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THE MIGRANTS AND FAITHFUL OF ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, EASTERN AUSTRALIA: 1880 ONWARDS

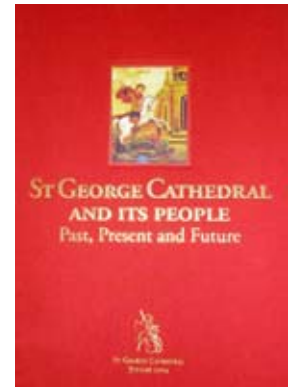
PRESENTED BY **MR. EMIL DAN (DOUMANY)**

President of St George Antiochian Orthodox Church Council, Sydney, Australia
Co-Author and Editor of St. George Cathedral and its People: Past, Present and Future

INTRODUCED AND MODERATED BY **FR. BOULOS WEHBE**

Professor of Religion and Cultural and Social Studies
Notre Dame University - Louaize

Auditorium - NDU Main Campus - Zouk Mosbeh
Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
Discussion, Book Signing and Refreshments to follow



□ **LECTURE**

This lecture will present the results of the research undertaken by the author and an enthusiastic book committee to unearth the history of St George Cathedral and its people in Sydney, Australia. The book commemorates the pioneer Lebanese emigrants and their descendants, accounts for their history and records the aspiration of future generations. More than 160 families have contributed their history, families as famous now in Australia as the Abduk-Karims, Bashirs, Batrouneys, Corbans, Deeps, Doumanis (Dans), Jammals, Jarjouras, Kandalafis, Khourys, McDessies, Maliks (Melicks), Mansours, Mikhails, Maloufs, Sarrofs, Shehadies, Yarads, Attalabs, Abi-Hannas, Abouds, Ayoub, amongst many others over four waves of migration. The book also dedicates a section to the history of the Cathedral, its icons, and the priests who served it and participated in its development. Based on this extensive research, the lecturer will share the painstaking methodology used for this work and some of the most interesting, memorable and heartwarming stories about one of the many Lebanese migrant communities around the world.

□ **MR. EMIL DAN'S BIOGRAPHY**

Mr. Emil Dan is the grandson of Amin Doumani who migrated to Australia where the family name was changed to Dan in the 1880's. The Doumani family originated in Douma and was found in Bloudan and then Zahle. This information was anecdotally transmitted by the family of the late Patriarch Meletius Doumany. On his maternal side, Mr. Dan's grandfather was Ghattas Kandalaf, a theologian from Kalhart and Tripoli, two of his children migrated in the first half of the 20th century to Australia. Mr. Dan was born in Gloucester, Australia in 1940 and married Voulette Melick also a descendent of Lebanese migrants from the 19th century. He studied at Sydney University where he earned a Bachelor in Pharmacy. He later specialized in Asthma and Allergy pharmaceutical product development and is currently CEO of the Asthma and Respiratory Educators Association. After a trip to Lebanon in 1964, he was appointed to St. George Parish Council, then founding President of its Youth organization, and became President of the Cathedral Council in 1999. He is the co-author, editor and project director of *St. George Cathedral and its People: Past, Present and Future*.

□ **FR. BOULOS WEHBE'S BIOGRAPHY**

Father Boulos Wehbe is a Senior Lecturer at NDU, and teaches Religion, Cultural Studies and Social Sciences. He is an Orthodox Priest in the Archdiocese of Beirut, and is the Coordinator of the Joint Christian Education Committee in Lebanon which is in charge of producing Ecumenical Christian for use in all the churches under the auspices of the Synod of the Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in the East. Fr. Wehbe has a weekly TV program at the Christian network Tele-Lumiere/NourSat, and is very involved in Ecumenical work and Christian-Muslim Dialogue and relations. Fr. Wehbe has written extensively on this and other topics, and has lectured and participated in numerous conferences and symposia in Lebanon, the Arab World, Europe and the USA.