#### 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.

#### Stewardship conference, highly recommended for all St. Jacob Community members to attend this event. St. Jacob will pay the entire registration fee.

8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 2016 Stewardship Conference. The Journey Continues. Hosted by the Diocese of San Diego and the Diocese of Orange in partnership with The Orange Catholic Foundation. Location: Our Lady of Fatima Church. 105 North La Esperanza. San Clemente. CA 92672. Keynote Speaker: Father Andrew Kemberling, Chairman of the International Catholic Stewardship Council and pastor of Saint Vincent de Paul Church, Denver, CO. Includes liturgy, keynote speaker, four tracks of sessions, exhibitors, breakfast, lunch, break and networking.

Who should attend: Priests, Deacons, all those involved in parish ministry, and all parishioners. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and continues after the 8:30 a.m. opening Liturgy. The first Session begins 9:30 a.m. Presenters include: Stephanie Moore, Leisa Anslinger, Father Jim Ries, Michael Murphy, Mila Glodava, Robin Margraf, Coni Perez, Tracy Earl Welliver, and many more.

Topics include: Stewardship for Children, Characteristics of a Stewardship Parish, Importance of and Preparing Lay Witnesses, Building Bridges to the Vision of your Parish, Everyday People: Spirituality for Ordinary People, Clergy Forum for Stewardship Best Practices, Grateful Disciples: Leading your Parish to Embrace Stewardship. For further information go to: www.orangecatholicfoundation.org/2016StewConf

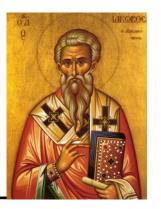
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Those who are ill and those who may be recovering from illness. If you know someone in need of prayers please notify Fr. Rezkallah.

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

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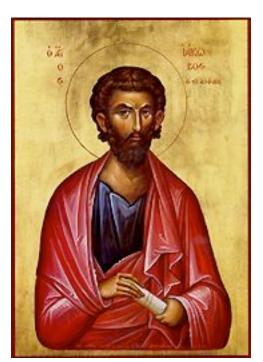
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Sunday, October 9, 2016



## Saints of the Day

James the Apostle, Son of Alphaeus; Andronicus and his wife Athanasia of Egypt; The Righteous Patriarch Abraham & his nephew Lot



The Holy Apostle James was one of the 12 Apostles and preached Christ to many nations. He suffered death by crucifixion.

Saints Andronicus and Athanasia were from Antioch, and finished their lives in asceticism around 500

The Holy Patriarch Abraham, born a pagan, ten generations after Noah, when the knowledge of God had perished from among men, became the beginning of God's dispensation for the universal renewal and salvation of man. He was called out of the land of Chaldea to the land of Canaan, received the promise that through his seed all the nations of the earth should be blessed. Through his faith in the promises of God, he was justified before the giving of the Law and coming of Grace: through his willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac he prefigured the sacrificing of God's own Son. To read the complete story of Abraham, turn to the book of Genesis, chapters 12-25.

SAINT JACOB COMMUNITY - Sunday, October 9, 2016 - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. The Divine Liturgy is celebrated for: the departed servant of God Ibriham Habash, requested by Rose Habash; also for the "Come and See" Retreatants, who, next weekend, will be discerning a possible Call from the Lord, that they may be open to His Voice, His inspiration, His invitation and His direction to serve Him, His Church and His people.

#### 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: Our Melkite Church in America needs you! Bishop Nicholas is asking for 100% participation by every Melkite family in the Eparchy, and that every Melkite family consider giving at least \$200 each year, to the Bishop's Appeal to fund the vital works of our Church in America. We cannot grow without YOUR support! Producing SOPHIA magazine, opening new missions, the formation of new priests and the renewal of our deacon program ...your contribution to the Bishops Appeal supports all these vital efforts. Please support our precious Church in America by sending your generous gift today, and also assist our persecuted brothers and sisters in the Mideast.



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 2

ATTENDANCE: 49
2 members gave \$200
1 member gave \$100
2 members gave \$50
1 member gave \$30
1 Quick Pay \$25
3 members gave \$20
1 member gave \$15
3 members gave \$10
1 member gave \$5
Visitors gave \$74
Total donations
\$849

Sunday October 2
Total Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings
\$849
Stipends \$0
Coffee \$63
Total income \$912
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 <a href="mailto:donate@stjacobmelkite.org">donate@stjacobmelkite.org</a>.

#### **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.