



His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, has appointed Archbishop Cyril Salim Bustros as the new and fourth Eparch of Newton.

Born in January 26, 1939, at Ain-Borday in Lebanon, Salim was a blessing for his loving and devout parents Michael Bustros and Shafika Moubarak. He was the middle child among his brothers and sister, George, Joseph, Ananias, Elias, and Therese. He grew strong, possessing a keen aptitude for languages.

After finishing his studies at the Petit Seminaire of St. Paul Harissa-Lebanon, he studied philosophy at St. Paul Institute in 1956-1957; and when he was nineteen he made his novitiate at the Peres Blancs in Gap, France.

In 1958; he professed the promise of obedience as a missionary and took the name, Cyril. He studied theology for four years at the Grand Seminaire of St Anne, Jerusalem. On June 29, 1962, the feast of St. Peter and Paul, Father Cyril was ordained priest in the Missionary of St. Paul.

In October 25, 1988 the Holy Synod of the Melkite Church elected him Archbishop of Baalbeck, succeeding Metropolitan Elias Zoghby. He was ordained bishop on November 27, 1988, in the Basilica of St. Paul in Harissa, by His Beatitude Maximos V and Archbishops Elias Zoghby and Joseph Raya.

Archbishop Cyril served faithfully and fruitfully for sixteen years, managing his Eparchy with great devotion, zeal and love, he led it to remarkable spiritual progress and economic prosperity.

Finally, in February 2004, by Almighty God's grace, the Holy Spirit overshadowed the Holy Synod of the Melkite Church and blessed their recommendation to his Beatitude, Patriarch Gregory III.

In June 22, 2004 the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II accepted the nomination and proclaimed with joy and love his Excellency Archbishop Cyril Salim Bustros as the new Eparch of Newton.

Archbishop Cyril was enthroned as fourth Eparch of Newton on Wednesday, August 18, 2004, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Annunciation, the Mother Church of the Eparchy in Roslindale, MA. by His Beatitude Patriarch Gregory III, making him father of all Melkite Catholics in the United States and Shepherd of one of the largest diocese in the Catholic world.

Archbishop Cyril is a member of several Ecumenical Commissions on the national and international levels. He is an eloquent and accomplished lecturer, the author of series of books on theology and scripture, a former president of the Council of Churches in the Middle-East, as well as an active member in the World Council of Churches and in several Roman organizations.