

# THE HAURAN CONNECTION

A Sister to Sister Diocese Program between  
the Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America  
and the Archdiocese of Bosra Hauran,  
Jabal al Arab and the Golan, Syria

## Hauran:

- Southwestern region of Syria; not an official jurisdiction, its name is used by local inhabitants and other Syrians.
- Its name in Hebrew means "hollow land" for the caves in this volcanic, fertile area: granary of the Roman Empire; famed for its vineyards.
- Inscriptions in Greek, symbols of grapes and wheat, ancient black basalt buildings and bits of Roman columns are common.
- Christians make up only 5-10% of the population of Syria; so many have fled to urban centers and other countries to work.
- Metropolitan Saba does what he can to provide his people with encouragement to stay: the Church supports the people there.

