SAINT JACOB MELKITE-GREEK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
Serving San Diego
Sunday Liturgy 11 a.m. at Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church, 2235 Galahad Road, San Diego. Mailing address: PO Box 231328, San Diego, CA 92193;
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Mysteries of Christian Initiation: 1 month advance notice. Parents and Sponsors must be practicing Catholics and properly registered in a parish.
Mystery of Holy Crowning: 6 months advance notice. Required: One meeting with Father Rezkallah and participation in a marriage preparation program approved by the Catholic Church.
Mystery of Reconciliation: Before or after any service or by appointment
Mystery of Holy Anointing: Available for those who are ill or anticipating an operation.

St. Jacob Melkite COMMUNITY:
is a Melkite-Greek Catholic Community of the Eparchy of Newton headed by His Grace, Bishop Nicholas. Liturgical services are in Arabic and English. The Eparchy (Diocese) is a part of the Patriarchate of Antioch, headed by His Beatitude, Gregorios VI. "...and in Antioch the disciples were for first time called Christians" Acts 11:26). The Melkite-Greek Catholic Church maintains communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Those who are ill and those who may be recovering from illness. *If you know someone in need of prayers please notify Fr. Rezkallah.*

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Saints of the day

Holy Hieromartyr Cyprian & Virgin Martyr Justina

Saint Justina who was from Damascus, lived in virginity for the sake of Christ. Saint Cyprian, who was from Antioch, began as an initiate of magic and worshipper of the demons. A certain foolish young man who had been smitten with Justina's beauty hired Cyprian to draw her to love him; when Cyprian had wed every demonic device he knew, and had failed, being repulsed by the power of Christ Whom Justina invoked, he understood the weakness of the demons and came to know the truth. Delivered from demonic delusion, he came to Christ and burned all his books of magic, was baptized, and later ascended the episcopal throne in his country. Later, he and Justina were arrested by the Count of Damascus, and having endured many torments at his hands, they were sent finally to Diocletian in Nicomedia, where they were beheaded about the year 304.

Christ is in our midst! He is and always will be

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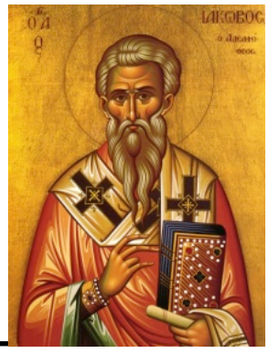

Serving San Diego Saturday/ Sunday, October 1/2, 2016

Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos

The Feast of the Protection commemorates the appearance of the most holy Theotokos in the Church of Blachernae in Constantinople in the early sixth century, as recorded in the life of Saint Andrew the Fool for Christ's sake.

While the multitudes of the faithful were gathered in church, Epiphanius, the friend of Saint Andrew, through the Saint's prayers, beheld the Virgin Mary above the faithful and spreading out her veil over them, signifying her unceasing protection of all Christians.

Because of this we keep a yearly feast of gratitude, imploring our Lady never to cease sheltering us in her mighty prayers.

SAINT JACOB COMMUNITY - Saturday/Sunday, October 1/2, 2016 - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. The Divine Liturgy is offered for the departed servant of God, Bob Elwood, requested by Fr. James

THIS WEEK AT ST. JACOB COMMUNITY:

WEDNESDAY, October 5 - 7 p.m. Arabic Choir Practice

THURSDAY, October 6 - 7 p.m. - Arabic Bible Study

OCTOBER 9, 11 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 14 - Aid to Syria Dinner at St. Anne Cathedral, North Hollywood

OCTOBER 19 - "The torture of a Chaldean Priest" at St. Andrew Roman Catholic Church, 311 N. Raymond in Pasadena

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL: In this, our 50th Jubilee Year, our Melkite Church in America needs your generous support to grow to our full potential! We need to establish more missions and parishes, to recruit and train more men for Priesthood and Diaconate, and to share our ancient and vibrant Melkite tradition with all in our local communities. When you receive the Bishop's Appeal letter in the mail, please respond at once, as generously as you are able. We need **100% participation by every family in our parish.** We ask that every Melkite household **give a minimum gift of $200 yearly** to support the dynamic growth of our Church in America. Christ relies upon *your* generosity to accomplish His great work…and so do we! Please respond to our Bishop's call.

St. Jacob Advisory Council members: Abdalla Jabbour, Hanna Maria, Majeda Maria, Rami Maria, Rana Mitri, Waleed Qammouh, Steve Saed, Max Samaan, Emil Shahtout. *If you would like to serve on the Advisory Council, please contact Fr. James or Hanna Maria.*

O LORD GOD, BLESS THE SACRIFICIAL WORSHIP & STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Our gifts of thanksgiving to God for all the blessings he has given us.

Sunday, Sep 18
ATTENDANCE: 40
1 member gave $200
2 members gave $100
3 members gave $40
1 member gave $30
1 Quick Pay $25
1 member gave $25
4 members gave $20
1 member gave $15
2 members gave $10
1 member gave $5
Visitors gave $20
Total donations
$715

Sunday Sep. 25
ATTENDANCE: 25
1 member gave $100
2 members gave $40
1 member gave $30
1 Quick Pay $25
4 members gave $20
3 members gave $10
1 Quick Pay $10
Visitors gave $53
Total donations
$408

Sundays, Sept. 18 & 25
Total Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings
$1,158
Stipends $0
Coffee $0
Total income $1,123 (2 weeks)
Average weekly expenses $1,500
Are you a member or a visitor? Members have offering envelopes.

If you consider yourself a member and don't have offering envelopes, just ask Emil Shahtout or Father Rezkallah.

Tithe: Represents 10% of our our gross income returned to God.

Sacrificial giving represents a gift that is a true sacrifice for us to give.

GOOD STEWARDS: Those who use Quick Pay for the Sunday offering.

WHAT IS QUICK PAY? This is an easy way to make donations from your checking account that you can arrange through your own bank. Just visit chase.com/QP or ask Rami Maria how it works. You may give to St. Jacob Community by sending your gift to donate@stjacobmelkite.org.

JUBILEE YEAR

2016, marks the great Jubilee Year of our Eparchy, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the first Melkite Bishop in the US and the 50th anniversary of Annunciation Cathedral

On Sunday, January 3, His Grace, Bishop NICHOLAS, opened the great Jubilee Year of our Eparchy with a special service before the icon of the Most Holy Theotokos under the title Hodegetria (She Who Points the Way) at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy at Saint Anne Co-Cathedral in North Hollywood, CA. Sayidna asks that all parishes, missions, and outreaches of our Eparchy participate in this great Jubilee Year together as a time of renewal for our Melkite Church in America.