاثة صلبان، وبعد 9 أشهر أبصرت أنا النور ومن ثم رزقها الله بصبيين وهكذا أصبحنا ثلاثة أشقاء ذكور.

أما الأمر الثاني، والذي كان يرافقني ليلاً نهاراً بأنني كنت اسمع صوت الرب بداخلي يناديني وأنا في سن 18 وكان الوالد يمانعني لأنه يريدني محامياً كما قلت سابقاً إلى أن أرسل لي الرب إشارة فقد دخلت غرفة النوم وأنا أفكر متى سأدخل الدير، وكان أخي نائماً في الغرفة فسمعتة يقول بصوت عال: بالصيف.. بالصيف.. بالصيف يا أخي. وفي اليوم التالي وقف الوالد واضعاً يده على كتفي قائلاً: إذا بعدك مفكر بالكهنوت شو ناظر.. الله معك. وهكذا دخلت الدير في أيلول عام 1991.

بصراحة أشكركم على هذه المقدمة ربما لا استحقها لأن رسالة الكهنوت هي خدمة كلمة الله وخدمة البشر.

• السؤال الأول: من هو الأب فادي الميماس كي نعرف القارئ العربي على شخصكم الكريم:

كاهن من جمعية المرسلين البوليسيين في حريصا وهذه الجمعية لديها إرساليات في لبنان وسوريا وفلسطين والأرجنتين والبرازيل. فقد ارتسمت كاهناً في 18 أغسطس عام 2000.

• متى شعرت بالدعوة الكهنوتية بداخلك ؟

عندما كنت طالباً في كلية الحقوق، وهذه رغبة الوالد أن يراني محامياً ولكن مرت في حياتي أمور كثيرة غيرت في مجراها حياتي منها المعجزة الأولى: فالوالدان كان لديهما مشكلة بالدم ومن المستحيل أن



• ماذا تغير بحياتك عندما انتقلت من إنسان مدني إلى كاهن؟

أصبحت إنساناً مسؤولاً أمام الله والناس، أراقب تصرفاتي أعيش أفراح وأحزان الآخرين فأنا خادم المتألمين والمرضى والمسنين والشبيبة، أصبحت الخادم الذي يغسل أقدام الآخرين كما غسل المسيح أقدام تلاميذه.

• أين خدمت قبل وصولك إلى هيوستن؟

ابتدأت مسيرتي الرسولية في وادي النصاري في سوريا. كنت مسؤولاً لمدة 3 سنوات عن تسع قرى مسيحية فكنت أتنقل بينهم، فقد أسست الشبيبة والكشافة وأقمت دراسة التعاليم المسيحية، كما أسست جوقة للكنائس ثم انتقلت إلى صافيتا وطرطوس وبانياس وعملت مع كاهن زميل لي

في تلك المناطق كما توليت رئاسة دير صافيتا لفترة زمنية فكان عملنا رسولياً بالتعاون مع الكنائس الأرثوذكسية والمارونية وجميع كنائس المنطقة. وفي عام 2010 انتقلت مجدداً إلى حريصا لمدة سنة فكانت مليئة بالتأمل والصلاة والدراسة، حيث كنت بصدد التوجه إلى أوروبا لتحضير الدكتوراه باللاهوت ولكن الجمعية عادت ونقلتنني إلى جرمانا في الشام خلال فترة الحرب حيث كان هناك عمل شاق وممتع في آن واحد ودامت خدمتي في جرمانا مدة ثلاث سنوات حيث كان لدينا أربعة آلاف عائلة كاثوليكية، إلى أن عدت إلى رياق وخدمت لمدة سنة في عين كفرزبد تحت إشراف ومحبة المطران عصام درويش راعي أبرشية الفرزل وزحلة والبقاع للروم الكاثوليك الملكيين. ومن ثم إلى هيوستن بطلب من أبناء الرعية ولم أزل في هذه المدينة الرائعة بابنائها منذ ثلاثة أشهر ونحن نقيم الذبيحة الإلهية كل يوم احد الساعة 12 ظهرا في St. John Chrysostom 5402 Acorn Street

• هل الذبيحة الإلهية حسب الطقس البيزنطي الشرقي؟

نحن ندعو الجميع للمشاركة في الأجواء الشرقية البيزنطية. يقال بأن صوتك كجرس بيت شباب ومن

أجمل الأصوات حيث انه يعبد طريق السماء. لقد درست الموسيقى في معهد اللويزة فالتراتيل هي تسبيح الله

• ما هي رسالة الكاهن في الاغتراب؟

يسوع المسيح كل شيء في حياتي، رسالتي أن ابشر برسائله وباسمه خاصة لأبناء ريعتي، رسالتي شمولية لا يهمني انتماء الشخص الطائفي أو الحزبي أو المذهبي أو المناطق ولا لأي بلد انتمى، يسوع جاء لجميع البشر. ولم يحدد لمن هو ولأي طائفة أو لأي منطقة أو لأي حزب.

• الكلمة الأخيرة.

أوجهها لأبناء رعية الروم الملكيين الكاثوليك إذا كنتم تحبون كنيستكم وإذا كنتم تحبون يسوع المسيح فهو بانتظاركم يقرع أبوابكم فهو بحاجة لكم هنا في هيوستن. وهناك كلمة أوجهها أيضاً لمجلة الليبانون تايمز التي اشكرها على هذه المقابلة كي تصل رسالتي إلى أبناء الرعية الذين يرغبون في بناء وتأسيس كنيسة في هيوستن اطلب لهم القوة والمحبة والتضامن كما اطلب من الله ان يبقى قلم الليبانون تايمز في خدمة الجميع في هيوستن كما هو الآن. للتواصل مع الأب

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Judge Catherine Evans

**180th Criminal
District Court**

**Nobody is
Above the Law**

Lebanon Times Magazine was honored by the visit of Judge Catherine Evans (180th Criminal District Court) at our location at 8989 Westheimer Rd – Suite 126 accompanied by local law enforcement Investigator Ben Katrib. We appreciate the precious time of Judge Evans and thank her for giving us a very interesting and enlightening interview conducted by Tony Choufati based on five main questions.

Judge Catherine Evans, 180th Criminal District Court, Appointed by Governor Rick Perry, October 2013 Assistant District Attorney's Office, 2001 to 2013 with main responsibilities in the Major Fraud Division, Public Integrity Division, Chief of Vehicular Crimes Section. Judge Evans lives in Houston with her husband and two children.

We asked Judge Evans about her successes over the past 12 years. Judge Evans was very modest but proud of her achievements. Judge Evans explained what is the 108th District Court. It is a district that has jurisdiction over all crimes in Harris County – (County-wide bench).

Judge Evans graduated with a degree in Law from the University of Houston in 2000 and then joined the Harris County District Attorney's office for 12 years. One of Judge Evans' incredible

positions was going after public officials who had violated the law and white collar crimes.

The biggest case Judge Evans handled from beginning to end was the on-duty death case of Houston policeman Kevin Scott Will who was struck and killed by a drunk driver as he investigated a hit-and-run accident involving a motorcyclist on the Loop 610 North, near Yale Street. The driver was taken into custody at the scene and was charged with intoxicated manslaughter for Officer Will's death. It was later discovered that the suspect had entered and was living in the United States illegally. He pleaded guilty to intoxicated manslaughter and on June 8, 2012, was sentenced to 55 years in prison.

Judge Evans explained to us that there are 22 felony district courts and child abuse cases are on a lottery rotation basis.

Judge Evans has won cases involving the death penalty such as the case of Raymond Martinez. Raymond DeLeon Martinez was convicted and sentenced to death for the 1983 murder of Herman Chavis at a Houston bar. His conviction was reversed. In 1989, Martinez was again convicted and sentenced to death.

Judge Evans has no remorse or feelings of guilt sending a socio-path person like Raymond Martinez to death row as he had also shot and killed his own sister. Sociopaths are antisocial. The personality disorder is a type of chronic mental condition in which a person's ways of thinking, perceiving situations, and relating to others are dysfunctional and destructive. People with antisocial personality disorders typically have no regard for right and wrong and often disregard the rights, wishes, and feelings of others.

Judge Evans will be running for a second term this coming November 4, 2014 on the Republican general ballot.

It is very important for this message to reach every reader of the magazine in Harris County because any Harris County resident will and can vote for Judge Evans as she is not restricted by districts.

The message of Judge Evans to all Harris County voters and specially the Lebanese and Arab community is to have good judges in place and to vote in especially the criminal world. Harris County voters need experienced and decisive judges in the law to carry on the hard decisions and they should have the trial experience in order to make the right and hard proper ruling. Judge Evans' motto in her courtroom is to have respect for the process, the bench, and the individual.

Judge Evans is endorsed by: Houston Realty Business Coalition, Harris County Deputies Organization, and Harris County Deputies Organization. Judge Evans is proud to be an HLSR volunteer as a school coordinator for the Speakers Committee

Judge Evans has a message for you: Are you a registered Harris County voter? Is your spouse, friend, neighbor, mom, uncle registered?? If not, register at <http://www.hctax.net/voter/Registration>. It's an easy process and a critical way to participate in our government!

After we ended the interview, Judge Evans accepted our lunch invitation at Fuzzy's Pizza on Westheimer and had a pizza named after President George Bush. Lebanon Times had a great time with Judge Evans as she is so gentle, down-to-earth, and a pleasant person but tough on crime.

Here are a few of her awards:

2013 Chief of Police Unit Citation – DWI Intoxilyzer Initiative

2012 Service Award for prosecuting killer of officer Kevin Will

2010 Prosecutor Service Award for Mothers against Drunk Driving

2010 Teaching Star Award

2010 Standard Bearer Award, Bay Area Council on Drug and Alcohol

2007 Team Excellence Award for prosecution, Honorable Mention, Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas.

Get in touch with Judge Evans by emailing her at catherine@catherineevans.org or contacting <https://www.facebook.com/CatherineEvansForJudge>



بين هالوين وعيد البربارة



والقديسين .

عام 1846 وخلال المجاعة المعروفة باسم البطاطا الايرلندية وصل 700 ألف مهاجر ايرلندي إلى أميركا ومعهم عاداتهم ومنها الاحتفال بعيد الهالوين أو القديسين أو عيد مصباح جاك. كان الايرلنديون يصنعون هذا المشعل من اللفت أو البطاطا أو الشمندر ويضيئونه بشعلة من الفحم أو الشمع وفاء لأرواح الأموات الأحياء، وكانت توضع على النوافذ والشرفات للترحيب بالأرواح .. أو لطرد العفاريت والأرواح الشريرة، ولكن نظراً لعدم وجود الشمندر والبطاطا بكثرة في أميركا آنذاك فكانت الاستعاضة عنها بالقرع أو اليقطين ومن يومها أصبح الاحتفال بالهالوين مرتبطاً برمزه الأساسي اليقطين والمشعل.

أصول الهالوين تعود إلى ألفي سنة من الزمن، إلى قبائل Celts أو الكلت في ايرلندا المملكة المتحدة وشمال فرنسا، حيث كان عيد تذكّار الموتى هو واحد من مهرجانات النار المقدسة لدى شعوب ال Celts . يقع هذا العيد في آخر يوم من السنة نسبة إلى تقويمهم، ويفصل بين نهاية فصل الصيف وبداية فصل الشتاء وتحديداً في 31 أكتوبر، حيث كان يؤمن كهنة ال Celts بأن الموتى يجولون في الأرض ويتفاعلون مع الناس. وفي العام 43 بعد الميلاد وعقب احتلال الشعوب الرومانية أراضي ال Celts دمجت التقاليد بيوم إحياء ذكرى الموتى على اثر انتشار الدين المسيحي، فأصبحت الاحتفالات تمتد على ثلاثة أيام ما بين 31 أكتوبر و لغاية 2 نوفمبر تكريماً للموتى

وبسرعة اخرج جاك سكيناً من جيبه ورسم بها صليب على جذع الشجرة فسجن الشيطان ثانية ولم يستطع مغادرة الأغصان.

عندها عرض جاك على الشيطان أن يطلق سراحه شرط أن لا يعترض له بتاتاً ولا يتعامل معه أبداً فوافق الشيطان فأزال جاك رسم الصليب . ولكن الله لم يرد له العيش طويلاً فخلال سنة فارق جاك الحياة.

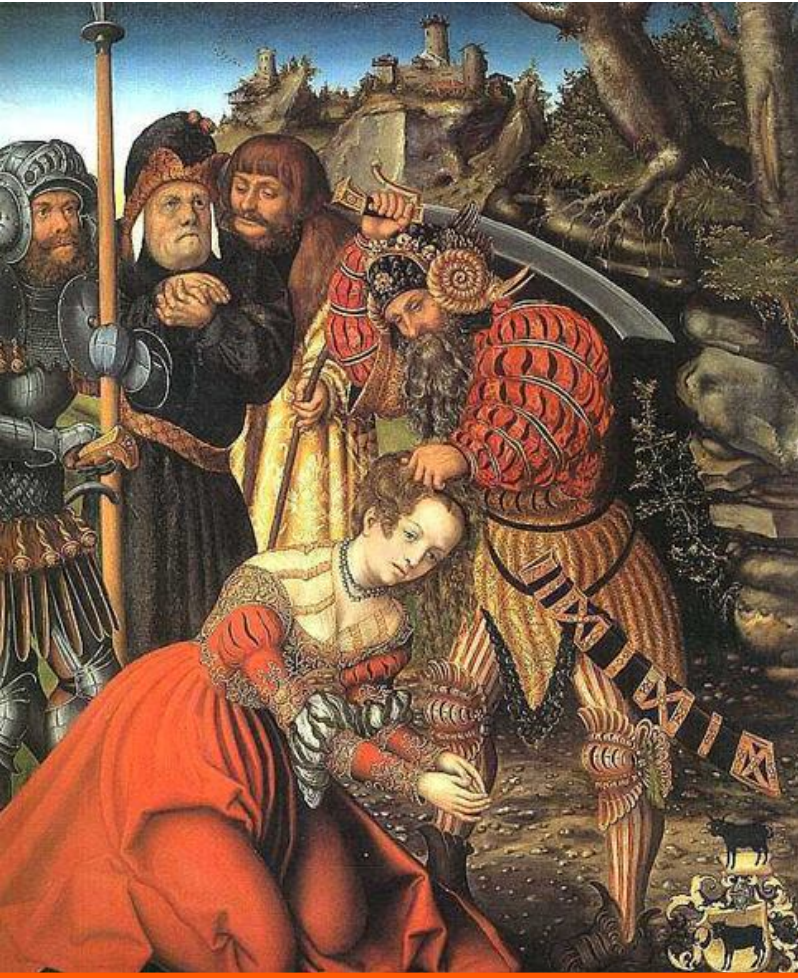
صعد جاك إلى السماء فطرده ملائكة الرحمة، فلم يجد سوى باب النار فاتجه إليه فكان الشيطان بانتظار فرصة للانتقام منه فطرده فوراً مذكراً إياه بأن اتفاقهما يقضي بأن لا يتعاملوا معا . فبقي أمام جاك خيار واحد وهو العودة من حيث أتى محكوماً على روحه أن تبقى هائمة في الظلام، ولمساعدته على رؤية طريق العودة اللانهائية المظلمة رموا له جمرة من وقود النار، فوضعها في حبة لفت وأصبحت هي مصباح روحه المتجولة للأبد بين السماء والأرض.

وخشية من مضايقة جاك وغيره من الأرواح الهائمة في عيد الهالوين من كل عام أصبح الناس يضعون المشاعل على نوافذهم وشرفاتهم من الخارج حتى إذا احتاج جاك أو غيره من تائه الأرواح لمصباح في ظلمة رحلتهم الأبدية أخذوه من الخارج دون أن يدخلوا المنازل.

أمّا الرواية الأكثر شعبية حول المصباح كرفيق في عيد الهالوين هي التالية:

كان هناك رجل إيرلندي سكير بخيل سيء الأخلاق يدعى جاك، وفي عيد القديسين بدأت روحه في مفارقتها فجاء الشيطان ليأخذ روحه للنار .. فأخذ جاك يتوسل إليه كي يمنحه فرصة أخيرة ليشرب كأساً واحداً قبل الموت فوافق الشيطان، لكن جاك المحتال ادعى بأنه لا يملك سوى نصف ثمن الكأس فتوسل مجدداً للشيطان كي يتحول إلى ستة بنسات ليتمكن من شراء شرابه وبعدها يمكن للشيطان أن يعود إلى طبيعته بسرعة. فوافق الشيطان وتحول إلى ستة بنسات فالتقطها جاك مباشرة ووضعها في محفظته الذي كان مفتاحها على شكل صليب وبذلك سجن الشيطان داخل محفظته ولم يتمكن من الخروج لأن الصليب يمنعه. وتمكن أخيراً من الاتفاق على أن الشيطان سيترك جاك لمدة سنة مقابل أن يطلق سراحه فوافق جاك وأخرج الشيطان من المحفظة. فانقضى العام سريعاً وحضر الشيطان ثانية ليقبض روحه، لكن جاك كان متعلقاً بالحياة فتوسل للشيطان أن يساعده على أكل آخر حبة تفاح يشتهيها قبل قبض روحه واقترح انه سيحمل الشيطان بنفسه على كتفيه حتى يلتقط له الحبة فوافق الشيطان وصعد على كتفيه إلى الأغصان ليلتقط حبة التفاح





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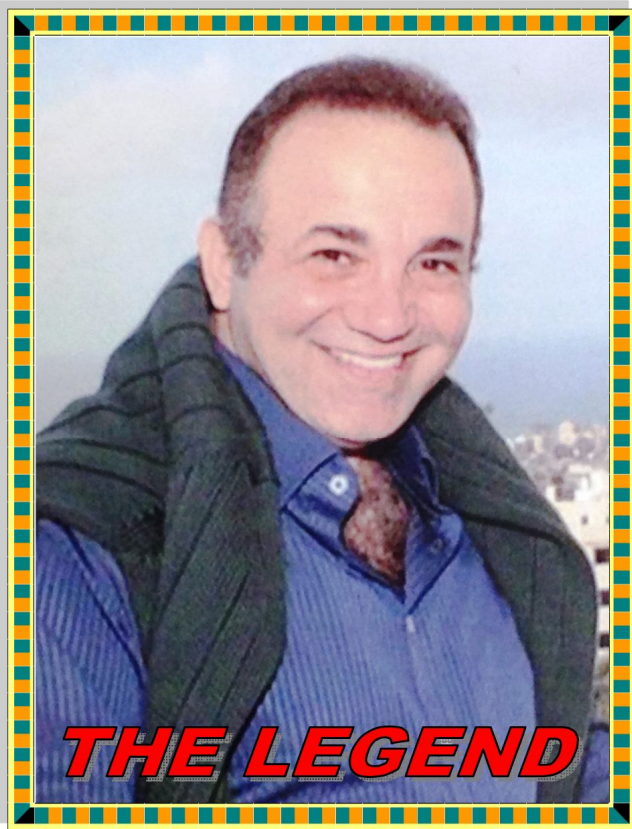
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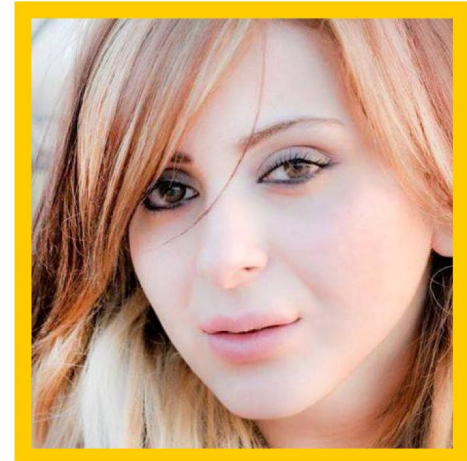
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Halloween in the U.S. is Not the Same as Burbarrah Holiday in Lebanon



The origin of Halloween dates back to two thousand years ago, where tribes of Celts inhabited Ireland, the United Kingdom, and northern France where they celebrated 'All Souls' festival representing sacred fire of the tribes.

This holiday falls on the last day of the year relative to their calendar, and this period represented the end of summer and the beginning of winter, specifically on October 31, where it was believed that the dead priests of the Celts roam the earth and interact with people.

In the year 43 A.D. and after the occupation of the Roman territory Celtic tribes merged the tradition of the Day of Remembrance of the dead.

With the spread of Christianity, the holiday became a celebration over three days between

October 31 and November 2, to honor the dead and the saints.

In 1846 and during the famine known in Ireland as the potato famine, 700 thousand Irish immigrants migrated to America and brought their traditions with them, including the celebration of Halloween Jack O Lantern.

The Irish made this torch of turnips or potatoes or beets and lit the flame with coal or wax in respect of the lives of dead loved ones, and they were placed on windows and balconies to welcome the spirits or to expel goblins and evil spirits.

Due to the lack of beets and potatoes in abundance in America, they were replaced by pumpkin, and since then Halloween was linked to lanterns or torches and pumpkins.

The most popular story about the lamp as a companion in the Halloween festival goes as follows:

There was an Irish drunkard and stingy man with bad manners named Jack, and in the feast of the Saints his soul began to abandon him and so the devil came to

take his soul to death. Jack pleaded to give him one last chance to have one last drink as a death wish.

The devil agreed but corrupt Jack claimed that he did not have enough money to pay for the drink and begged the devil to turn into six pennies to be able to pay for the drink.

The devil agreed and transformed in six pennies, Jack quickly grabbed the pennies and stuffed them in his wallet which had the sign of the cross, thus, the devil could not liberate himself.

The devil then told Jack that he will give him one more year to live if he let him out. Jack let the devil out and after the year was over, the devil came back to collect.

Devious Jack one more time begged him and asked to have a last wish which is to eat a fresh

apple and that he would carry the devil on his shoulders to pick up the apple fruit from the tree.

The devil agreed and as soon as the devil reached the branch, Jack drew a cross on the tree trunk preventing the devil from feeling himself from the branch.

At this bad situation, Jack told the devil that he will cut him loose if he would not come back and take his soul and the devil agreed, but unfortunately for Jack he did not live long and died after one year.

Jack ascended to heaven and was pursued by the angels of mercy, only to find a door leading to hell but the devil was waiting for him and did not give him sanction since he did not trust Jack.

Jack had no option left except to roam the universe and live in the darkness forever, but angels were sorry for Jack so they threw to him a flame of fire to guide him in the vast lonely universe.

This is the reason people in Halloween carve a pumpkin and have a candle or a light placed inside to help the roaming souls find light and not have to enter their homes.



Halloween between Western and Burbarrah Holiday in Lebanon:

Here it should be noted that the western Halloween holiday differs from Barbara and therefore may not be confused because of the different religious and historical origins.

In the festival of St. Barbara, which is celebrated on December 4 of each year, and her story that she rejected paganism and chose the Christian religion and repudiated and escaped from the prison tower, where her father had confined her, but soon his palace guards were able to capture her and from then on there is a special song sang during the festival relating to her capture.

This is in addition to the tradition of boiling wheat and mix it with sugar, and wear masks and disguises. This is the feast which differs radically from the Halloween celebrations.

Today this festival has become a celebration in Lebanon during which owners of cafes and nightclubs to attract customers they celebrate with a competition of the most beautiful and best costume disguise.



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