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The following is a testimony of the intercession of the spirit of St. Charbel with my skin cancer in 2016:

On April 27, 2016 I went to the office of my dermatologist, Dr. Jay Barnett, MD, in Rockville, Maryland, USA to examine skin lesions. He found at least one suspiciously serious and took a sample to send to the Annapath pathology laboratories to determine its nature. The laboratory determined that the sample indicated that the lesion was a squamous cell carcinoma. On May 1 I received a telephone call from Dr. Barnett's office with the message that I had cancer and needed to schedule an appointment for Dr. Barnett to surgically remove it. The surgical procedure was scheduled for July 25.

Prior to all of this my wife, Hoda, a Maronite, and I had attended a special service at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church dedicated to St. Charbel. At that service I had placed my hand on a box containing relics of St. Charbel and prayed. I also read a small book about his life and prayed through him to God for guidance in my life. After I received the cancer diagnosis my wife and I prayed to St. Charbel; additionally my wife had obtained oil from St. Charbel and applied it to the site of the cancer in the shape of a cross. She also took a picture of St. Charbel and placed it in my pillow so that I would be near him when I slept. My wife told me that I must actually believe and not just that St. Charbel would intercede. I did not actually pray for St. Charbel to remove the cancer but more to renew and support my faith.

The morning of the day before my scheduled surgery, July 24, I was getting dressed and suddenly felt something fall from my shoulder, hit my leg and land on the floor. It was hardened tissue. Instinctively I immediately said, "St. Charbel, is that you?" I without question 'knew' that it was him and told my wife that I no longer needed to go to the surgery since St. Charbel had removed the cancer. She advised that I should still go for the surgery to prove what had happened.

The next day I went to Dr. Barnett's office and he prepared for the surgery. His immediate comment when he viewed the site was, "Hmm, it looks like there has been a lot of activity here." (Strange, huh?) He used a scalpel and cut around the site, removing tissue. He sent the tissue to the same laboratory as before. The report returned on July 28 that there was no cancer in the tissue. St. Charbel had indeed removed it. The real miracle, however, was not the

