

# Maronite Patriarch—Rome—1215

Jeremiah II al-Amshitti (died 1230), born Abdallah Khairallah Obeid was the 32nd Maronite Patriarch of Antioch from 1199. He was known for the miracle of the levitation of the Host during a Mass he celebrated in Rome on the occasion of his participation in the Fourth Council of the Lateran.

During his stay in Rome and during a celebration of the Eucharist in the presence of Pope Innocent III, at St. Peter's Basilica, a light came out of the Host and the Host remained elevated after the patriarch had dropped his hands. Estephan El Douaihy, great

historian and Maronite Patriarch, writes about this event in his history of the Maronite patriarchs and says that the Pope ordered that this scene be represented on the walls of St. Peter's Basilica.

