



FAIR TRADE ORDERS

Palestinian Olive Oil & Olive Oil Soap

Fair trade orders are taken at the *Action Central* kiosk after the 10 AM service on the first Sunday of each month unless otherwise stated in the Sunday bulletin.

TO ORDER FAIR TRADE OLIVE OIL OR OLIVE OIL SOAP complete the Order Form. Indicate how many of each product you want. Calculate the cost and submit your check with the order form.

You will be contacted by email when your order is ready for pick up from the church mailroom. Allow up to 2 weeks for arrival.

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The olive tree (*olea europaea*) is a tree of beauty and symbol of life, hope, peace and victory. Purchasing its products supports farmers and others who can no longer do their former jobs in Israel.

Zatoun Palestinian Olive Oil

Zatoun is Arabic for olive. Zatoun Extra Virgin Olive Oil is of exceptional quality with a lustrous green color and an unforgettable taste. Farmers are paid fair trade prices and supported in the struggle for livelihood and land, as well as for human rights and dignity in the face of great, ongoing injustice.

A share of the proceeds goes to: (1) Project Hope, an education & art therapy program for youth and (2) Trees for Life, a project to plant 10's of 1000's of olive tree saplings to replace trees destroyed by occupation.

The Soap Project of St. George's Melkite Catholic Church, Zababdeh

Fr. Firas Khoury Diad, Parish Priest, found a way to help men and women who had lost their work in Israel when the wall blocked their way and their hope for the future. In teaching them the love of Jesus Christ, they also gave them a new way to make a living.

The soap is made the traditional way by men over a slow fire for 5 hours and packaged by women in their homes. The olive oil is purchased at a fair price from farmers who can no longer sell out of the territory. (The soap comes from Pilgrims of Ibillin whose Peacebuilding Grants support St. George's many projects including building a kindergarten for local low-income children.)

Order Form: Fair Trade Olive Oil Products

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

DATE OF ORDER _____

Total Order (olive oil and soap) \$ _____

Make your check payable to *Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church* or *SVPC*. Write "Olive Oil Project" on the memo line of your check.

Suggested Donation:

Zatoun Extra Virgin Olive Oil (25.4 oz)

\$20 x _____ bottles = \$ _____

Zababdeh Olive Oil Soap

\$5 x _____ bars = \$ _____

Total Order \$ _____



Olive Trees can begin producing olives after 5 years but it takes 50 years to achieve a mature yield. One tree produces enough olives or 4 to 10 litres of oil for an average of 10 bottles of Zatoun olive oil.

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Mohammed Ali Taha, Palestinian writer, says, “In the face of great dispossession, Palestinians have clung desperately to their land, and the olive tree is a symbol of their ties to the land. It also has real practical worth as the tree of wealth, protection and security, of shelter and sustenance. Even if a farmer has just a small piece of land, he will plant some olive trees. Much of Palestinian rural culture centres on the cycle of planting, pruning and harvesting of olives. Olives are a major commercial crop for Palestine; not only is the oil a significant source of nutrition, it is also used for lighting and for making soap.”

**“Olive oil is the primary source of income** for about 75,000 Palestinian farmers. In a good harvest year, Palestine produces about 36,000 tons of olive oil but consumes only a third of it. Farmers face serious problems in marketing the remaining 23,000 tons, of which 10,000 tons are unsold. “

Learn more at [ww.zatoun.com](http://ww.zatoun.com)



The Soap Project of St. George’s Melkite Catholic Church, Zababdeh, Palestinian Territory

Zababdeh is one of two primarily Christian villages in the upper West Bank. The location of St. George’s church has a special significance for Christians everywhere. It has been identified for centuries as the place where Jesus healed the 10 lepers, one of whom came back to thank him.

May we be the ones who thank God for our blessings by supporting these Christians struggling to survive and make a living for their families. Fr. Firas’ ministry shares God’s love and story with them while also putting God’s hope into action by seeking to meet their deepest needs.

The Soap Project: <http://www.st.georgein.zababdeh.com/soaproject.shtml> and <http://www.withoutamap.org/?p=178/7p=59>  
Pilgrims of Ibillin and their Peace Partners: [www.pilgrimsfibillin.org](http://www.pilgrimsfibillin.org)

## The WALL –a Real and Present Danger

“The Wall is the single greatest threat to the livelihood of farmers and the prospects for peace. It has brought wanton destruction and unprecedented hardship as huge tracts of land, whole communities and 100’s of 1000’s of trees are being erased.”

It’s estimated that since 1967 more than 1,000,000 olive trees have been destroyed. The Wall accounts for 240,000 destroyed olive trees along its path so far. When completed in 2020, another 2,128,000 trees will be on the “other” side of the Wall and lost to Palestinian farmers.

The Wall was ruled illegal by the International Court of Justice in July 2004. The ruling was dismissed by the governments of Canada and the U.S.

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A variety of other products, such as olives for food, soap, jewelry, wood carving and fireplace logs, are also produced from olive trees. In total, the olive tree and its products represent a major source of income for over 100,000 Palestinian families. Israeli policies and practices keep Palestinian farmers off their land and increase costs, making it extremely difficult to sell products in a global economy.