

## Saint Charbel's House

It is one of the first houses in Bekaakafra which goes back to the VII<sup>th</sup> century. At that time it was the only stone built old house, along with few others. Saint Charbel was born in this house on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1828.

Since 1950 the house became under the custody of the Lebanese Maronite Monks, the society Saint Charbel joined. The society built near it a new convent which was transformed with the old house to a sanctuary visited by thousands of believers from Lebanon and the world. It contains a copy of the history of the life of Saint Charbel and statues representing all his family members. There are also two churches for prayer, contemplation and official ceremonies. They also contain many things and medical tools, such as spectacles and walkers, left by patients healed by the mediation of Saint Charbel.