

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.

SPECIAL THANKS FROM FRs. REZKALLAH & JAMES for honoring us on Clergy Appreciation Sunday with a special cake and beautiful plaques. May God reward all the members of St. Jacob Community for your kindness.

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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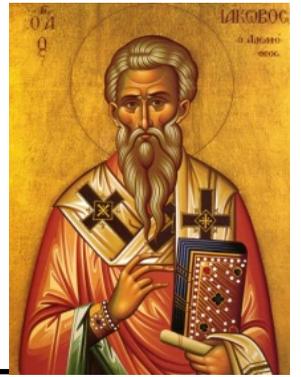


Christ is in our midst! He is and always will be

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Sunday, October 23, 2016



Feast of St. Jacob, Brother of the Lord First Bishop of Jerusalem

In a 4th-century letter pseudographically ascribed^[9] to the 1st century Clement of Rome, James was called the "bishop of bishops, who rules Jerusalem, the Holy Assembly of Hebrews, and all assemblies everywhere".^[10] Hegesippus, in his fifth book of his Commentaries, mentions that James was made a bishop of Jerusalem but he does not mention by whom: "After the apostles, James the brother of the Lord surnamed the Just was made head of the Church at Jerusalem."^[11] But, like the rest of the early Christians, information about his life is scarce and ambiguous. Clement of Alexandria wrote in the sixth book of his Hypotyposes that James the Just was chosen as a bishop of Jerusalem by Peter, James (the Greater) and John: "For they say that Peter and James and John after the ascension of our Savior, as if also preferred by our Lord, strove not after honor, but chose James the Just bishop of Jerusalem." But the same writer, in the seventh book of the same work, relates also the following concerning him: "The Lord after his resurrection imparted knowledge (gnōsin) to James the Just and to John and Peter, and they imparted it to the rest of the apostles, and the rest of the apostles to the seventy, of whom Barnabas was one."^[12]

According to Eusebius James was named a bishop of Jerusalem by the apostles: "James, the brother of the Lord, to whom the episcopal seat at Jerusalem had been entrusted by the apostles".^[13] Jerome wrote the same: "James... after our Lord's passion.. ordained by the apostles bishop of Jerusalem..." and that James "ruled the church of Jerusalem thirty years".^[14]

The *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church* claims that James the Just was "from an early date with Peter a leader of the Church at Jerusalem and from the time when Peter left Jerusalem after Herod's attempt to kill him, James appears as the principal authority who presided at Council of Jerusalem".^[15]

SAINT JACOB COMMUNITY - Sunday, October 23, 2016 - Divine Liturgy of St. James, Brother of the Lord. The Divine Liturgy is celebrated for all them members of St. Jacob Community, both those with us and those with God.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JACOB COMMUNITY:

**OCTOBER 30, 11 a.m. - Divine Liturgy
12: 45 p.m. - Middle East Christians in Peril with Deacon Greg Kandra, Miultimedia Editor, Catholic Near East Welfare Association.**

MIDDLE EAST CHRISTIANS IN PERIL - SPECIAL PRESENTATION next Sunday after the Divine Liturgy in the Hall. Guest Speaker Deacon Greg Kandra, Miultimedia Editor, Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Every member of St. Jacob Community is strongly encourage to be present. Please arrange your schedules so that you will be able to participate

NEXT SUNDAY'S DIVINE LITURGY will be offered for the departed handmaid of God, Jamileh Chankhour.

IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT A PRIEST, while Fr. Rezkallah is away, please call Fr. James at 714 600 3660.

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL: The annual Bishop's Appeal is an important way to assist in and promote the growth of our Church throughout the US. Your generous gift will support the education of our children in the Faith; the creation of new outreaches and missions; the training of our seminarians; the publishing of *SOPHIA* magazine, and so much more. In addition, a tithe, or ten percent, of the Appeal funds will provide some relief for our less fortunate and persecuted brothers and sisters. Sayidna is counting on your support. If you have not already sent in your gift, please do so this week. We need 100% support from our parish! God bless you for your generosity.

MARRIAGE HELP – The word Retrouvaille™ (pronounced re-tro-vi with a long i.) is a French word meaning rediscovery. The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. Thousands of couples headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program. Next program is January 6-8,2017 Space is limited call 951-259-9474 for information.

DISCOVER: melkite.org Everything about our Melkite Church in America!

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, October 16

ATTENDANCE: 35
3 members gave \$100
1 member gave \$40
1 member gave \$30
1 Quick Pay \$25
2 members gave \$25
5 members gave \$20
1 member gave \$15
2 members gave \$10
1 member gave \$5
Visitors gave \$33
Total donations
\$593

Sunday October 16
Total Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings
\$593

Stipends \$350

Coffee \$18

Total income \$961

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 worked so hard to make our Family Night a resounding success and all who participated.

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.