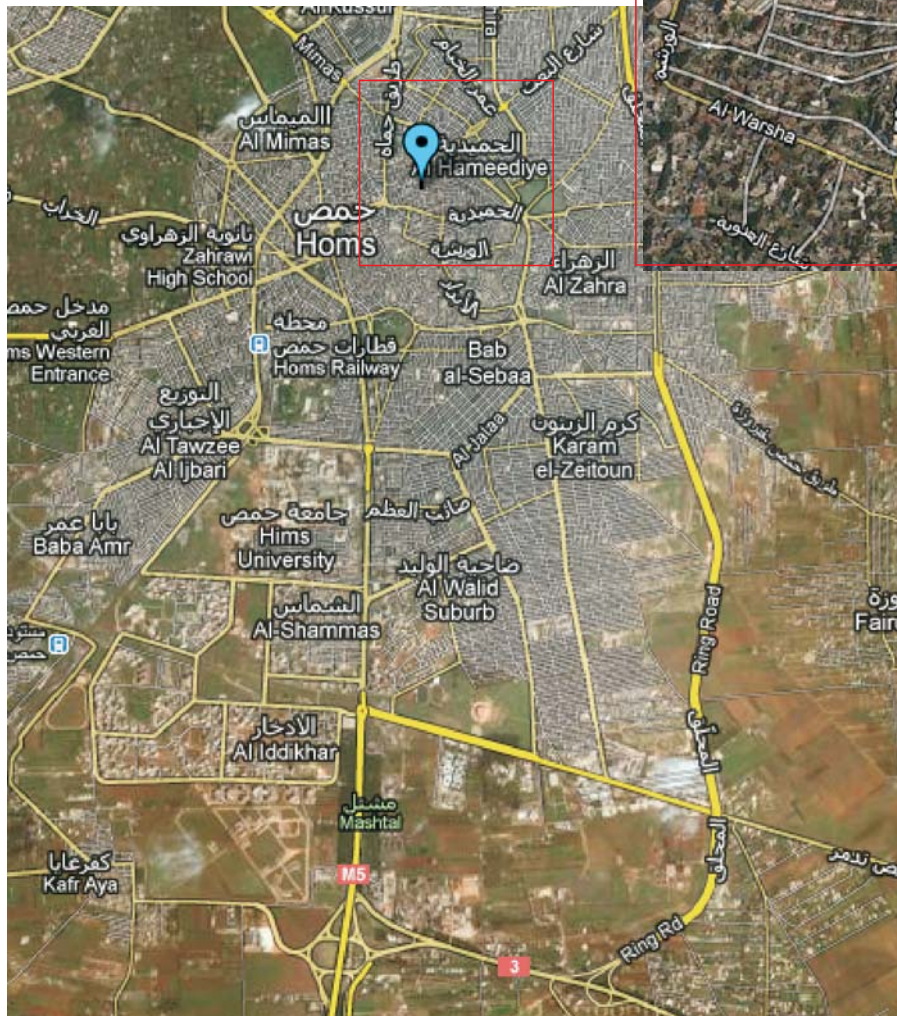
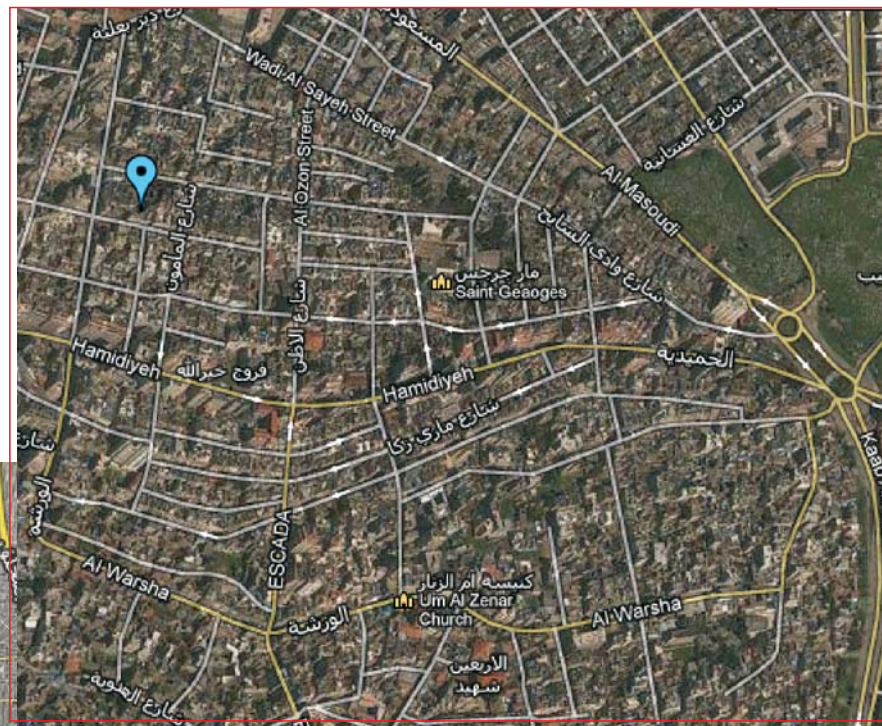


**VIEWS OF SOME OF THE DESACRATED CHURCHES IN ANCIENT HOMS**

**SYRIA**



HOMS: The red square inside Homs defines the antic cristian area in the old city from where 80000 cristians were expelled and where their precious religouse heritage was desecrated

*In the areas of Warsheh, Salibi, Bustan Diwan, Ozon, Hamidiyeh, Wadi Sayeh were living around eighty thousands cristians of all denominations. Since the moment that the armed opposition invaded those areas everybody flew massively. Today there is a remnant of about 350 individuals that are asking to be withdrawn for fear to be killed during the combats. The leaders of the armed opposition threat to kill them if they try to go out of the area. It seems they want to use them as living shields, against human rights.*

Since seven months the armed opposition factions are controlling exclusively the cristian area in the ancient Homs. Nobody knows why they have chosen the cristian areas as their withdrawing place.

Some of those factions have lately occupied the churches for a while, installing in them their headquarters. For example the Armenian Cathedral (no photos were possible because the armed opposition elements are still there).

Some of our friends in Homs could, before the ultimate clashes between the army and the armed opposition, photography some of the damaged sanctuaries.

It is easy to notice some interesting details: the impacts are from short distance (bullets, RPG). Even the two or three “holes” that could be due to a mortar are too “accurate” to be coming from very far. For example, in all the surroundings there is only the church that has been touched.

In the oriental social law this behavior is called “desecration” or violation of the sacred places. It is considered as a crime of utmost importance.

If something like that would have occurred to one mosque, the entire islamic world would have risen up. Who will emphasize the sad effect of such acts ?

**SAINT ANTHONY OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX**

**BAB SBAH, HOMS**





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**OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHEDRAL  
GREEK CATHOLIC BISHOPRIC  
BOUSTAN DIWAN, HOMA**







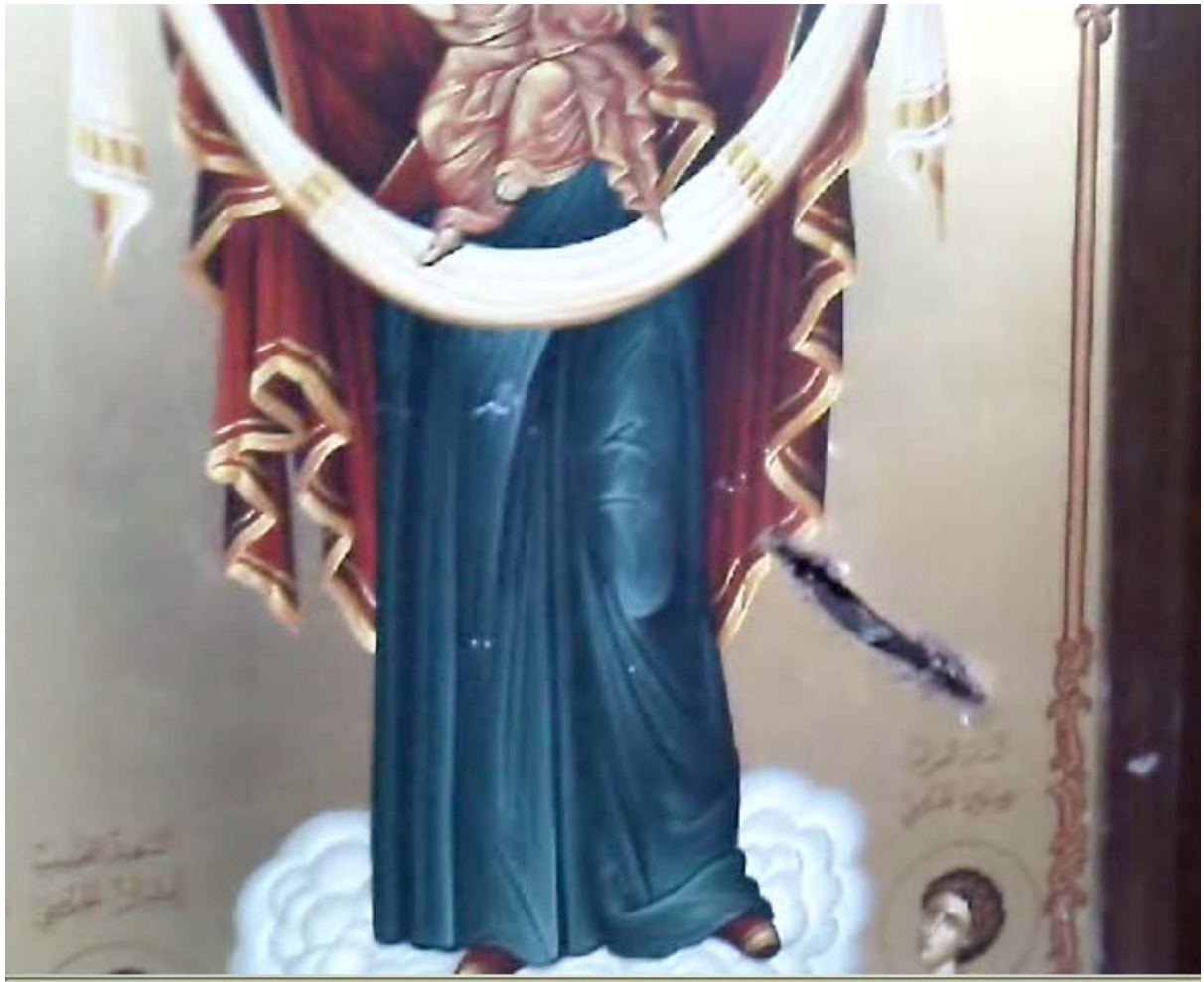


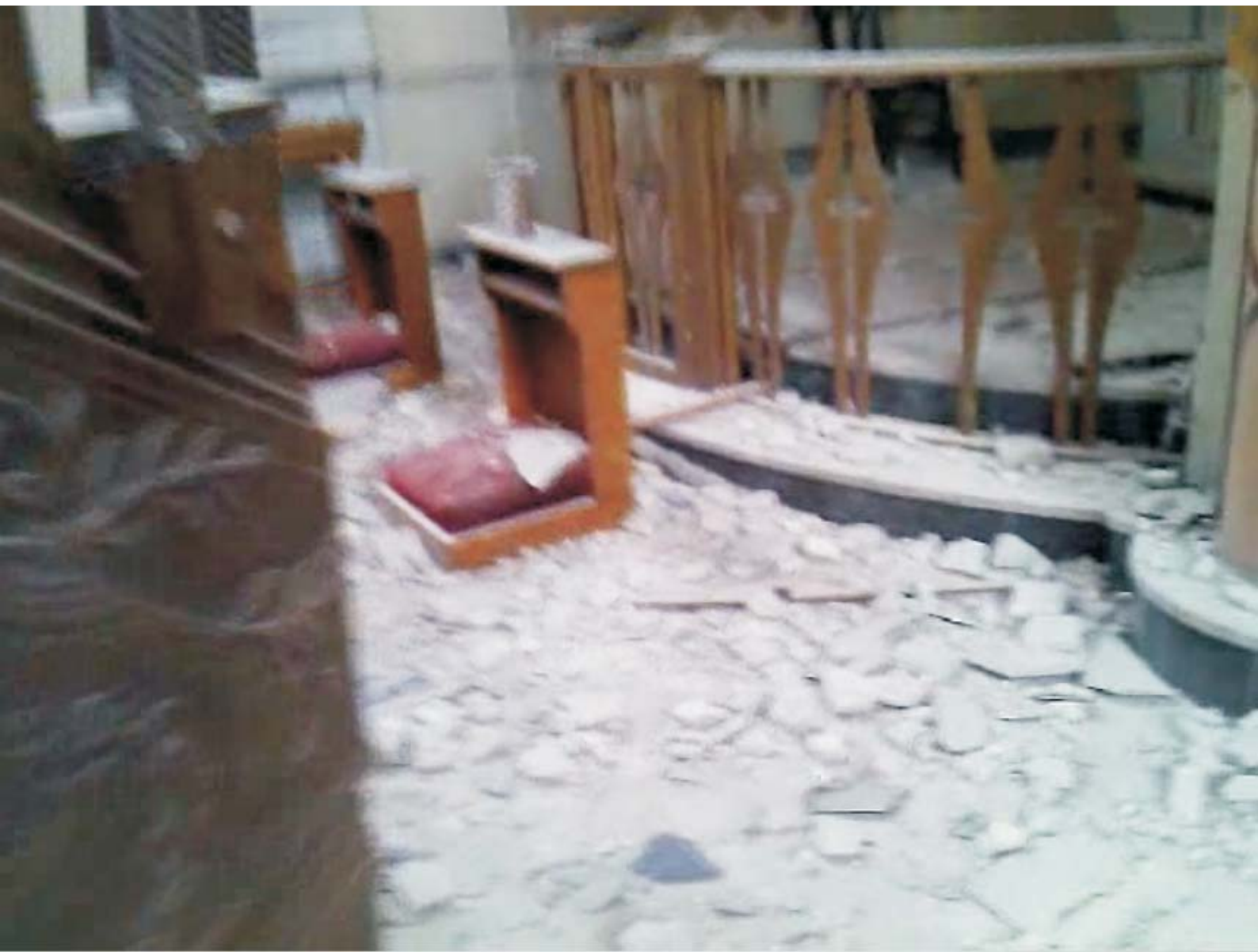


























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**OUR LADY OF THE BELT'S SHRINE (1<sup>st</sup> century)**

**SYRIAC ORTHODOX**

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**HOLY SPIRIT CATHEDRAL**  
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