



Our Lady (Theotokos) of America

In 1972, Father Albert Gorayeb, of Saint Ann Melkite Catholic Church commissioned an icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As Fr. Gorayeb dedicated the Icon of Our Lady to bless the American people, it bears the title Our Lady of America. On June 27, 1976 Patriarch Maximos V Hakim and Archbishop Joseph Tawil solemnly blessed and consecrated the Icon, as a special blessing to America and to all those who pray before Her. The icon has gone on pilgrimage to parishes that request it, but resides at the Church of St. Ann.[\[5\]](#)