

PHOTO GALLERY

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Simon Srugi was born in Nazareth on 15.04.1877 and received the sacraments of initiation on 10.05 in the Greek-Melkite church built over the place thought to be the ancient synagogue from Jesus' time.

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قد عمده ونبته لولد المبارك سمعان بن عازر الذي ولد في 15 نيسان 1877 في ناصرة الجليل
عزابه ايوب ابني بن ليقربه ايوب من اللاذقية وانعمه كوري اخو سينا عوف مع



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From December 1888 to July 1892 Simon was in Bethlehem at the orphanage run by Canon Fr Antonio Belloni (youthful portrait and photo as an older man).



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1893: FMA house, entrance to the orphanage and school, Sacred Heart church.

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The instrumental band at the orphanage (ca. 1896).
To the right of Fr Belloni bandmaster Angelo Bormida with baton, on left Mr Francesco Arrobio.

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St Joseph's orphanage and agricultural school at Betgamäl at the end of 1800:
here Simon Srugi lived as an aspirant, novice, professed member and practical trainee (1892-1900).



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Betgamāl at the end of 1800: priests, brothers, workers, youngsters at work and posing in the garden before the south facade of the central building.



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Nazareth, March 1908. On top from left.: G.Harūni, G.Suedān, Fr Y.Harūni, ?, ch. S.Rummān, ch. A.Crétal, ?. Seated: Fr A.Prun, Fr C.Bretto, Fr M.Rua, Fr P.Cardano, Fr M.Rosin Rector.

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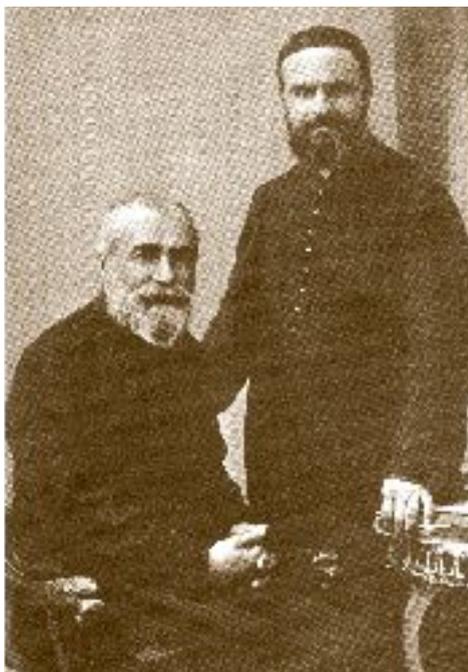
The seven priests at Betgamāl in 1914-1915: Fr Eugenio Bianchi (seated at the centre), Fr Alfredo Sacchetti (behind him), Fr Pietro Marsegaglia, Fr Angelo Bertola, Fr 'Awad 'Atallah, Fr Luigi Vizolo, Fr Peter Sarkis.

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Bro. Angelo Bormida (ca. 1915).

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Fr P.Ricaldone visitor and Fr L.Sutera provincial (1919).



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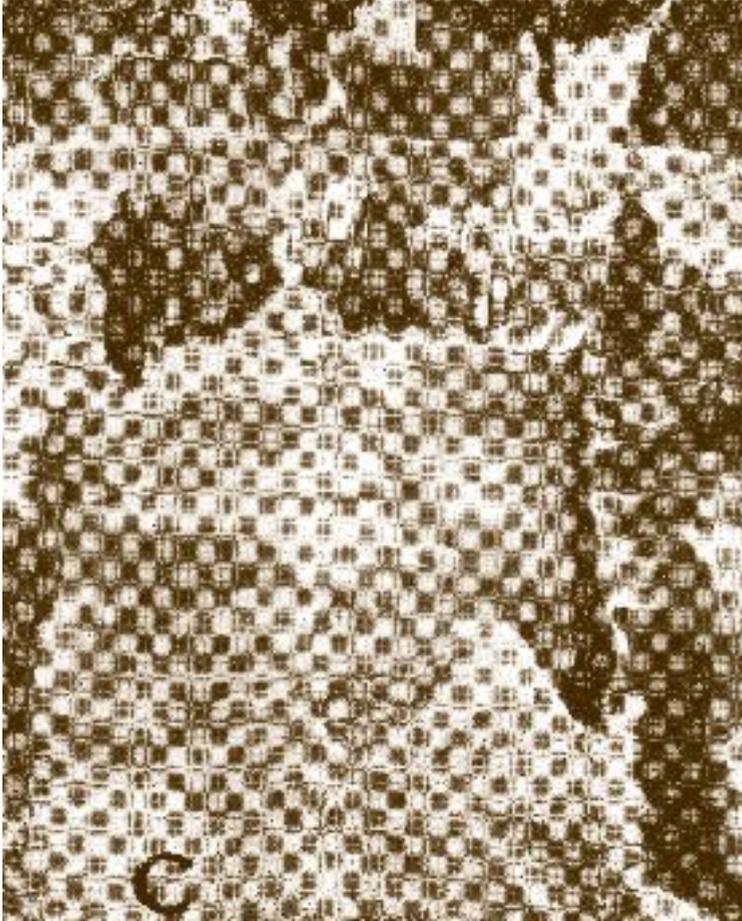
Nazareth, second half of 1920s: Simon posing with his cousin.



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On the hill: Salesian institute and basilica of Jesus the Adolescent.
House where Simon was born was located in the neighbourhood below left.

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Discovery of Byzantine church over St Stephen's "tomb" (1916-17, 1922).
Excavations: Fr Gisler osb, Bro. Bormida, Fr Bianchi, Fr Fergani.

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Base of the *diaconicón altar* (A), placed next to the entrance in the burial grotto (B),
on whose steps stands the young man in the upper right corner (C).



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E.Ritz, Fr Fergnani and Fr Bianchi admire mosaics in the side nave (1922).



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Archbishop P.Robinson, apostolic visitor for CNEWA with pupils and confreres (11.10.1927).

*Abuna Sarkīs,
Fr Sacchetti,
Fr Rosin,
Arch. Robinson,
Fr Bianchi.*



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Spring 1928: young people help in the casting of the slab above the crypt.

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Spring 1928: confreres and boys from Bethlehem, Cremisan and Betgamāl on area where the *Martyrium* is being built. Srugi is on the left beside the entrance to the burial grotto. Above centre: Fr Sarkīs, Fr Bianchi, Fr Frey; below right Fr Rosin.



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May 1928: Mr. Moore, secretary CNEWA and friends bent over the mosaics on the *diaconicón*.



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May 1928: Mr. Moore visits orphanages in Bethlehem and Nazareth.



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Autumn 1929: Fr Bianchi inspects building works at the *Martyrium*.

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December 1929: from right: Fr Rummān, Fr Frey, Fr Candela, Fr Gisler, Fr Fergnani. Boys on roof of the *Martyrium* not yet tiled.



December 1929: Fr Candela in front of the “Grotto of Lourdes” (which Fr Rua blessed in 1895). Srugi 3rd from right.



Armenian Bishop H. Keklikian at the blessing of the *Martyrium*. On right his nephew Artin, on left Fr Sacchetti, and Bros. Harūni, Aloï, Fusi (3 August 1930).



Inside the *Martyrium* decorated with paintings by Fr L.Poggi OCD and “mosaic-like” items and frescoes by E.Ritz (1932-1936). Here Srugi was m.c. for solemnities and feasts. Sanctuary rebuilt in 1972.

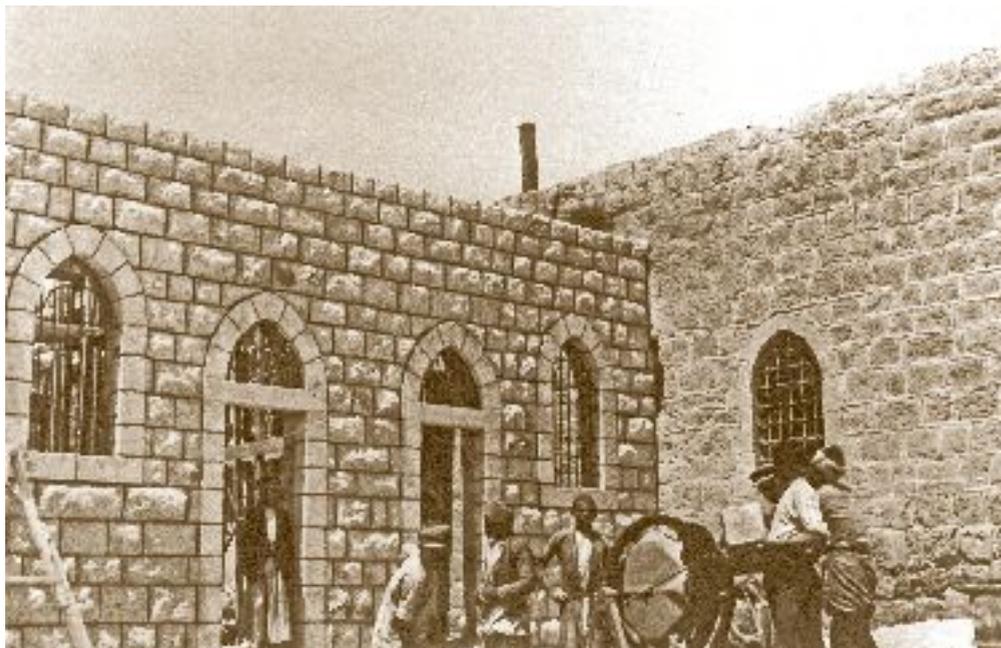


Fr A. Tornquist blesses the foundation stone of the day school and new outpatient clinic. Srugi seems to be last lower right. (04.01.1930).



Abūna Butrus Sarkīs cements the corner-stone, assisted by neighbouring village leaders.

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Bro. Srugi, covered by the person mixing cement, closely follows building works.

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Sr Tersilla Ferrero FMA, and Brother Srugi: the two “holy” nurses at Betgamāl.



Putting on his nursing gear, Simon welcomes the sick in the entrance hall.



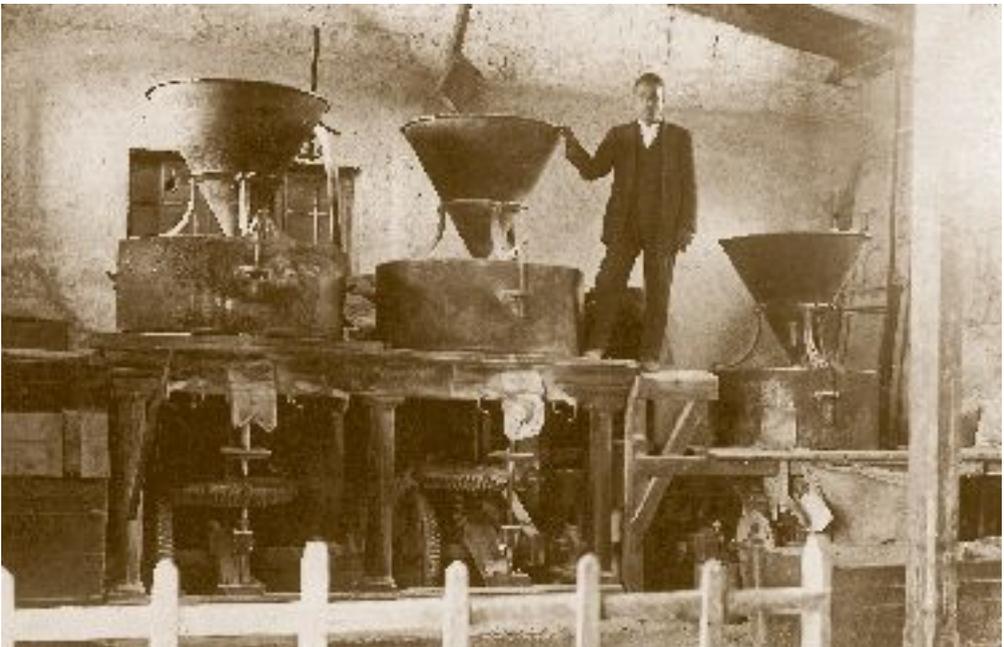
With another group of the sick before the entrance.

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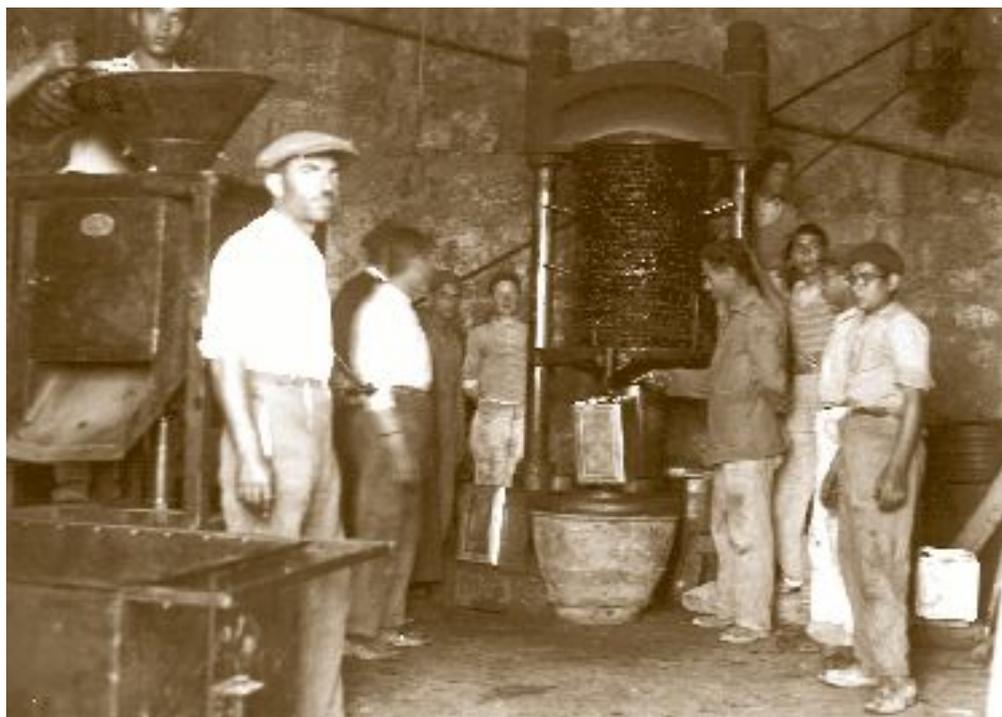


General view after 1931. East: peasant houses and barns. South-Est: driveway; on left: garages, stores, electricity hub. Above: terrazzo with balcony in front of the school and clinic. South: mill and press; N-W the FMA house.

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Mr Dikrān Ciakmkgian, in charge of the mill.



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Mr Artin Keklikian with instructor and young people at the oil press.



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Visit by the Armenian patriarchal vicar Mons. Manugian:
left. Fr Bianchi, Fr Sacchetti, Fr Sarkis, second last is Srugi (1930).

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Bethlehem, Retreat. 1931: Arab confreres from various rites: G.Hawīla, B.Sarkīs, G.Shalhūb, I.Gia‘nine, G.Lutfy, G.Nahhās, A.‘Awad, S.Srugi. Standing: S. Rummān, G.Calīs, G.Helu.

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Confreres and boys from Bethlehem, Betgamāl, Cremisan and Jerusalem around Bishop L. Mathias; to his right Fr Gisler; left. Mons.Fellinger, Fr Sacchetti, second last is Fr Raele, last Fr Candiani, behind Fr Ubezzi cl. Morra, Bro. Fusi, cl. F.Laconi (26.03.1932).



Bogino's marble statue of Jesus the Adolescent in the basilica at Nazareth.



Nazareth, Retreat 1933: Srugi 3rd left above. Seated, centre: Fr L.Nigra, provincial, either side the preachers Fr E.Carnevali and Fr G.Tamburino; second last Fr Sarkīs, behind him Bro. G.B.Ugetti who seems to be looking at his great friend Simon.

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1930s, *Corpus Christi* procession: Srugi supporting the rear pole of the canopy, “so that I can watch the Eucharistic Jesus pass by blessing our home.”
Right: Sr Tersilla covered by the edge of the meteorological observatory.

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Srugi catechist of a group of boys he prepared for First Communion (8.12.34).



Fr P.Tirone canonical visitor, center. Rectors meeting:
from left. Fr L.Biondi, Fr B.Ubezzi, ?, Fr Bolognani, Fr Canale provincial, ?,
Fr Rosin, ?; Fr Candiani introduces Bro. Srugi (March 1937).



Same occasion: Srugi between printer G.Neri and Bro. V.Milani.



Simon in 1939-40

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Fr Mario Rosin loses his life returning from Deir Rafāt , for his fidelity to the priestly ministry with the “Dorothy” Sisters at OL of Palestine Shrine (23.06.1938).

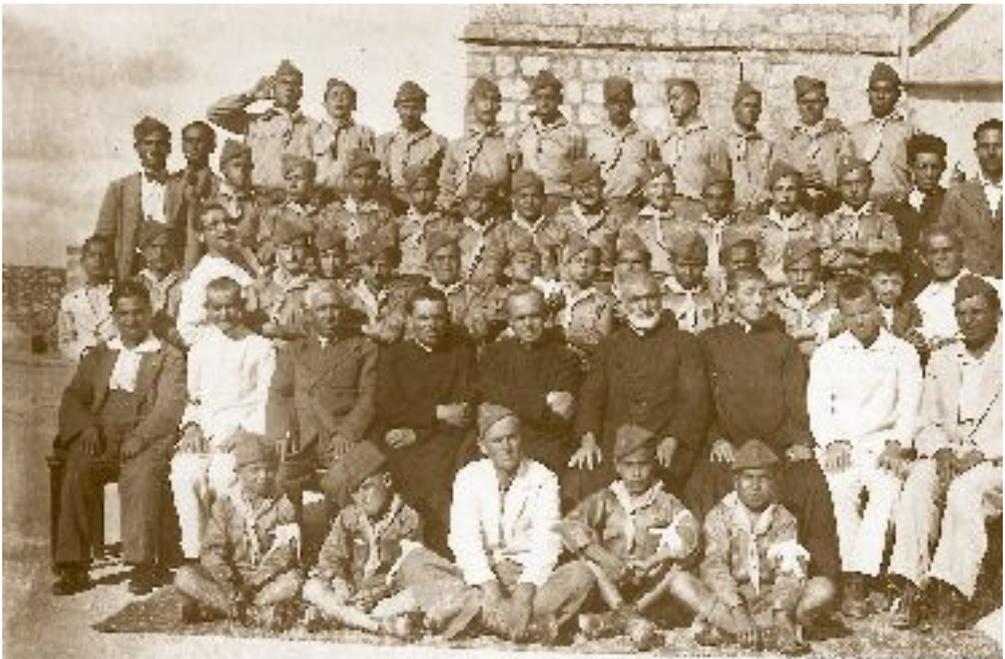
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Dorothy Sisters on the terrazzo of the Marian shrine with Patriarch Luigi Barlassina.



Festivities for the newly Blessed Mary Domenica Mazzarello. The second FMA beside Fr Candiani is Sr Tersilla Ferrero (14.05.1939).



Scouts 1939: Fr Candiani centre, on right Fr Dal Maso, Bro. Harūni, Bro. Srugi, Bro. Milani.
Left. Fr Spiridiōn, cl. Farneti, Bro Fusi and Bro. Aloī.

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Final visit of Fr Maurizio Gisler osb, in front of the *Martyrium* for which he was architect (03.08.1939).

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Closure of school year. Prizes. Fr López rector, on right Fr Gosslar, Fr Calīs, Bro. Srugi; to his left Fr Cattān, Fr ‘Awād, last Fr Rummān (29.06.1941).



Closing of centenary of the beginning of the "Opere Don Bosco":
Bishop Radònski presiding with Srugi as m.c. (31.01.1942).



Bishop Radònski says goodbye to Bro Srugi; either side Fr Kot and Fr López.

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31.01-1942: Srugi with practical trainees (from left) Swider, Kot, Orio, Michalek.

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1942-43: teachers, instructors, families, pupils. Seated from left. cl.Orio, Bro.Harūni, Fr Cattān, Fr Spiridiōn, Fr Fathallah, Fr López, Fr Gosslar, Fr Sciueri, Bro.Srugi, Mrs Ciakmagian and Mrs Keklikian. Behind: from left. 7th Dikrān, 8th Artīn, 9th Bro. Hawīla. Last row 1st from left. cl Mikalek.



1942-43: with neighbouring village leaders of whom Bro Harūni was, at the time, the *mukhtār* (4th left above).



1943: Fr Gosslar economer and vice rector for Fr López, Fr Sciueri clerics Orio and Mikatek keeping Bro. Srugi company, by now nearing the end. (see following photo no. 60).

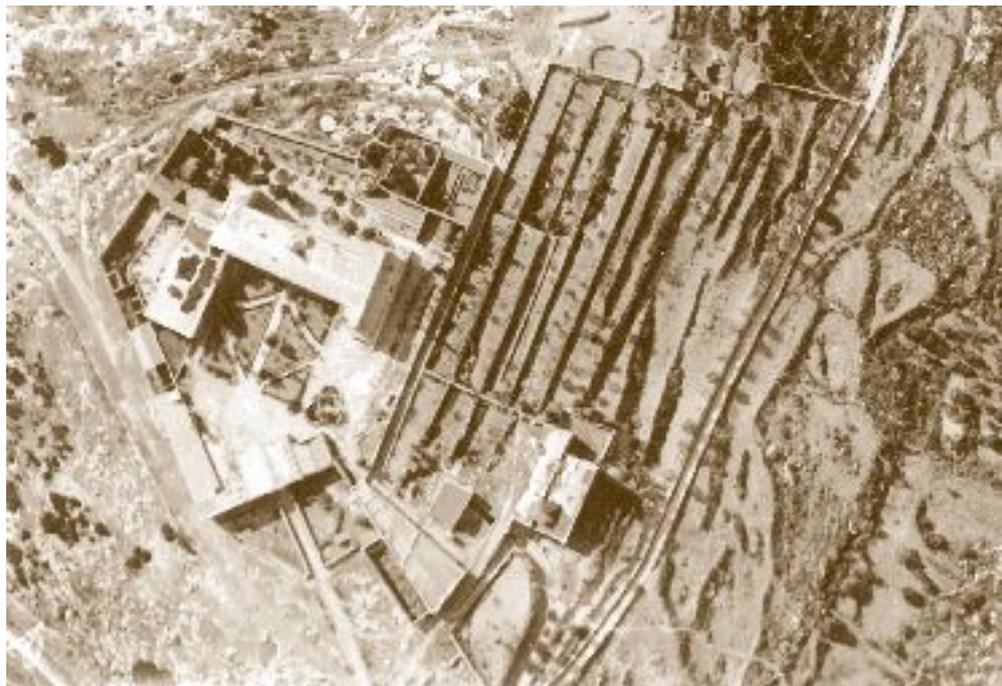
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Simon's room next to infirmary. He died here on Sat, 27 November 1943.



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Ca. 1922: main buildings, north and south gardens before excavations in Byzantine area; veg. Garden and barns, driveway to east before Srugi's clinic was built.



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Agricultural machinery for work in fields, vineyards and olive groves.

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Grotto in cellar for ageing and bottling wine.



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Pupils in class with Fr Sacchetti in chemistry and agricultural physics lab.



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New graduates in 1929 pose for photo with the Rector Fr Bianchi.

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“King David” 25.07.1933: Agricult. Gener. Couns. of Palestine (Fr Sacchetti 1st on right above).

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Early 1930s: excavation of the rocky ridge under the barn to widen the road.

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Wady Bülos: Well excavation, submersible pump and valley irrigation channels (1934).



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Boys and instructors with Bros. G.Aloi and G. Harūni. Corn, beet and potato harvests.



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Group of “band members”: Bro. Porro, Bro. Milani, bandmaster Dikrān with baton, instructors and boys.

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Gymnastics display for feast day of the Rector Fr Candiani (1939-40).

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Jericho and Jordan river: Fr Rummān, Fr López, Bro.Hawīla, Fr Calīs, Fr Sciueri, families (29.04.43).



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In the crypt, Bros. A.Rossetto and G.Castelli disinter Srugi's coffin present: Fr V.Pozzo Provincial, Fr I.Mancini Custos ofm of the Holy Land, G.Beltritti Latin Patriarch, L.Laham Greek-Melchite Pat. Vic., Fr F.Laoni initiator of the Cause (10.12.82).



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Fr E.Praduroux (vice-postulator), Srugi's relatives, members of ecclesiastical tribunal, Mr Dikrān witness, down right 'Abdallah Khoury, Fr G.Caputa (secretary), around the new coffin which will be walled up in the western niche of the crypt..