

## 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.*

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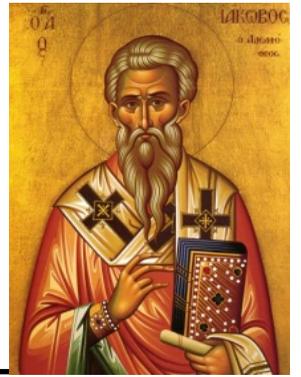
and was ordained a [presbyter](#) in 386 by Bishop [Flavian I of Antioch](#). It seems this was the happiest period of his life. Over about twelve years, he gained much popularity for the eloquence of his public speaking. Notable are his insightful expositions of [Bible](#) passages and moral teaching. The most valuable of his works are his *Homilies* on various books of the Bible. He particularly emphasized [almsgiving](#). He was also most concerned with the spiritual and temporal needs of the poor. He spoke out against abuse of wealth and personal property. In late October of 397, he was called (somewhat against his will) to be the [bishop](#) of Constantinople. He deplored the fact that Imperial court protocol would now assign to him access to privileges greater than the highest state officials. During his time as bishop he adamantly refused to host lavish entertainments. This meant he was popular with the common people, but unpopular with the wealthy and the [clergy](#). During a time when city clergy were subject to much criticism for their high lifestyle, John was determined to reform his clergy at Constantinople. These efforts were met with resistance and limited success. He was particularly noted as an excellent preacher. As a [theologian](#), he has been and continues to be very important in Eastern Christianity, but has been less important to Western Christianity. He generally rejected the contemporary trend for emphasis on allegory, instead speaking plainly and applying Bible passages and lessons to everyday life. He is credited for synthesizing the liturgy of St. Basil the Great in order to allow more time for preaching. His liturgy is the most common in your today in the Byzantine Church. He died in exile after having been banished for his criticism of the lavish lifestyle of the Emperor and his family in 407 at the age of 60.

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

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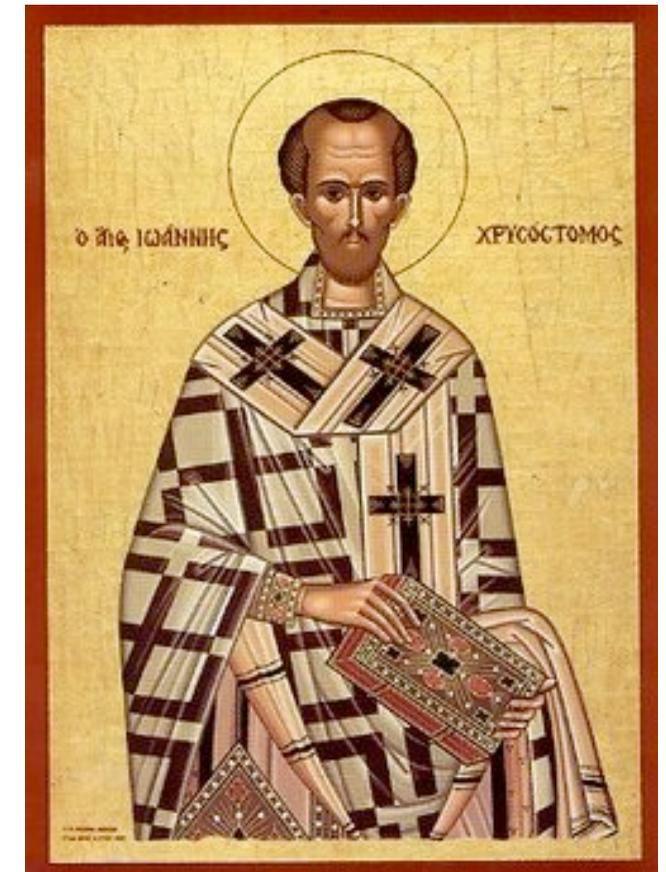
Sunday, November 13, 2016



## Saints of the Day:

# Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople

He was born in Antioch of noble parents: his father was a high-ranking military officer. His father died soon after his birth and so he was brought up by his mother Anthusa. He was [baptized](#) in 370 and [tonsured a reader](#) (one of the [minor orders](#) of the Church). He began his education under a [pagan](#) teacher named Libanius, but went on to study [theology](#) under [Diodore of Tarsus](#) (one of the leaders of the later [Antiochian School](#)) while practising extreme asceticism. He was not satisfied, however, and became a [hermit](#) (circa 375) and remained so until poor health forced a return to Antioch. He was then [ordained a deacon](#) in 381 by St. [Meletius of Antioch](#),



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**SAINT JACOB COMMUNITY - Sunday, November 13, 2016 - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. The Divine Liturgy is celebrated for the departed servant of God, Matthew McCarthy, son of Deacon Michael & Lisa McCarthy who serves at Annunciation Cathedral in Boston**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JACOB COMMUNITY:**

**NOVEMBER 20, 11 a.m. - Divine Liturgy will be celebrated for the departed servants of God, Giorgio Morassi & Victoria Oraivej.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ELECTION**

***We want to encourage all of our dear members to effectively get involved and participate in the upcoming new Advisory Council election. So please make sure you fill in your voting ballot and mail it back or submit it by hand after you seal both envelop #1 that has your filled ballot and envelope #2 that is self addressed before November 15.***

***We need your return address written on envelop #2 to :***

***A) make sure we have your correct address.***

***B) to evaluate the members level of participation.***

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

**THE BISHOPS APPEAL:** Today, we commemorate Our Father Among the Saints, John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, whose Divine Liturgy our Church has celebrated for more than 1500 years. There is perhaps no better symbol of the beauty and uniqueness of our Melkite Church of Antioch than this exquisite Liturgy attributed to that great son of Antioch, St. John Chrysostom. Please join all the members of our Church in assuring that this precious liturgy and tradition is passed on faithfully to future generations, so that more and more people will come to experience the transcendent beauty and power of this heavenly Liturgy. It is the means by which "we have seen the True Light; we have found the True Faith; and we have received the Heavenly Spirit." Please respond with a generous heart to the Bishop's Appeal. If you have not already sent your gift, please do so today so that 100% of our parish will respond to Sayidna's call.

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

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**

**Sunday, November 6**

**ATTENDANCE: 50**

3 members gave \$100

1 member gave \$50

3 members gave \$40

1 Quick Pay \$25

2 members gave \$20

2 members gave \$15

5 members gave \$10

1 member gave \$5

Visitors gave \$146

Total donations

\$741

Sunday, November 6  
Total Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

\$741

Stipends \$0

Coffee \$0

Hurricane victims \$161

Total income \$902

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.

NOTE: Special collections for emergency relief are forward directly to the Eparchy Finance office. Thank you for your support.

**GOOD STEWARDS:** Those who arrive on time for each liturgical celebration.

**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](http://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](mailto: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.**