



His Eminence, the Most Reverend Silouan (Moussi),

Metropolitan of Byblos & Botris and dependencies (Mount Lebanon)

Born in Marquee, Venezuela, in 1967, he holds dual citizenship: Lebanese and Venezuelan.

He holds a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from the University of St. Joseph in Beirut, a Bachelor and a Master of Theology from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

In addition to Arabic his native tongue, His Eminence masters several languages including French, English, Greek, and Spanish.

As a member of the Orthodox Youth Movement he was active in both the centers of Tripoli (Al Mina) and Mount Lebanon (Mansourieh) between the years 1983-1994.

He was ordained to the order of diaconate in 1996 by the Trice Blessed Memory Metropolitan Youhanna (Mansour) of Latakia. He was ordained to the order of priesthood in 2000 by Metropolitan Paul (Yazigi) of Aleppo.

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As a priest, he served the Archdiocese of Aleppo and was the Metropolitan's Vicar until his election as Metropolitan of Buenos Aires and All Argentine in the year 2006.

The Holy Synod of Antioch, under the presidency of His Beatitude Patriarch JOHN X, in its session of 27th of April 2018, conjured at the Patriarchal Monastery of our Lady of Balamand, elected an exceptional pastoral decision to transfer His Eminence Silouan (Moussi) from the Archdiocese of Argentine to the throne of the Archdiocese of Mount Lebanon.

Several translations from Greek and English by His Eminence were published by the Patriarchal Monastery of our Lady of Balamand: "Interpretation of the Epistle to Philemon" (2004); "Interpretation of Divine Liturgy" (1999); "Saint Nil of Sora: Life and work" (1999); "Saint John of Kronstadt" (1998); "Our Lady of Balamand: history and heritage" (2016).

Several of his works were published by An-Nour Cooperative for Publishing and Distribution (Lebanon), in the series "Our faith in the Icon and Word": Part 1 "The Mystery of Incarnation" (2006); Part 4 "The Mystery of Resurrection" (2006); Part 3 "The Mystery of Pain" (2007).

His masters thesis (in Greek): "Human Communion after the Fall, according to Pauline theology" (2001).

In Spanish, he has many sermons, articles, studies and translations, some published on the Internet and some others in the weekly bulletin "Voice of the Lord" issued by the archdiocese in Argentina. Recently, 35 books have been published:

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He was granted Argentine citizenship at a historic event held at the Presidential Palace on 22 September 2016 at an official ceremony presided over by the Vice-President of the Republic and Speaker of the House of Representatives, Gabriela Micheti.

He headed for two consecutive sessions, the Ecumenical Commission of Argentina (2011-2015) and the celebrations of its silver jubilee in the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

He was Secretary of the Council of Orthodox Bishops in South America between 2010 and 2012. He represented the Orthodox Churches of Argentina at the centennial Feast of Flag (2012) and at the Second Centenary of the Independence of Argentina (2016) in the official presidential ceremonies and spoke on their behalf.

At the level of the Antiochian Synod, he is entrusted with the Synodal Nominating Committee for the Episcopal or Metropolitan Office, as well as the Synodical Committee of the dioceses of diaspora.

He represented the Patriarchate of Antioch and His Beatitude, Patriarch John X, in the inauguration of His Holiness Pope Francis in the Vatican City (2013), and at the summit of the heads of Orthodox Churches in Constantinople (2014), and in the secretariats of the Great Orthodox Synod (2016). His Beatitude entrusted him as patriarchal vicar for the Diocese of New York and North America during the period following the death of the Archdiocese Archbishop Philip Saliba (2014) and on the Diocese of Buenos Aires and the rest of Argentina (April-June 2018).