

### **Mazara al-Nubani**

The village is located in Ramallah district 25 kilometers north of the city. Administratively, it is part of Bani Zayd (Bayt Rima) that is situated on a hill 500 meters above sea level. Inhabited areas of the village measure 450 dunams (1 dunam = ¼ acre) and the total land area of the village is 9300 dunams.

The village is known for its olive trees, which are raised on 5000 dunams. The village also grows figs, grapes, apples, almonds, and pomegranates. Most of the village is planted with trees, similar to surrounding villages on the hills, such as Khirbat Qis, Salfit, Farkha, Qarawat Bani Zayd, Dayr al-Sudan, Arura, and Kufr Ayn. As of 1987 there were about 1205 people living in the village. Village folklore says that one of the families in the village is related to Amru Bin Umayya al-Dimri who was among the acquaintances of prophet Mohammad. The al-Nubani family, from which the village derives its name, is related to the sufi shaykh of the village Abd al-Qadr al-Kilani.

### **Jayyus**

Jayyus is an old village that was first founded by the Romans. It is also said that the Europeans established the village and called it Jayyush (Arabic for armies) due to the number of armies that gathered in it during that time. Today, it is situated 16 kilometers south of the city of Tulkarem. Like Mazara al-Nubani, it is also set on a hill that rises up from the Mediterranean Ocean. The elevation is 420 meters above sea level. A portion of the village called Ghabat Jayyus was taken in 1948 and today is the Israeli city of Ranana. After 1948 the size of the village was 12,571 dunams and today the inhabited portion of the village is 777 dunams. The village is well known for its olive trees that are planted in every direction. Jayyus' 2500 inhabitants also raise different citrus fruits, such as oranges and lemons. Since exporting its fruit products has become so difficult, it has started raising vegetables grown in plastic greenhouses. Jayyus is also distinguished by the number of its inhabitants who have graduate degrees and its scientists.

### **Azzun**

Azzun was founded in 1187 after the Battle of Hattin, though Greek and Cananite ruins are present under the village. Today, the village is in Qalqilya district with 2000 inhabitants, according to the latest statistics. About 500 of these are refugees from the *nakbah* in 1948 who managed to stay in Palestine. Approximately 1200 of Azzun's residents are between 0 and 5 years old. Jayyus borders Azzun to the north.

The land area of Azzun is 24,000 dunams. Previously, 6000 of this was forest, 8000 was planted with olive trees and 10,000 was planted with citrus trees. Today, however, olive trees have taken over most of the village.