

# Cana of Galilee



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#### Note :

- All Biblical quotes are based on the New Revised Standard Version
- The following abbreviations are used :
  - B. – Blessed
  - Fr. - Friar
  - St. – Saint
  - V. - Venerable

# Franciscan Bartholomew Church

## Eastern Façade\*

\* The church is open on August 24<sup>th</sup>, St. Bartholomew day



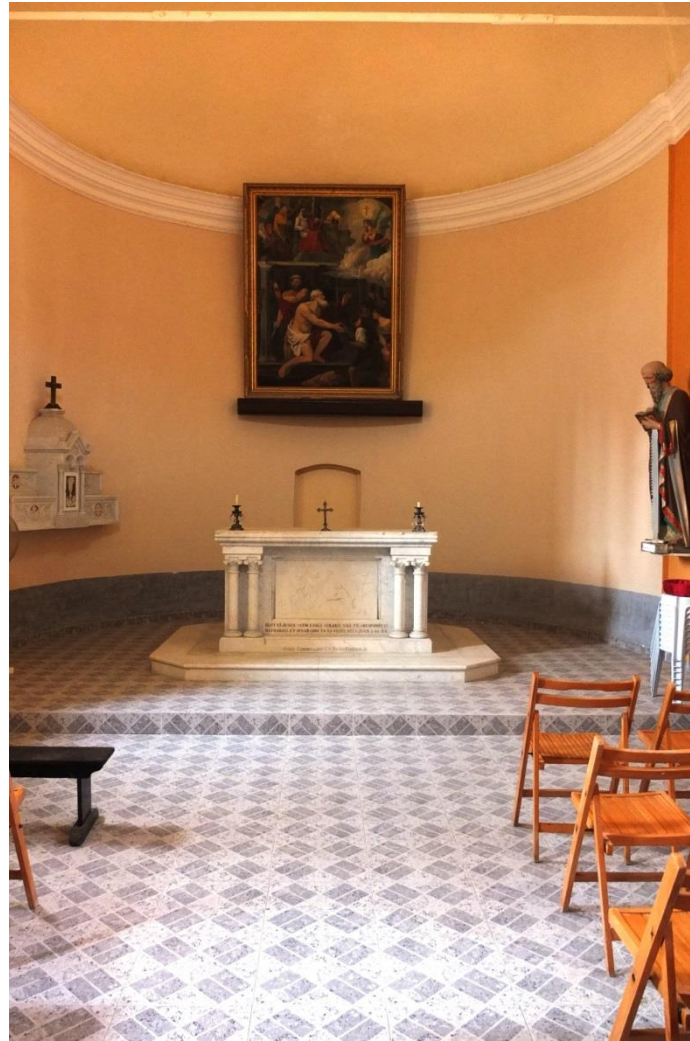
Franciscan Order's Coat of Arms



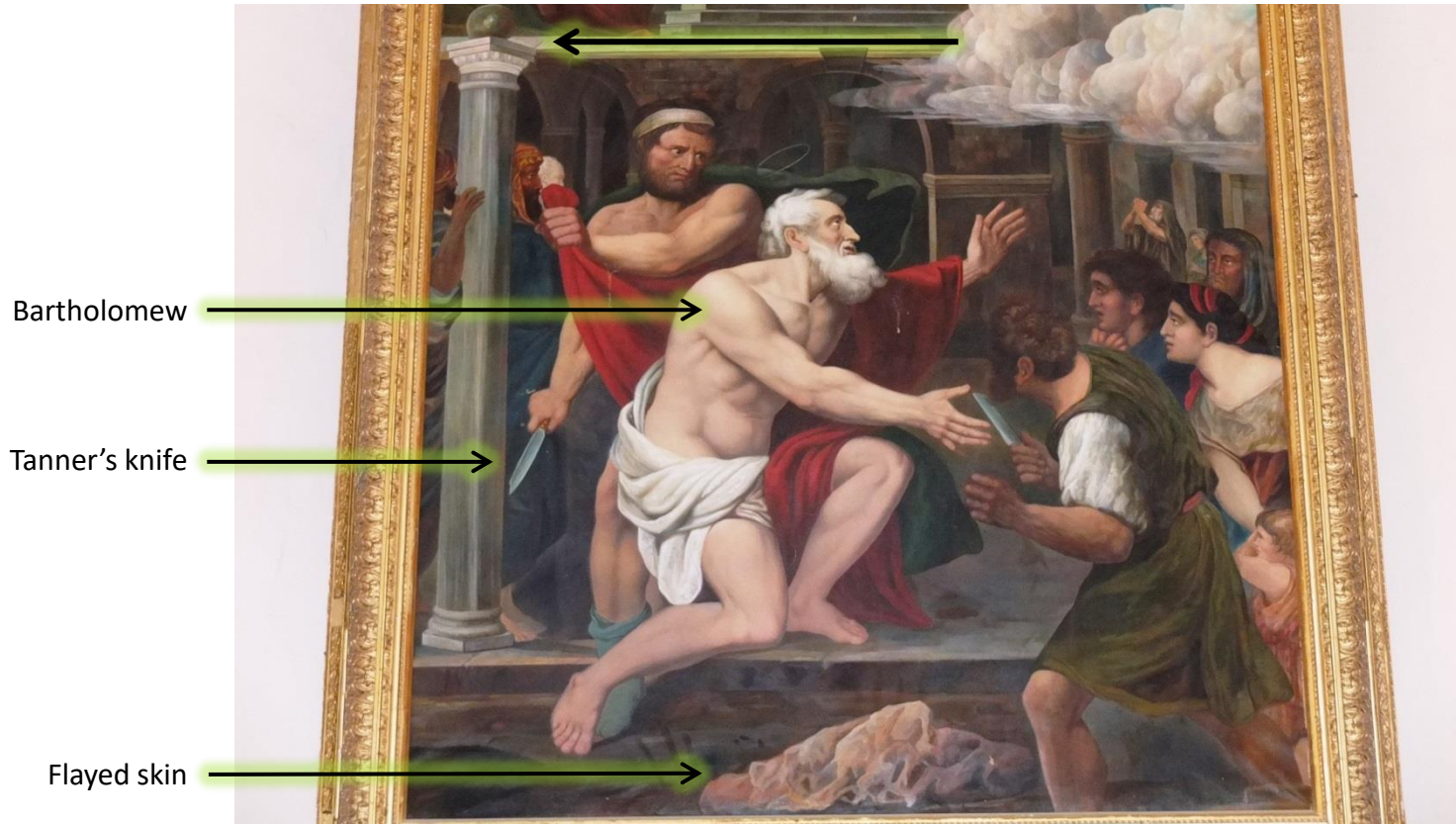
**House of Nathanael Bartholomew the Apostle**  
Bartholomew, mentioned in the Synoptic Gospels, is identified with Nathanael, mentioned in the Gospel of John

## Entrance Level – Westward View\*

\* The apse is in the western wall

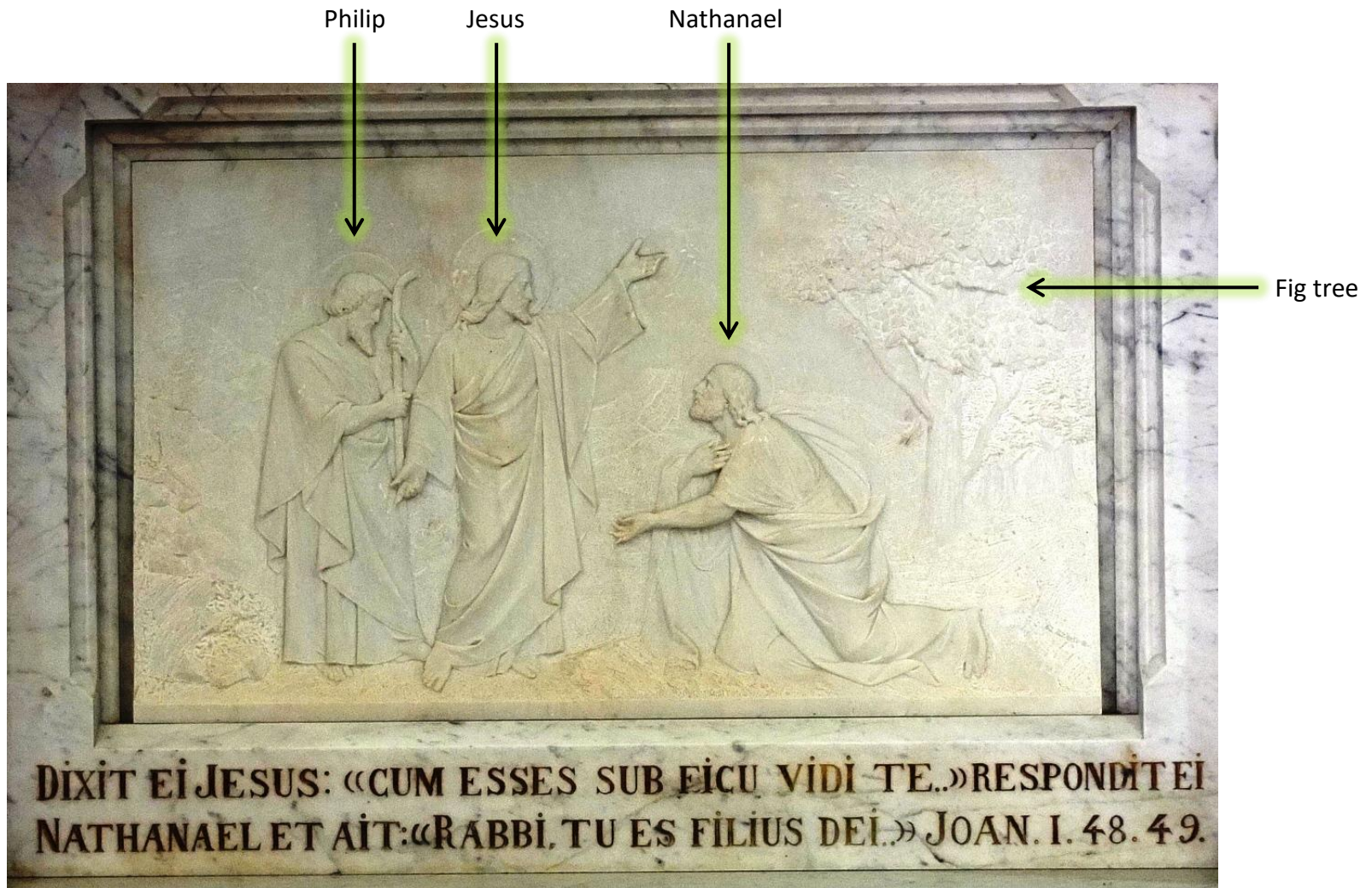


## Entrance Level – Apse



Bartholomew being flayed alive

## Entrance Level – Apse, Altar



Eastern façade

*Jesus answered : 'I saw you under the fig tree' ...Nathanael replied : 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God ' (John 1, 48-49)*

Entrance Level – Apse, Altar



Northern façade



Southern façade

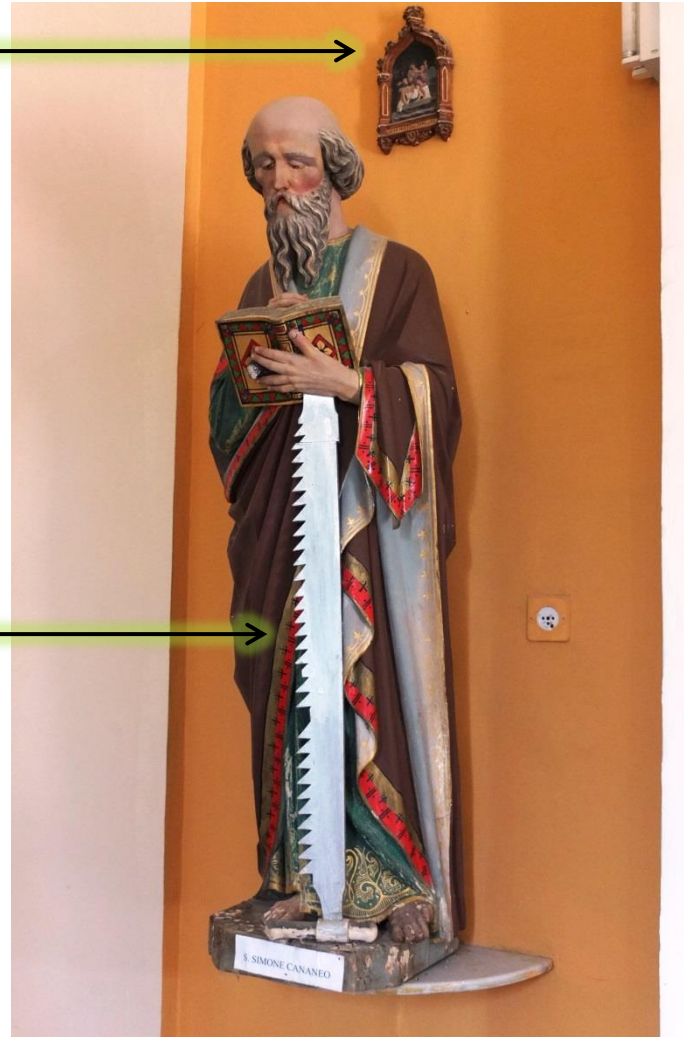
Made by Maison Verrebout, Paris 1889

## Entrance Level – Northern Wall

Way of the Cross  
14<sup>th</sup> station



Saw



Simon the Cananaean (AKA Simon the Zealot)



# Entrance Level – Southern Wall



St. Bartholomew



Franciscan Order's  
Coat of Arms



Tabernacle



Tanner's knife



Jerusalem cross

# Entrance Level – Eastward View

Way of the Cross  
14 stations



Stoup

## Western Façade



Church built in 1884

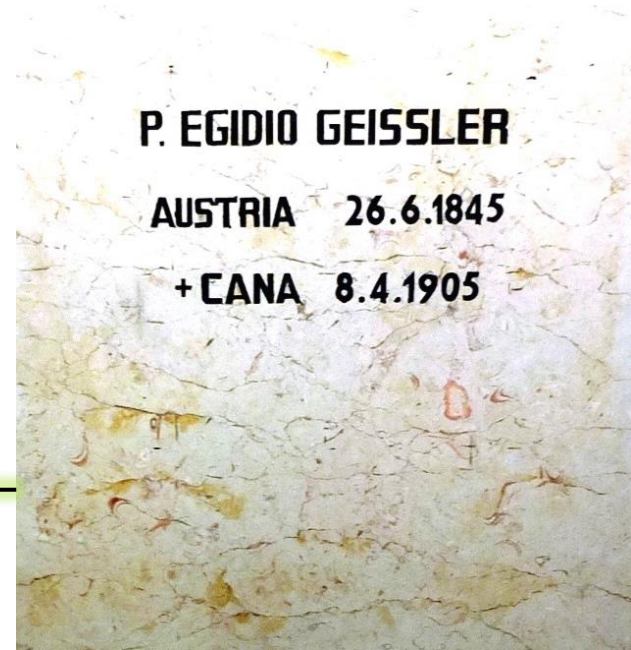


Bell tower

## Basement Level



Tombs

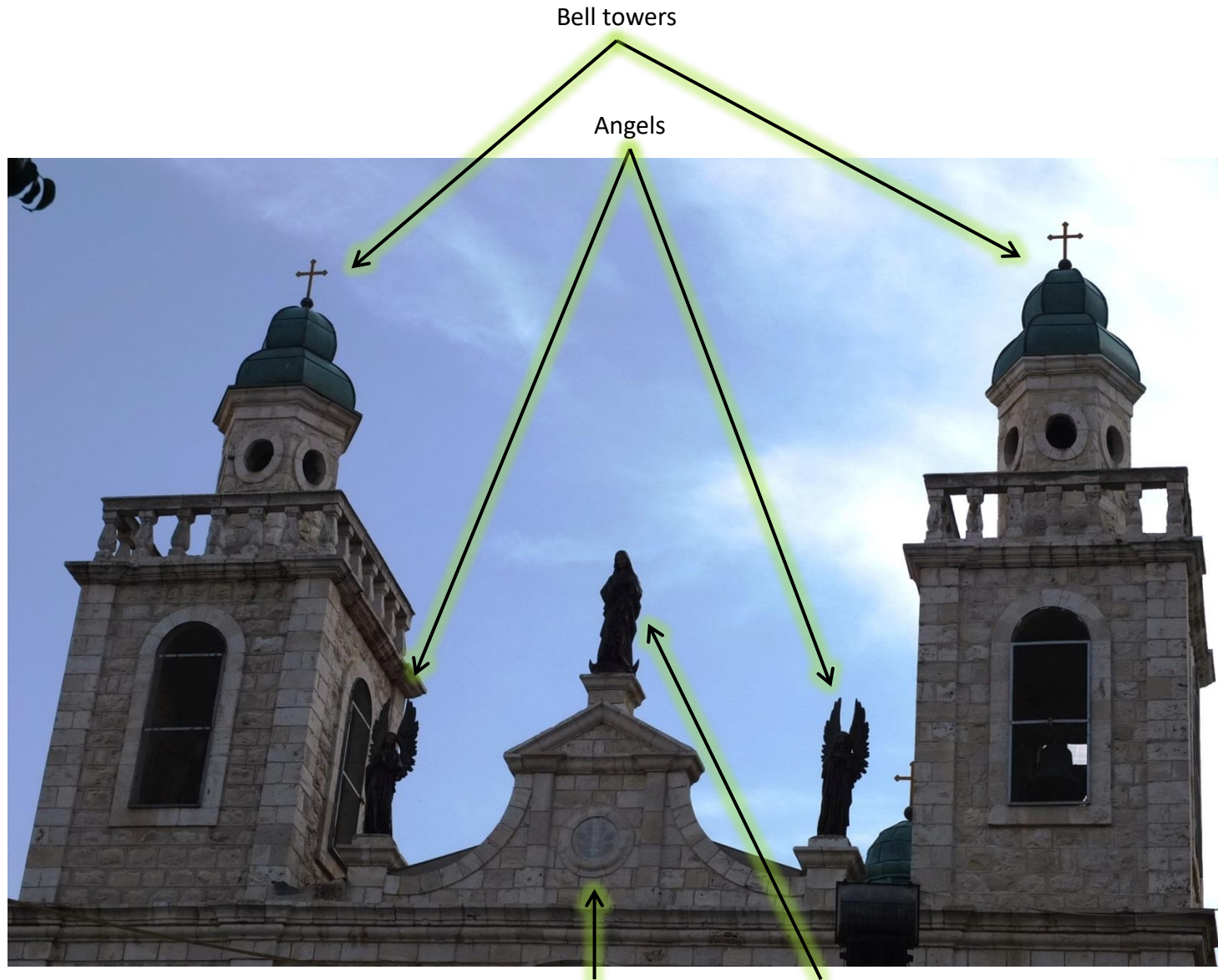


**Fr. Egidio Geissler tomb**

Geissler renewed the Catholic presence in Cana and built the Franciscan Wedding Church

# Franciscan Wedding Church

# Western Façade



Bell towers

Angels

Franciscan Order's  
Coat of Arms

Mary

## 2. Franciscan Wedding Church

## Western Façade



*There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there (John 2,1)*

Church built in 1880



**Jesus**  
Holding the  
Cross-bearing orb



Church renovated in 1999

## Atrium – Memorials and More



In Memory of Fr. Joseph Leombruni  
(29.07.1917 – 02.03.1998)

Priest of the Latin Parish

On July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1948, brave and determined he stood in front of the HAGANA soldiers convincing them to save the citizens of Cana

So we do not forget



Opening hours



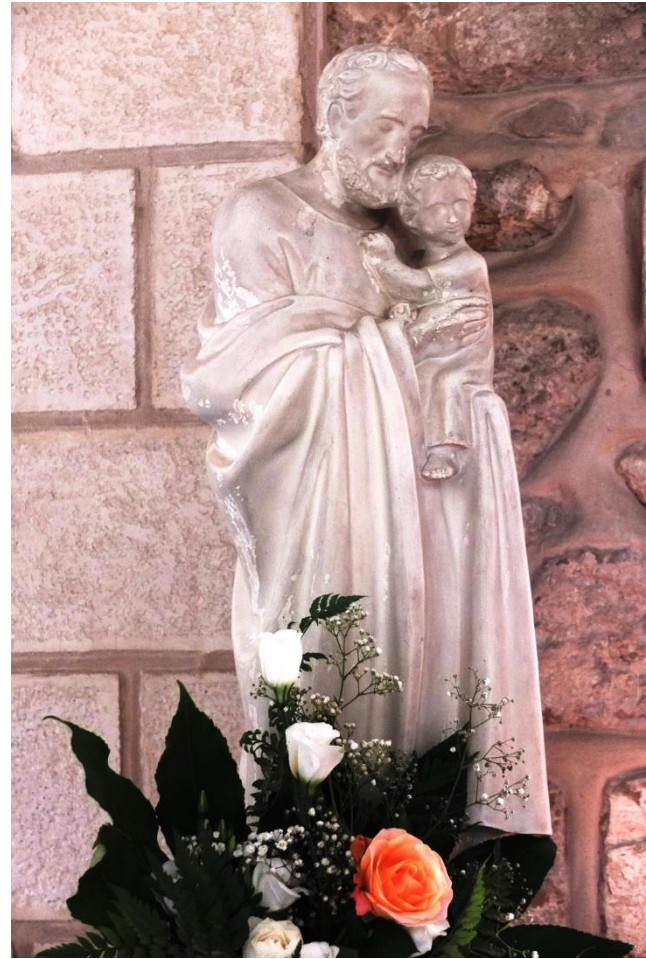
Foundation stone of the Parish Center and the Franciscan school Laid by the Custos of the Holy Land Reverend Fr. Pierbattista Pizzaballa On the Feast of Cana Sunday 15 January 2012



## Entrance Level – Western Wall



**St. Anthony of Padua**  
Holding Child Jesus and a book



**Joseph**  
Holding Child Jesus

## Entrance Level – Southern Wall

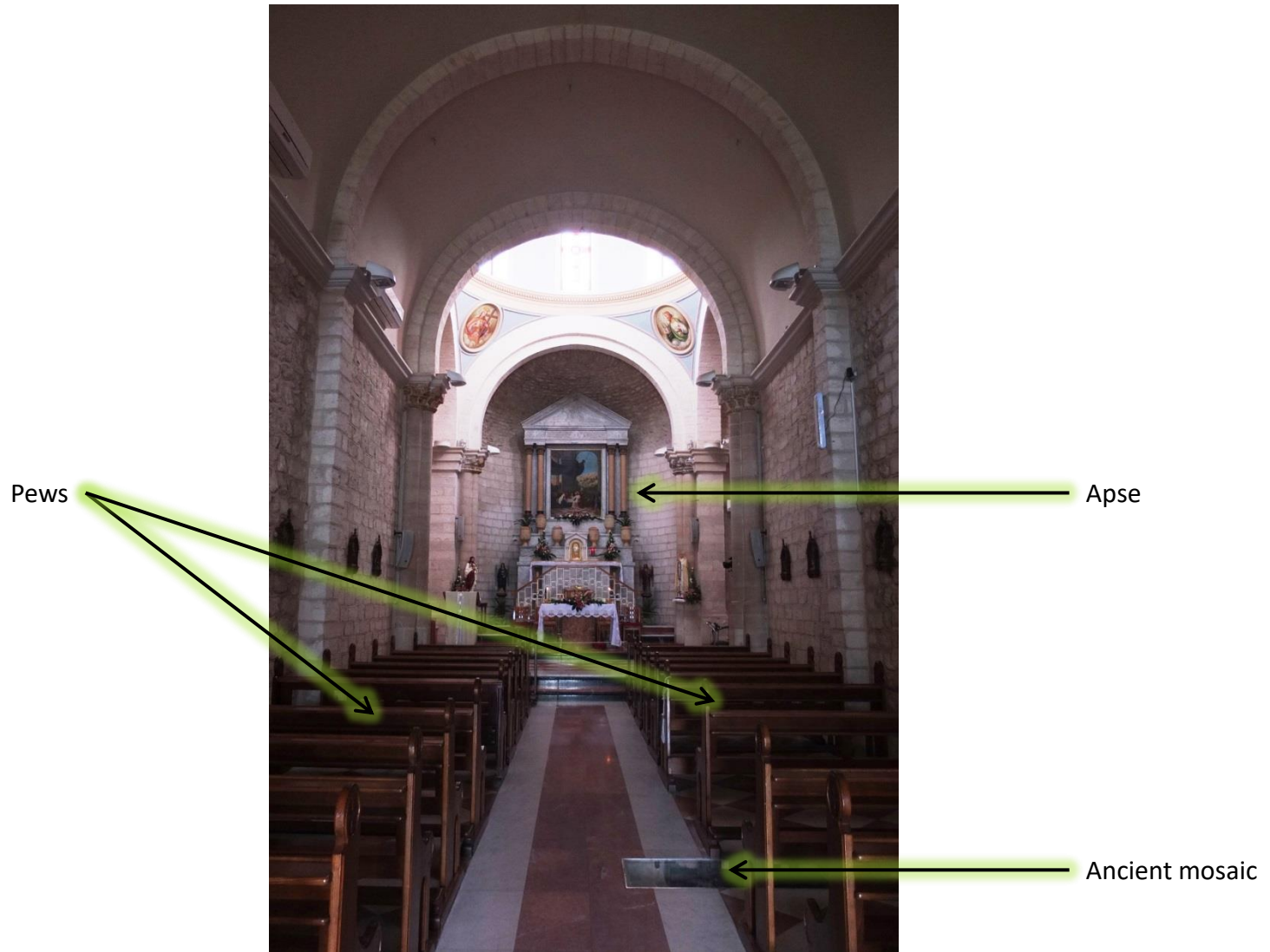


Way of the Cross – 7<sup>th</sup> station



**Bartholomew**  
Holding a tanners' knife

## Entrance Level – Eastward View

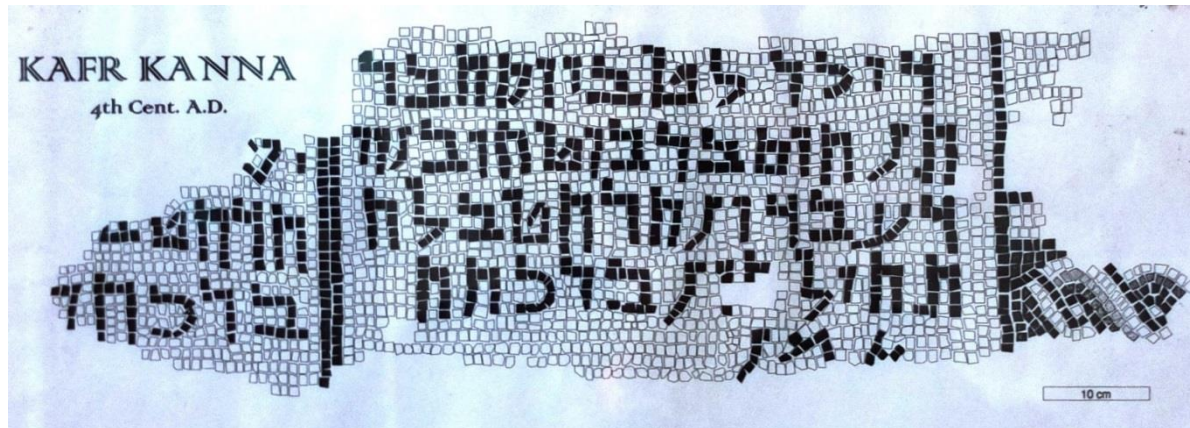


## Entrance Level – Ancient Mosaic\*

\* Aramaic inscription from a Jewish synagogue, dated to the 4<sup>th</sup> Century AD



The mosaic under the glass



Honored be the memory of Yoseh son of  
Tanhum son of Butah and his sons  
who made this mosaic  
may it be a blessing for them  
Amen

## Entrance Level – Apse



Original altar

New altar

## Entrance Level – Original Altar

**Six modern water-jars**  
*standing there were six stone water-jars (John 2, 6)*



Tabernacle

Lit candle

## Entrance Level – New Altar\*

\* Built after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council



Entrance Level – Apse, Statues



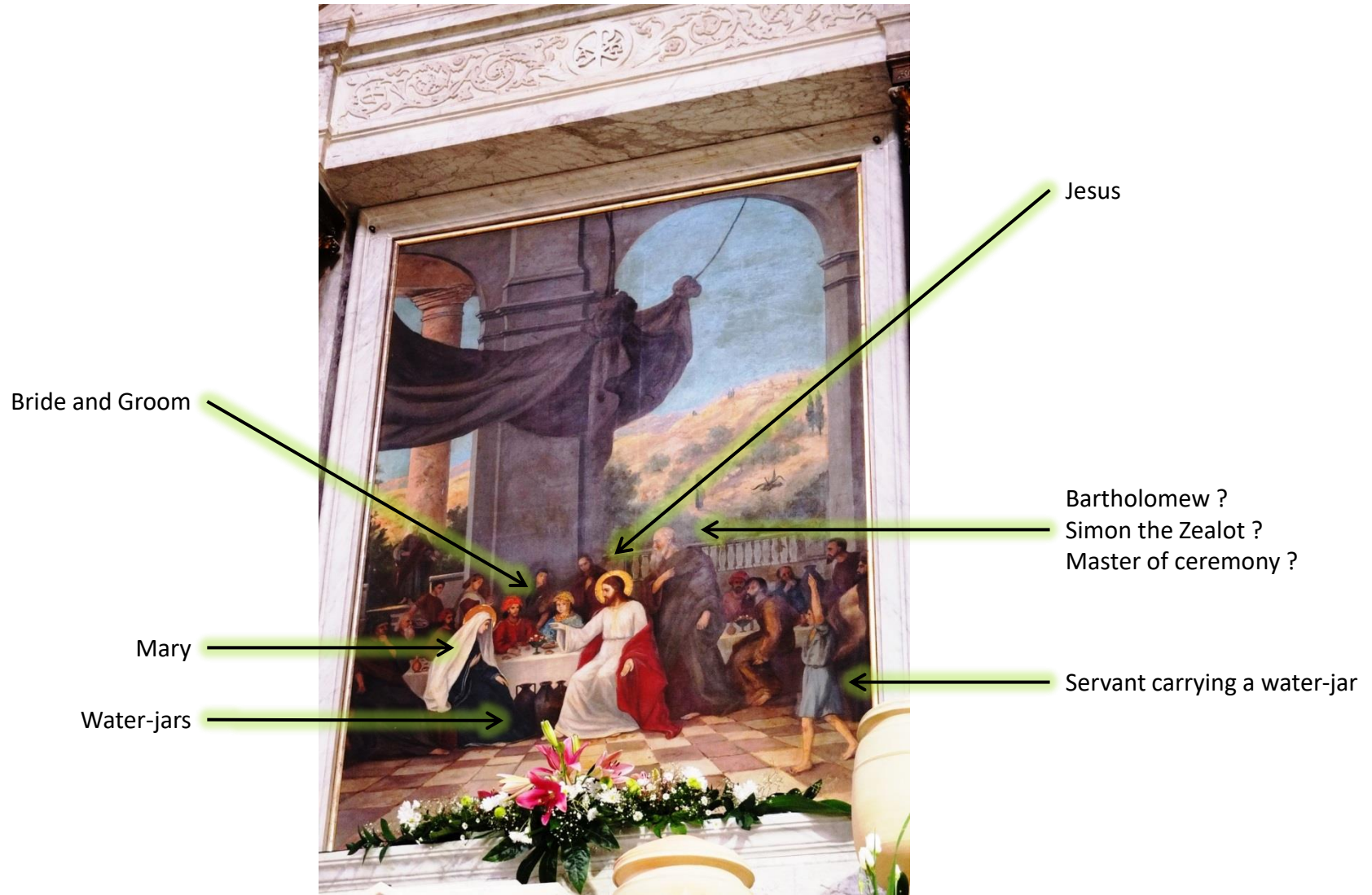
Jesus



Our Lady of Fátima



## Entrance Level – Apse, Fresco



The wedding at Cana

## Entrance Level – Apse, Altar Consecration



The altar was consecrated by Fr. Jacobus Radini Tedeschi, the Bishop of Bergamo, who visited Cana with a group of Italian pilgrims September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1906

One of the pilgrims was Fr. Angelo Roncalli, the secretary of the Bishop, who later in 1958 was nominated as Pope John XXIII

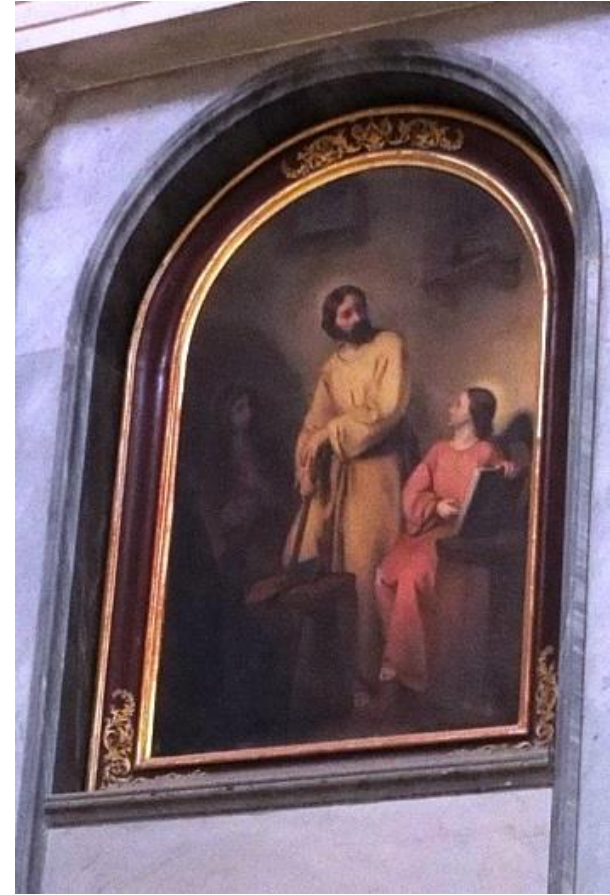
Plaque on the northern wall

## Entrance Level – Apsidioles



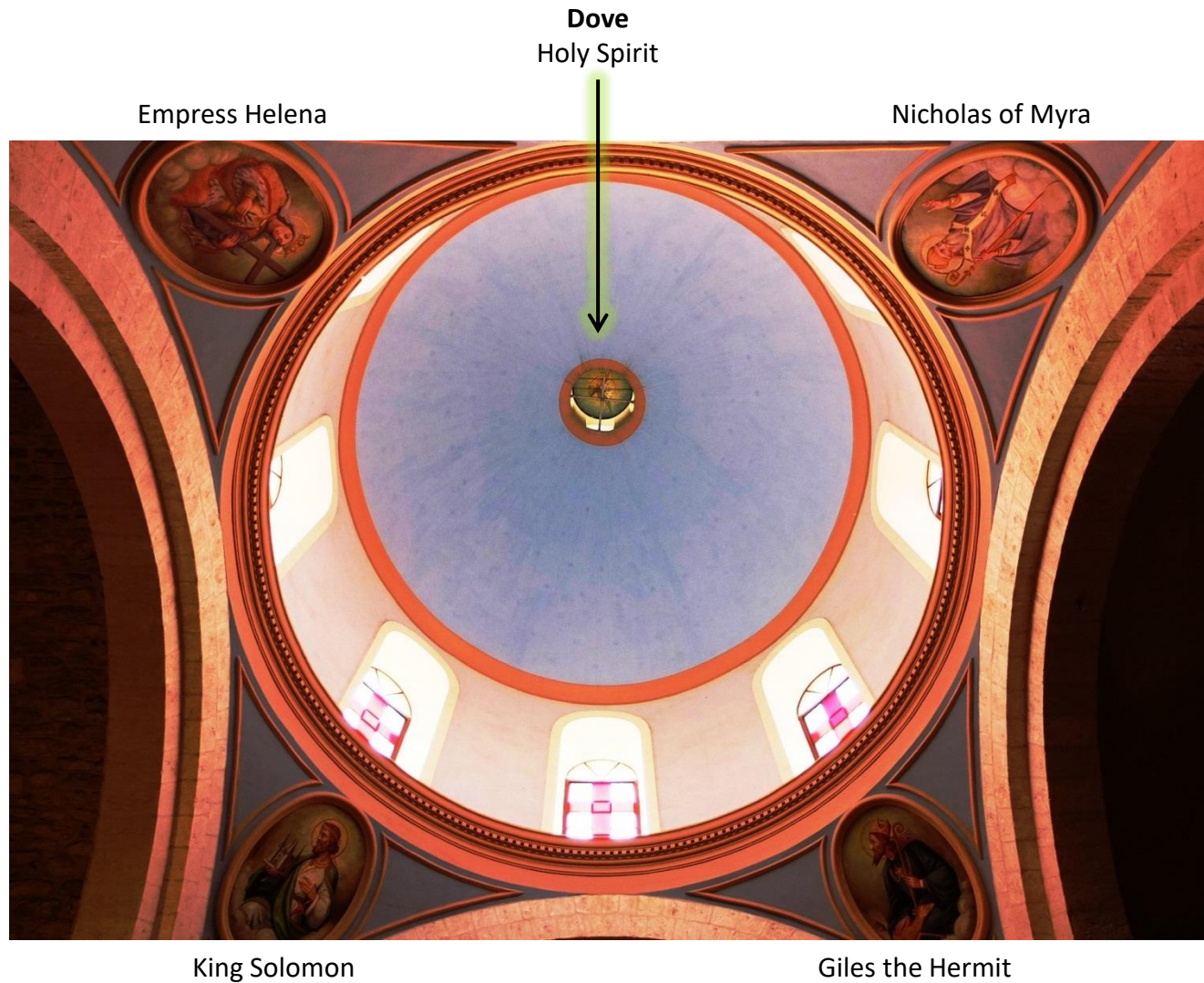
**St. Francis of Assisi**  
Taking Jesus off the cross

*Let me suffer  
the wounds  
(Stabat Mater)*



**The Holy Family**  
Joseph holding an axe

## Entrance Level – Central Dome



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**Empress Helena**  
Holding the True Cross and the Holy Nails



**Nicholas of Myra**  
Vested as a Bishop

Entrance Level – Central Dome



**King Solomon**  
Holding the Temple



**Giles the Hermit**  
Holding a hind

## Entrance Level – Marriage Renewal



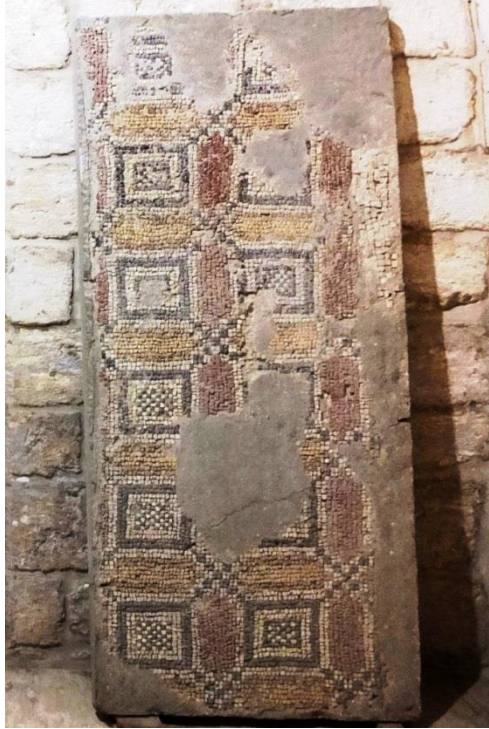
Italian couple renewing their marriage vows after 40 years of marriage



Marriage renewal certificate



## Entrance Level – Side Rooms, Findings from the Byzantine Period



Northern room – Mosaics



Southern room – Residential house

## Crypt Level



Mary



**Byzantine apse**

Located under the current northern apsidiole

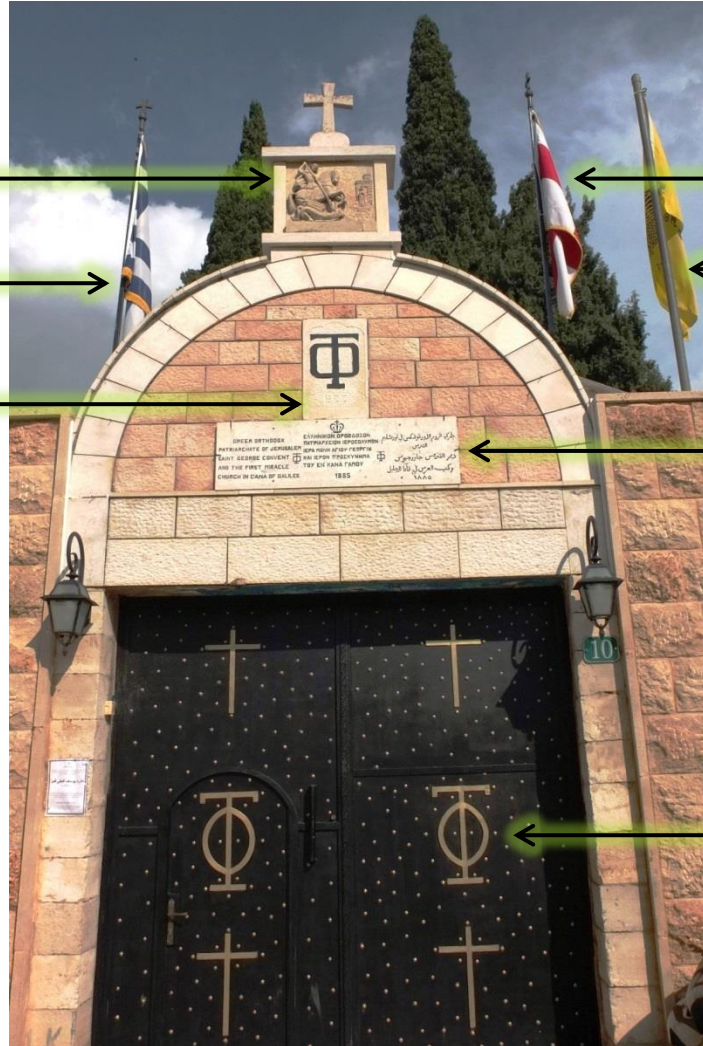
## Crypt Level



Modern water-jar

# Greek-Orthodox Wedding Church

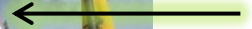
# Southern Entrance – Churches Street



St. George and the dragon



Flag of the Greek-Orthodox Church



Flag of Greece



Flag of the Byzantine Empire



Church renovated in 1977



Church built in 1885



**Taphos (Tau + Phi)**

Greek-Orthodox Church's Coat of Arms



## Southern Entrance – Inside the Gate



**Upper scene**

*When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' (John 2, 3)*



**Lower scene**

*Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And They filled them up to the brim. (John 2, 7)*



## Southern Entrance – Inside the Gate

**MP ΘΥ**  
**MATER THEOU**  
Mother of God (in Greek)



**IC XC**  
**IHCOYC XPICTOC**  
Jesus Christ (in Greek)

## Southern Entrance – Inside the Gate

Bartholomew

Mary

Jesus

John the Baptist

Simon the Zealot





# Domes and Bells

Central dome



Apsy



Bell tower

## Southern Façade

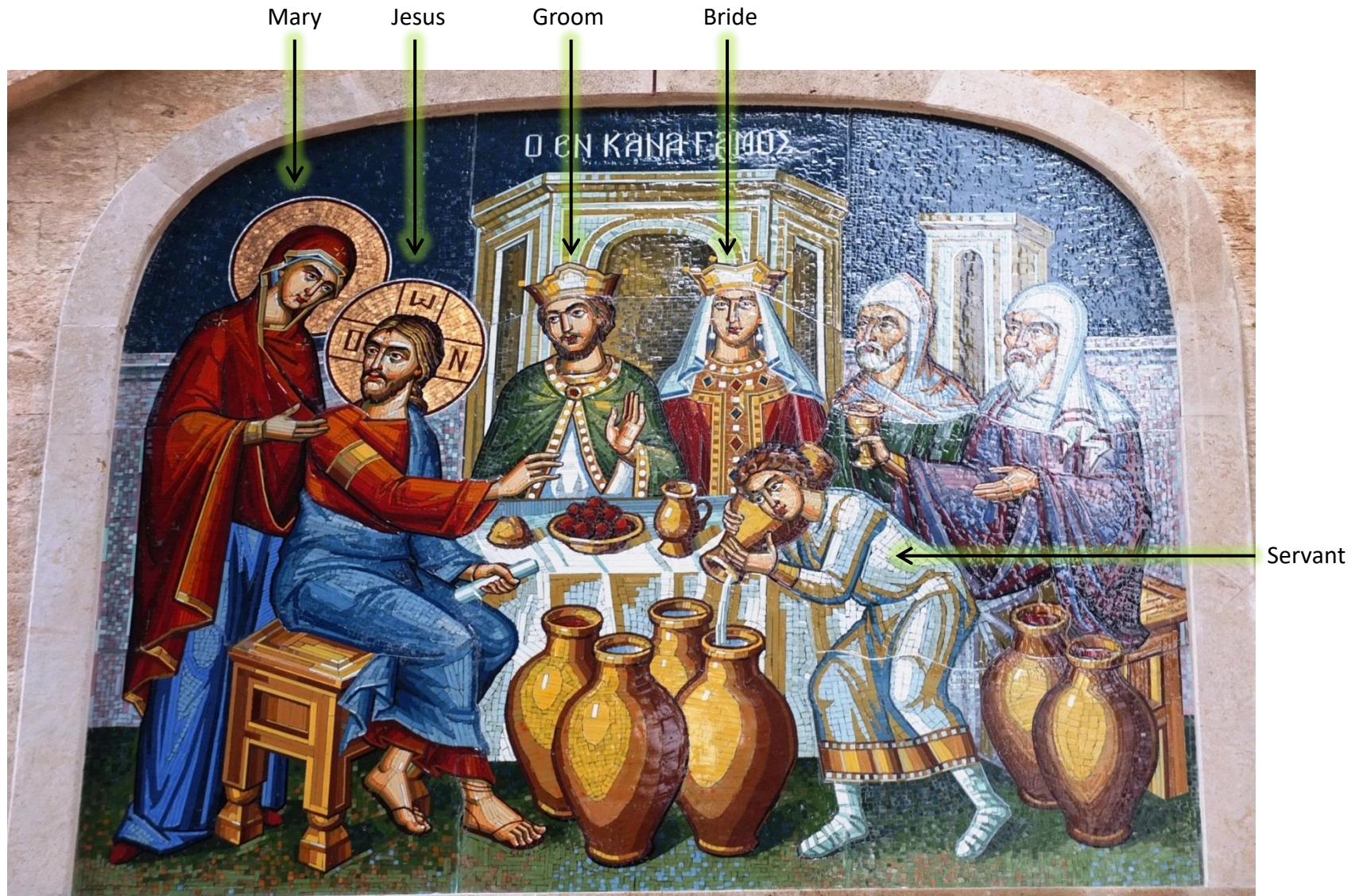


Church built in 1885



**Double-headed Eagle**  
Byzantine Empire's  
Coat of Arms

## Southern Façade



**Mosaic depicting the event of The First Sign**

*Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim (John 2, 7)*

## Southern Façade



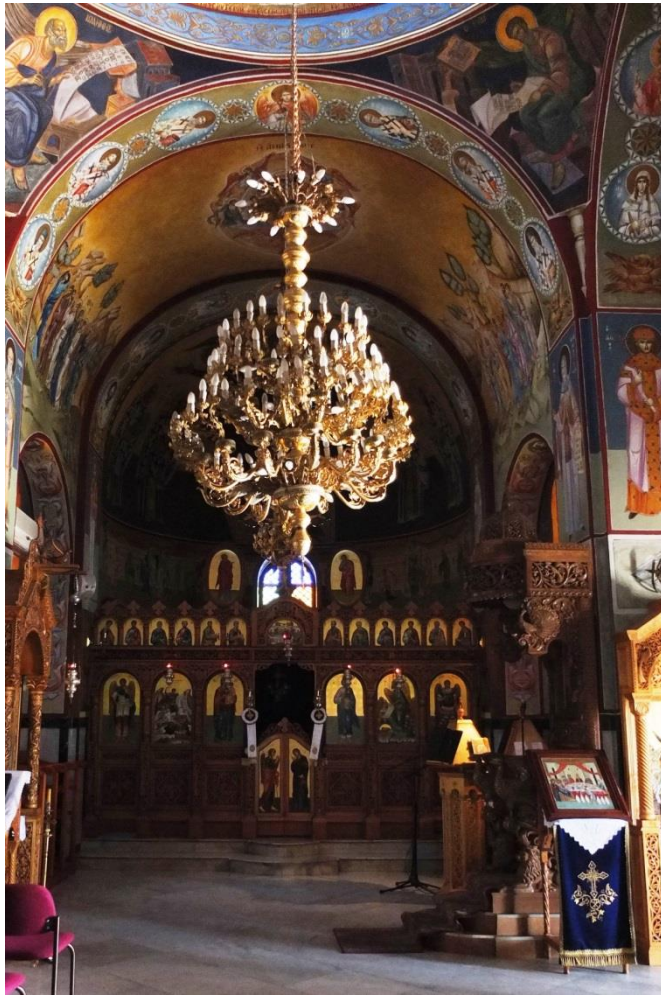
St. George and the Dragon

## Southern Façade



Constantine the Great and Empress Helena

# Inside the Church



Eastward view



Luke

Mark

John

Matthew

Central dome – The Four Evangelists

# Iconostasis

Twelve Apostles

Last Supper



Angel  
Gabriel

George  
and the Dragon

Mary

Angel  
Gabriel

Mary

Jesus

John  
the Baptist

Angel  
Michael

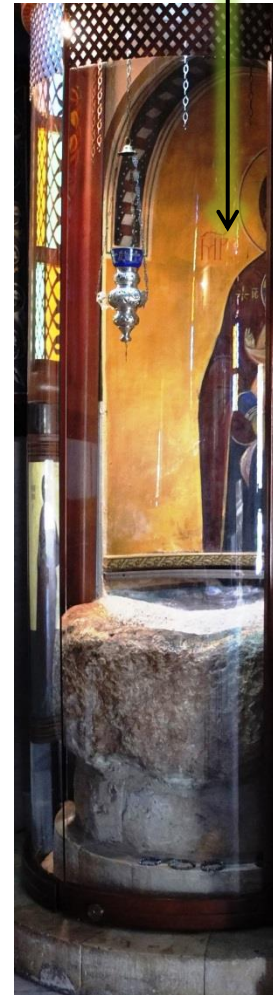
## Southern Wall



**The event of The First Sign**

*Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.'  
And they filled them up to the brim (John 2, 7)*

Mary



Jesus



Two ancient water-jars



## Southern Wall

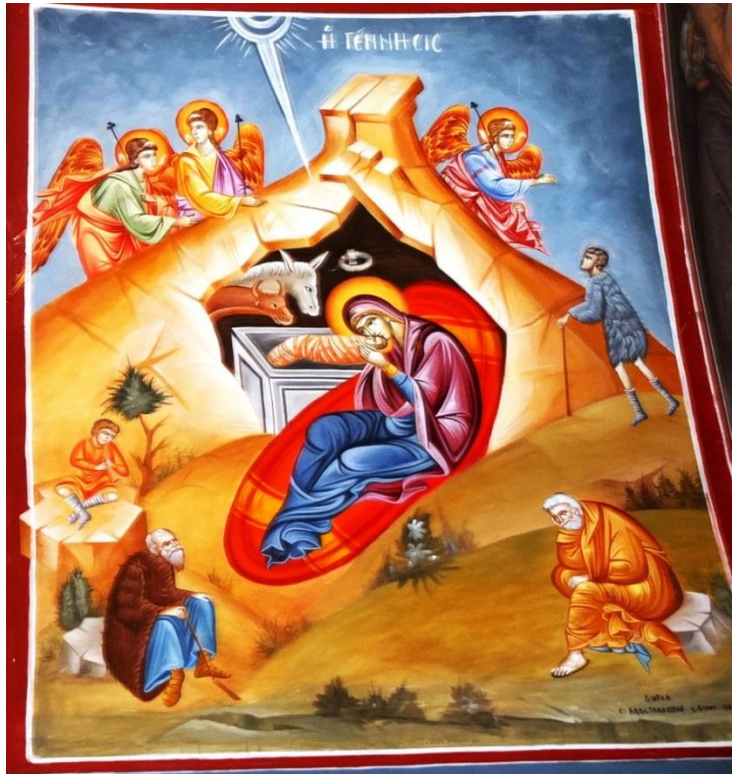


Simon the Zealot



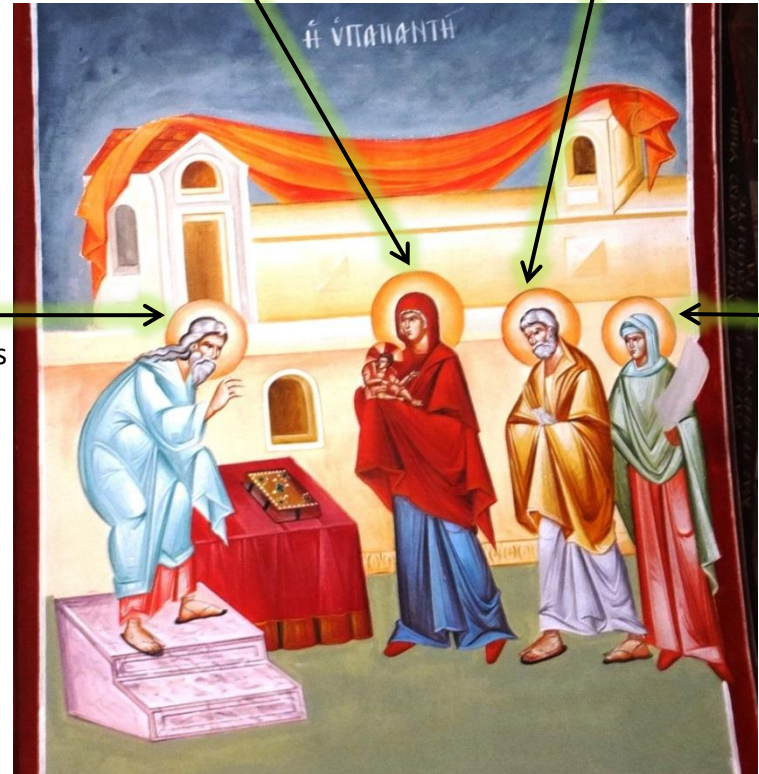
Bartholomew

## Southern Arch



**Nativity of Jesus**

*And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger (Luke 2, 7)*



**Jesus being presented at the Temple**

*They brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the LORD...and they offered a sacrifice...**a pair of turtle-doves.** Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was **Simeon**...There was also a prophet, **Hanna** the daughter of Phanuel (Luke 2, 22-38)*

## Southern Arch



### Jesus studying at the Temple

*After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions (Luke 2, 46)*



### Jesus being baptized by John the Baptist

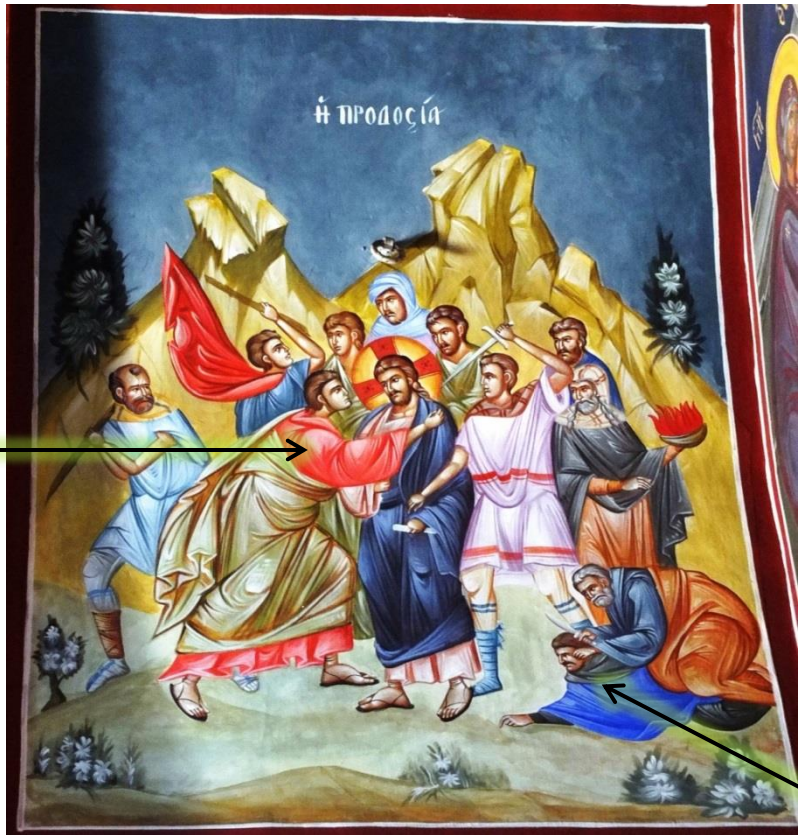
*When Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove (Luke 3, 21)*

## Southern Arch



### Jesus blessing the Young Children

*Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray... Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.' And he laid his hands on them and went on his way (Matthew 19, 13-15)*



Judas

Slave

### Jesus being arrested in Gethsemane

*Judas...arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs....he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him....But one...drew his sword and struck the **slave** of the high priest, cutting off his ear (Mark 14, 43-47)*



### Last supper

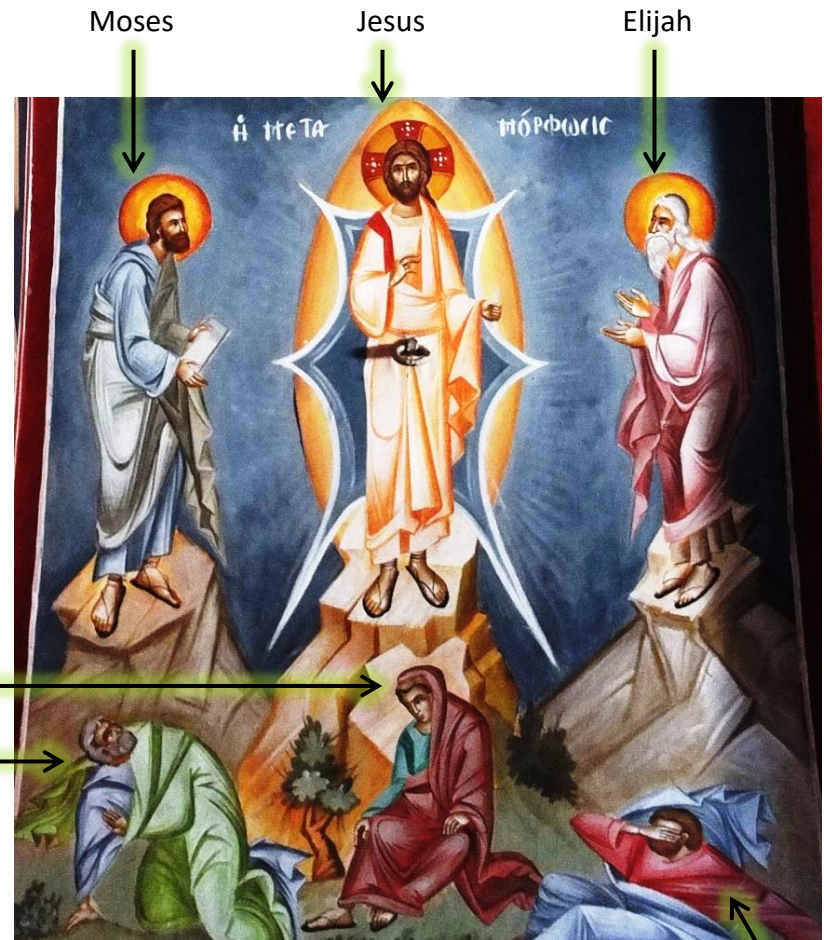
*So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve (Matthew 26, 19-20)*

## Northern Arch



**Entrance to Jerusalem**

*A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road (Matthew 21, 8)*



**Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor**

*And he was transfigured before them (Matthew 17, 2)*

James\*

## Northern Arch



### Left scene

*When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' (John 2, 3)*

### Right scene

*Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And They filled them up to the brim (John 2, 7)*

## Western Arch

Angel Gabriel  
Announces to Mary

The vent of  
The First Sign

The execution of  
John the Baptist

Jesus and the  
Samaritan woman



Transfiguration on  
Mount Tabor

Feeding of the  
multitudes

Catch  
of the fish

Picture painted in 1849



## Western Arch



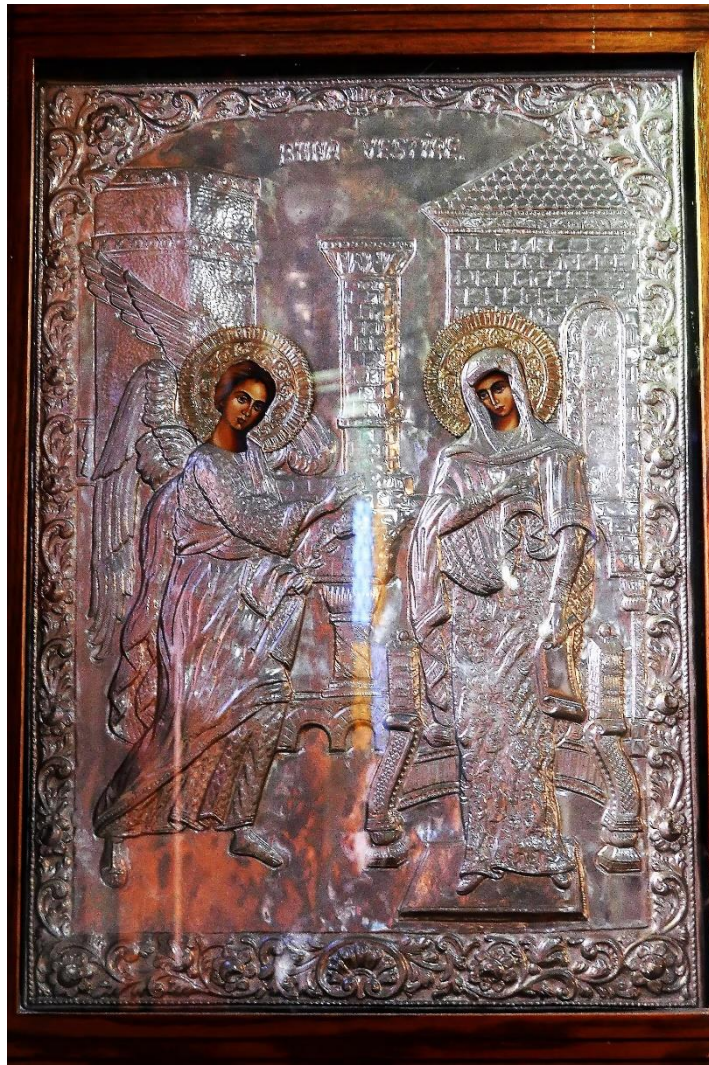
The "local Cananaean" apostles holding the church's building

## Western Arch



Mary, the Life-giving Spring

## Inside the Church - Gold and Silver Icons



Angel Gabriel announces to Mary



Mary holding Child Jesus

## Inside the Church - Gold and Silver Icons



John the Baptist



Peter and Paul

## Inside the Church - Gold and Silver Icons



Angels Michael and Gabriel



St. George of Lydda

## Inside the Church - Gold and Silver Icons

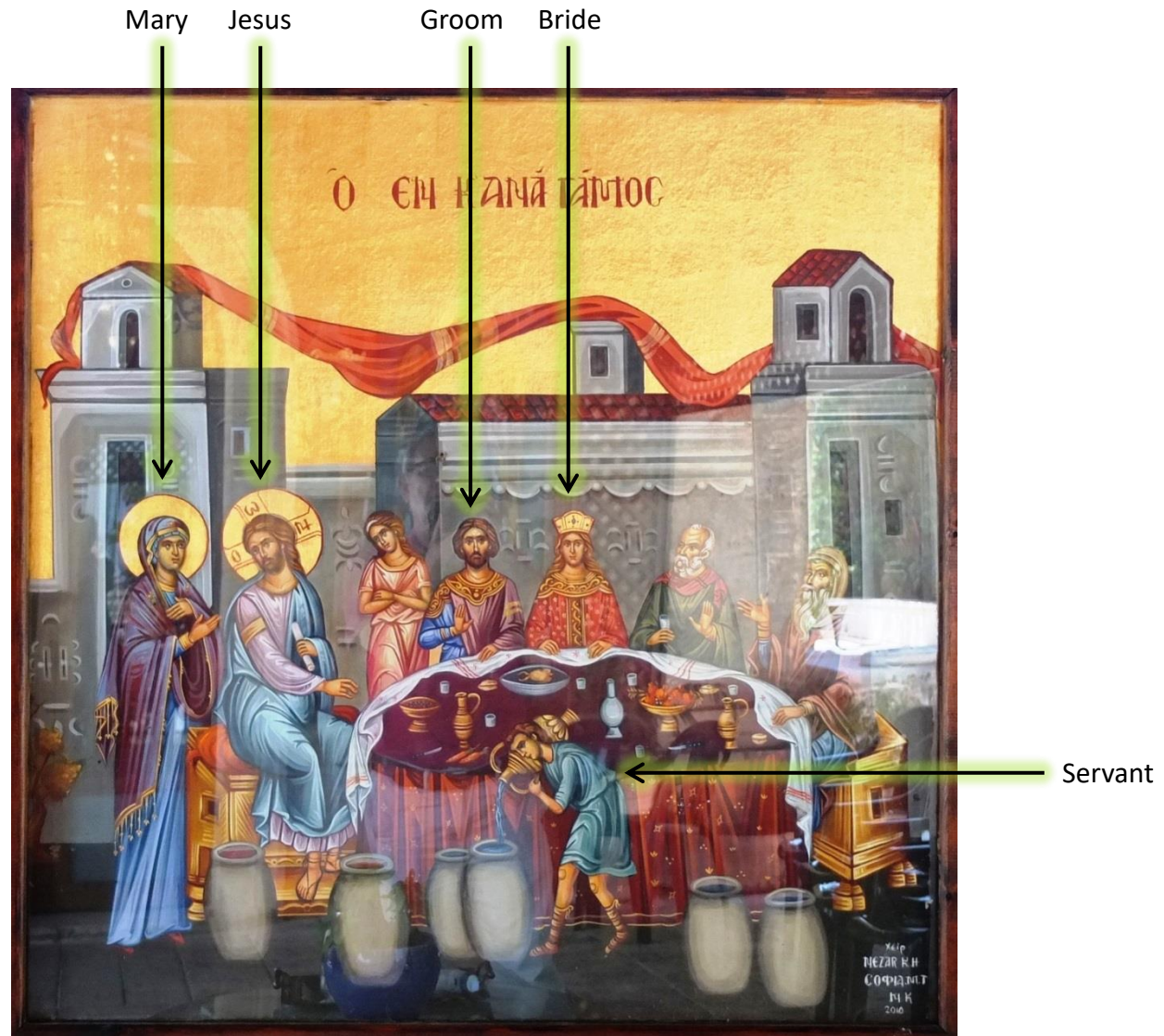


Jesus



Constantine the Great and Empress Helena

## Western Façade



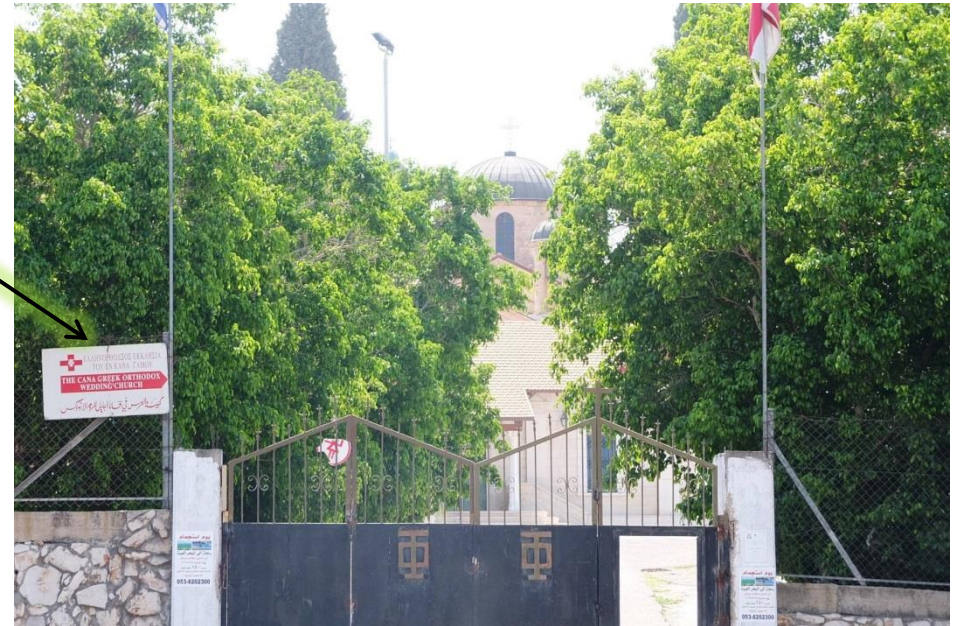
### The event of The First Sign

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## Western Entrance – Main Street



Multi-lingual Street sign





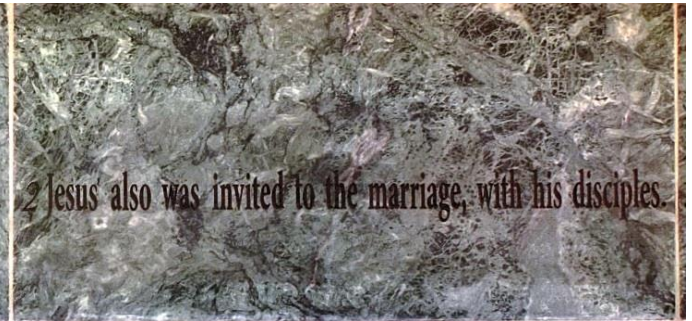
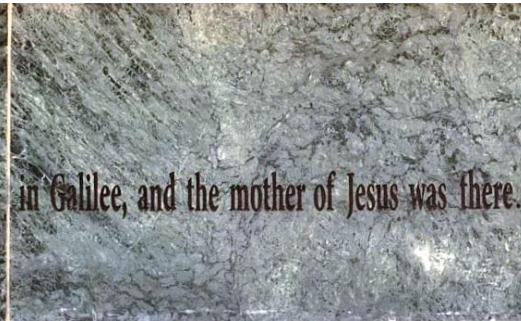
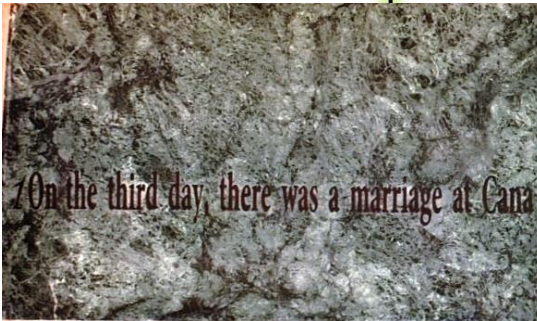
# Other Sites

## Churches Street – The First Sign\*

\* Text engraved on twenty black marble blocks



**On the third day, there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.** Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine". and Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? my hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you". Now six stone jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water", so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet". They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew, Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink, but you have saved the best till now". This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee And manifested his glory And his disciples believed in him (John 2, 1-11)



## Churches Street – The First Sign\*

\* At the souvenir shop next to the Greek-Orthodox church



Tile

Six-wings angel



Armenian ceramics made in 1996 by the Jerusalemite Sandrouni Atelier ([www.sandrouni.com](http://www.sandrouni.com))

# Greek-Catholic Wedding Church



Western façade



Multi-lingual Street sign



Inside the courtyard

## Abu Bakr a-Siddiq Mosque



Mosque built in 1986

# Omar Ibn al-Khattab Mosque



Minaret

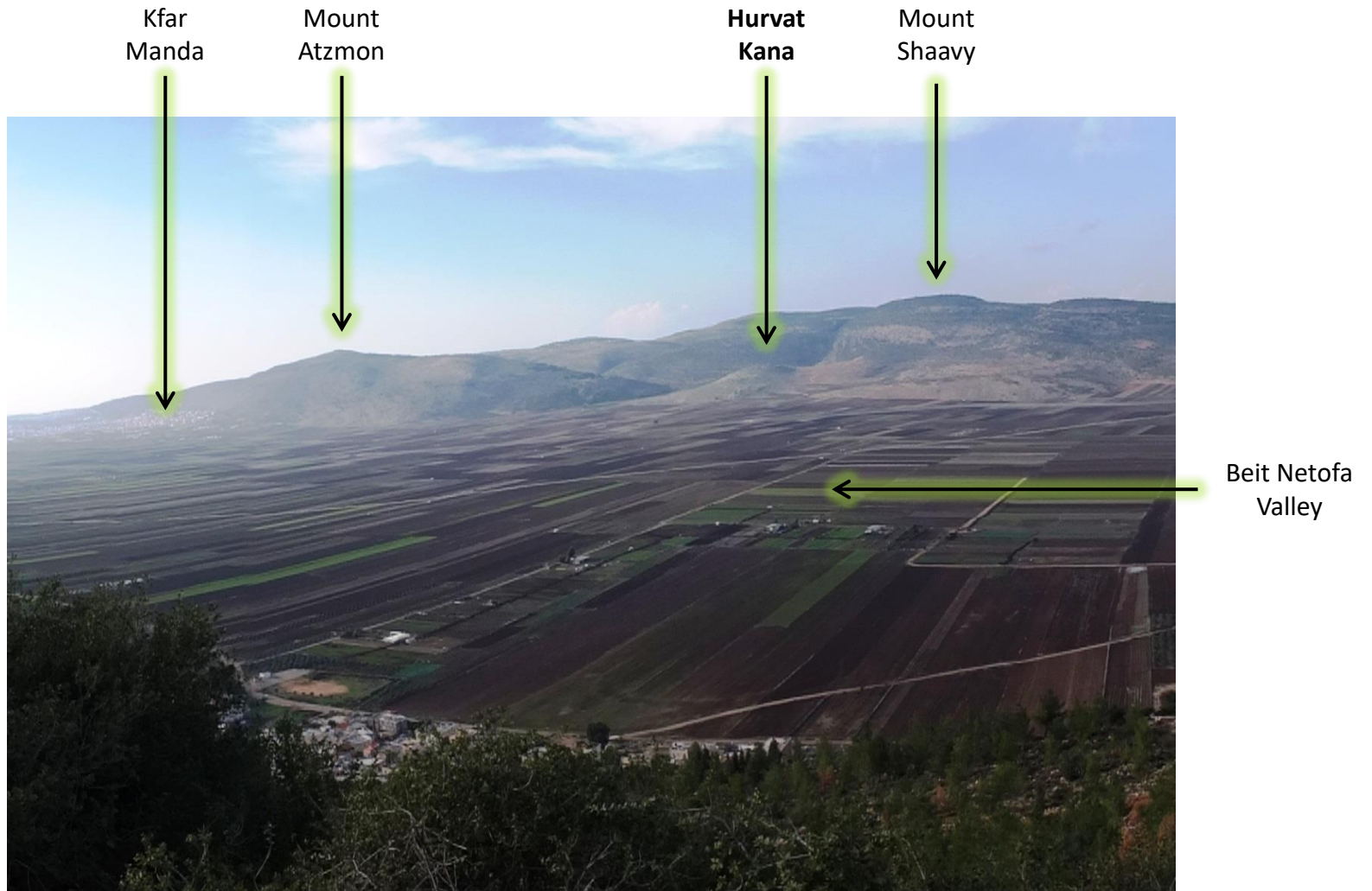


Western façade



Mihrab

## Hurvāt Kana – View from Mount Touraan



Until the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Cana of Galilee was shown in Hurvat Kana, where ruins of a Crusader era church can still be seen