

A MIRACLE FROM THE VIRGIN MARY – AN UNEXPLODED MISSILE!

During Myrna's visit to Canada in 2019, she gave a life testimony at the "Sawt El Rab" (Voice of the Lord) Festival in Montreal on August 5th, about the mortar shell (missile) that fell on the House of the Virgin Mary in Soufanieh in 2014 and failed to explode. In fact, Syria has been going through a very tense crisis since 2011 due to armed groups controlling parts of the country. We quote the following passages from her testimony:

On April 8, 2014, we were praying the Rosary, in the presence of Father Elias Zahlaoui and several other people. Suddenly, we heard a loud explosion. Shortly after, we noticed water dripping from the roof down the stairs. No one was injured, but everyone stopped praying. Father Elias Zahlaoui said, "*Keep praying*," and people resumed praying. My husband, Nicolas, and I went up to the roof of the house. We saw that a missile had penetrated the ceiling of the room containing the water tank and continued its trajectory through the floor of the same room, which is also the ceiling of the bathroom on the floor below. Fortunately, the missile stopped there without exploding. This room contained items belonging to Awad, Nicolas's late brother, a jeweler whose hobby was setting pearls and precious stones and making rosaries.

After the National Security Forces agents arrived, we entered the bathroom with them. They saw a red light on the front of the missile caught in the ceiling. The agents asked everyone to leave the house, as the missile could explode at any moment. But instead, no one left. The agents then went up to the roof to try to remove the missile from its location. They had to wear gloves because of the intense heat it emanated. When they lifted it, we discovered that the red light was made of a rosary wrapped around the missile's head. While the rosary didn't come with the missile, God's will allowed it to surround the missile's head, and no one has been able to explain why. All I know is that this rosary "*calmed or stopped*" the missile.

The agent who removed the missile was Muslim, but he took the rosary and put it around his neck, saying, "*I go to very dangerous places, and I want this rosary to protect me.*" Father Elias said to him, "*Please, we will give you a rosary and pray to God for protection, but leave this particular rosary, because it now has a history, and people will ask us about it.*" »

Curiously, the room where the missile entered had suffered heavy damage, both to the furniture and the building materials. However, the rosary found around the missile's head, composed of red plastic beads connected by a metal chain, was not damaged by the heat, did not melt, did not break, but remained intact. We began passing the rosary from one person to another, kissing it, and thanking God and the Virgin Mary for this rosary, which was a lifeline for all of us.

We then discovered that this rosary was not like the rosary we usually pray. We know that the rosary is made up of five decades, and that each decade is composed of one "*Our Father*" and ten "*Hail Marys*," but this rosary is made up of seven parts, and each part is composed of seven beads. After researching this rosary, we discovered that it is the Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows, and that Our Lady of Sorrows is the patron saint of Slovakia. In fact, Slovakia suffered greatly, and Our Lady of Sorrows was the country's lifeline, where she is considered its patron saint.

So we began praying this rosary in Soufanieh every Tuesday and Friday. That is, we pray the regular rosary every day of the week, and on Tuesdays and Fridays, we pray the Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows, and this is still the case today.

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