

PRAY N' PLAY

Palestine



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WHERE IN THE WORLD?



The state of Palestine is located in
Central Asia.

PALESTINE IN THE BIBLE

Palestine is where many Biblical events took place.

-Shilo: Where Hannah prayed for a baby (1 Samuel 1:1-28).

-Jericho: Joshua and the Battle of Jericho (Joshua 6).

-Bethlehem: Where Jesus was born (Luke 2:1-7).

-Hebron: Where David was anointed King (1 Samuel 16:13).



CHRISTIANITY IN PALESTINE

Jesus was born in Palestine! The Church of the Nativity is located in Bethlehem and a star located inside the church marks the exact location where Jesus was born.



This star inside the Church of Bethlehem marks where Jesus was born.

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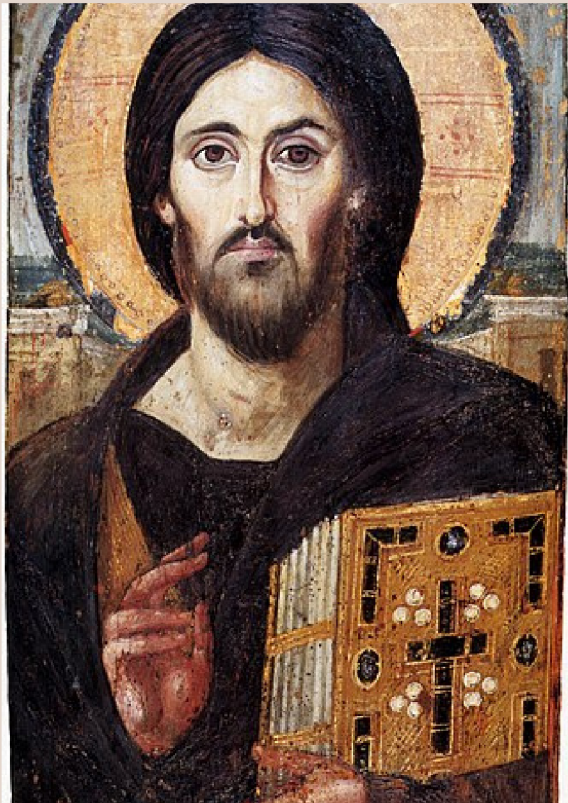
Church of the Nativity located in Bethlehem, Palestine.

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Of the total Christian population of 185,000 in Israel, about 80% are designated as Arabs, many of whom self-identify as Palestinian. *

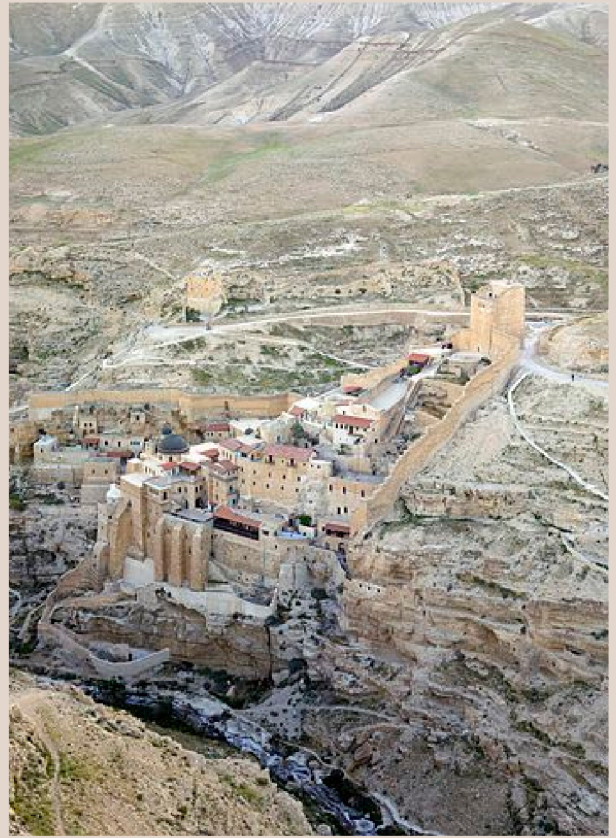
*"Opinion: They're Palestinians, not 'Israeli Arabs'". Los Angeles Times. 27 March 2015

Palestinian Christians are often called Nasrani (the Arabic word for Nazarene).



The oldest surviving Christ Pantocrator icon is from Palestine. It dates back to the 6th Century.

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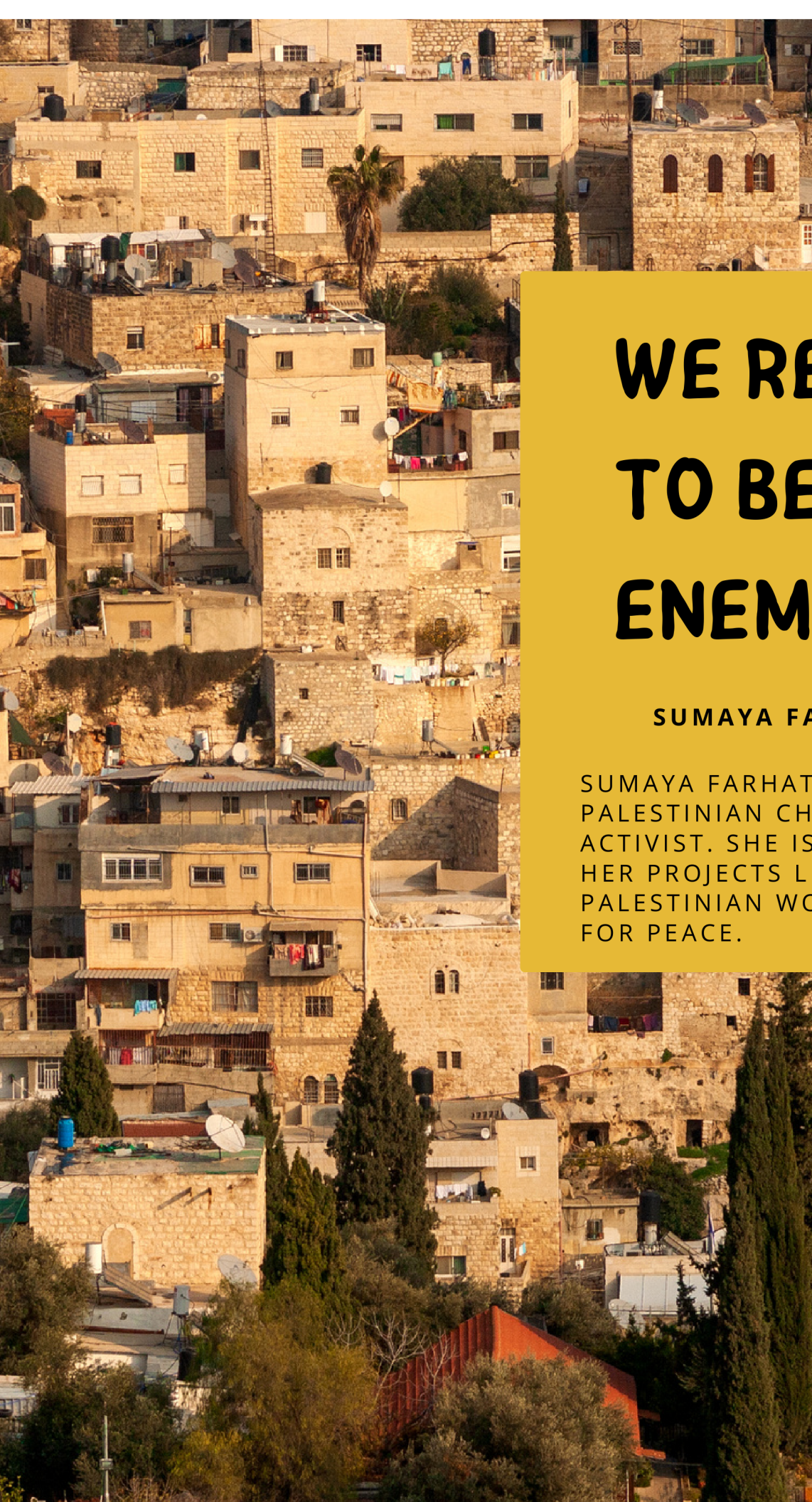


Mar Saba is one of the oldest, continuously inhabited monasteries in the world!

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This is how Christians write 'Jesus' in Arabic.



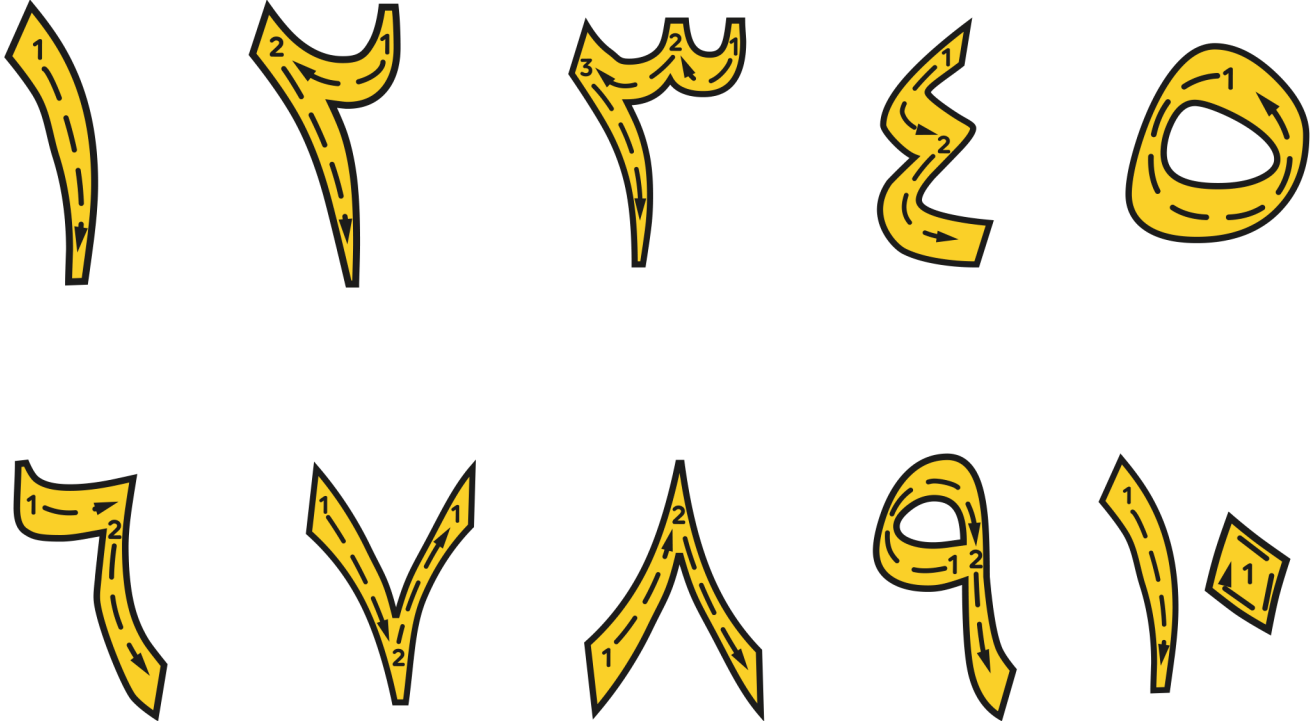
WE REFUSE TO BE ENEMIES.

SUMAYA FARHAT NASER

SUMAYA FARHAT NASER IS A PALESTINIAN CHRISTIAN ACTIVIST. SHE IS KNOWN FOR HER PROJECTS LEADING PALESTINIAN WOMEN TO WORK FOR PEACE.

Let's Count

Trace the Arabic numbers as you count.



Scan to listen to an Arabic counting song.



MARHABA

مرحبًا



Arabic is the official language of Palestine. 'Marhaba' is how someone in Palestine may say 'Hello.'



Music and Heritage

Rim Banna (ريم بنا) was a world famous Palestinian Christian musician. One of her most popular albums was a collection of traditional Palestinian children's songs. She used her music to advocate justice and peace for Palestine.



Scan to listen to
Palestinian children's
songs by Rim Banna.

Book Recommendations

'Easter in Ramallah: A story of childhood memories'
by Wafa Shami

'Olive Harvest in Palestine' by Wafa Shami

'Yalla, Let Me Show You Palestine'
by Nasser Nabhan and Miranda Kharsa

*Look for these books at your local library.



Salata Falahiyeh

Salata Falahiyeh (Farmer's Salad) is a popular Palestinian dish. Grab some tomatoes, cucumbers, onion, mint, and a grown-up and try making it for your family.



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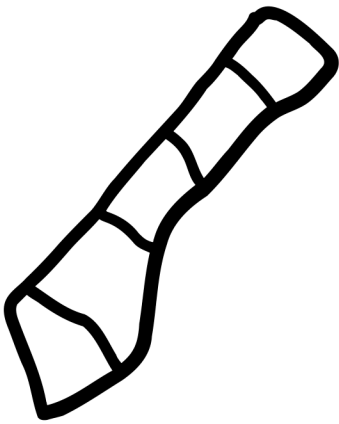
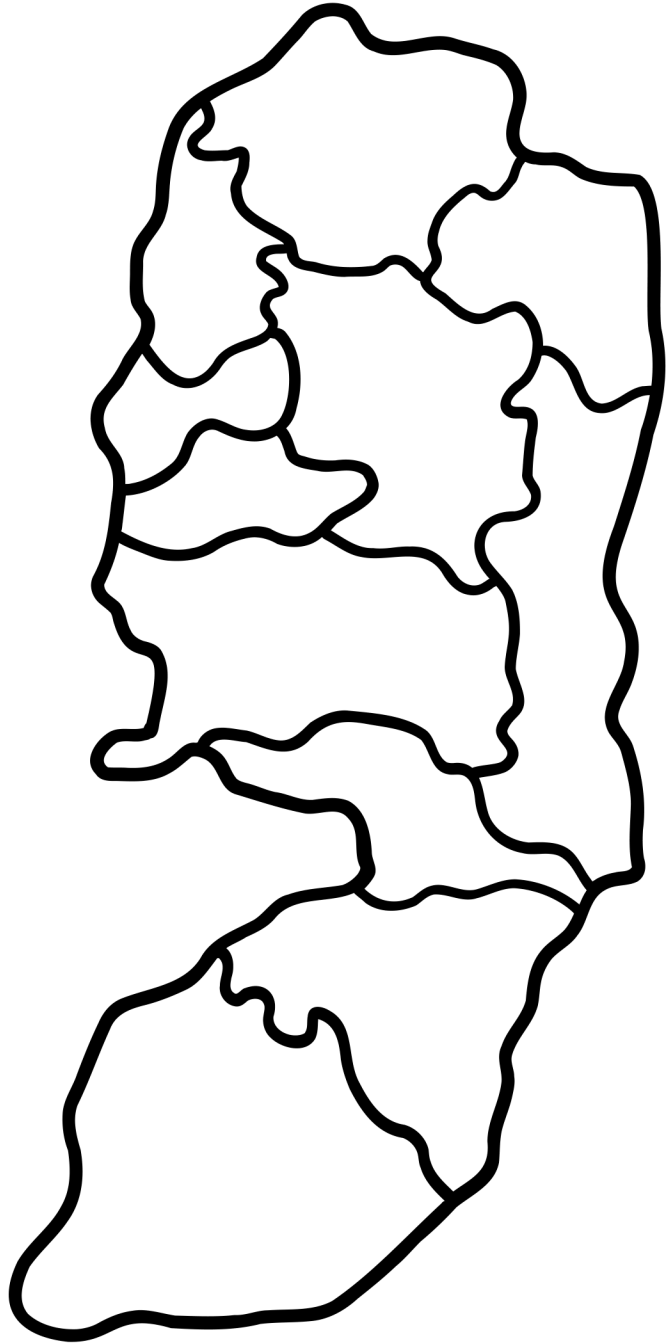
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Let's Pray

Color the map of Palestine below. As you color, pray for the people of Palestine.



Scan to listen
to a Palestinian
hymn as you
pray.



Prayer Needs

- Palestine has been in conflict with Israel since 1947. Pray that Palestinian Christians would not grow weary in seeking peace for their nation.
- Pray the children in Palestine would feel the love of God.



Musalaha is a faith-based organization that teaches, trains and facilitates reconciliation mainly between Israelis and Palestinians from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds, and also international groups, based on biblical principles of reconciliation. To learn more about this organization visit <https://musalaha.org/>