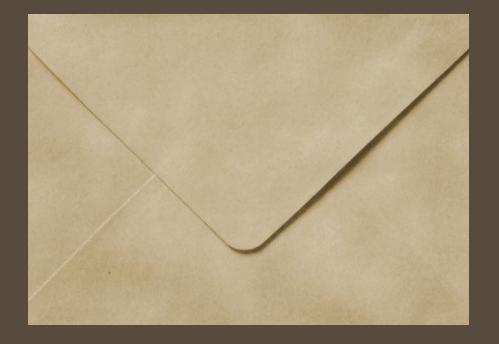
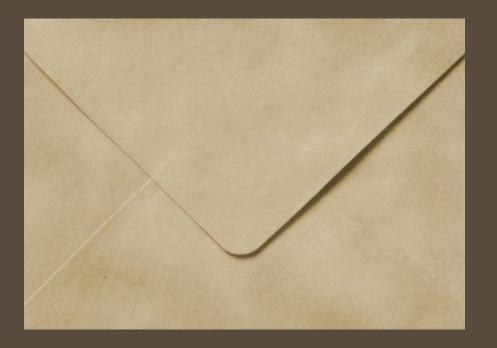
WHICH ONE OF THE 2 ENVELOPES BELOW DO YOU THINK HAS A MORE IMPORTANT DOCUMENT? WHY?





CORRECT, THE ONE WITH THE SEAL!





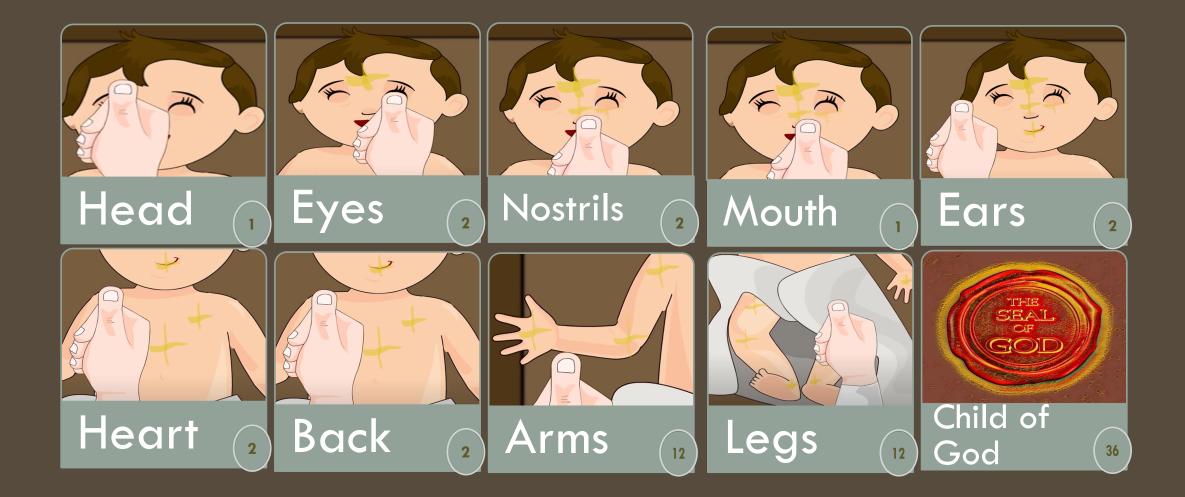
The open envelope suggests the document inside:

- Is not very important
- Is not of great value
- Is easily accessible

The seal indicates that the document inside:

- Is private and belongs to someone specific
- Is valuable and important
- Is protected

THE MAYROUN OIL IN THE SACRAMENT OF CHRISMATION ACTS LIKE THE SEAL AS WE RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR BODIES. OUR BODIES ARE GOD'S TEMPLES AND THEY ARE SEALED WITH HIS HOLY SPIRIT.



"DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO IS IN YOU, WHOM YOU HAVE FROM GOD, AND YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN? FOR YOU WERE BOUGHT AT A PRICE; THEREFORE GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY AND IN YOUR SPIRIT, WHICH ARE GOD'S" (1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20)

Head: sealed for pure Godly thoughts Eyes: sealed to see God in all His people and creations Mouth: sealed to say God's words only Arms & Legs: sealed to follow God in all what they do

Ears: sealed to listen to God's words only

Nose: sealed to like the smell of incense and remember that he is going to be Jesus smell

Heart and back: sealed to love God from all your heart

"do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's"

(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

THE HOLY MAYROUN



WHAT IS IT AND WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

- The Holy Mayroun is sanctified oil in which dwells the grace of the Holy Spirit.
- Originally the spices that were used to anoint the Lord's body were taken and olive oil was added. Then, the apostles used this whenever they baptized a new believer to seal them with grace of the Holy Spirit.
- Nowadays, the Patriarch, together with the Bishops, prepare a lot of this oil every few years and distribute it to all the churches.

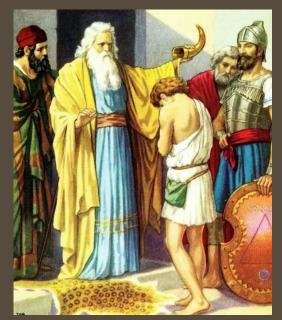
ANOINTING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

• God has used anointing as a way of blessing/consecrating from the Old Testament.

• God instructed Moses to make a special anointing oil with spices to be used to consecrate priests and the holy items in the tabernacle.

"This shall be a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generation. It shall not be poured on Man's flesh; nor shall you make any other like it, according to its composition. It is holy, and it shall be holy to you. Whoever puts any of it on an outsider, shall be cut off from his people." (Exodus 30:31-33)

• Kings and prophets were also anointed throughout the Old Testament



Samuel anointed David



Jacob anointing the rock with oil

ANOINTING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

We are all consecrated/anointed/sealed with the Mayroun oil in the Sacrament of Chrismation/Confirmation which takes place right after the Baptism Sacrament.



"Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, Who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee." (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)

To help understand how could the Holy Spirit is received & sealed through the Chrismation Sacrament, we need to understand what is a Sacrament



LIFE APPLICATION

You carry the name of Christ. You are sealed with the Holy Spirit. Hence, you are valuable, authentic, different and not accessible by the world. This means we, as Christians, do not belong to the world. We belong to God.

Always remember that your body is God's temple. You can't just use it the way you want.

"do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's"

(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)