

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.

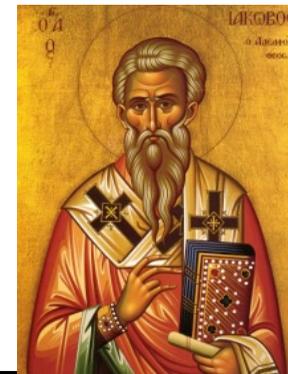


Christ is in our midst! He is and always will be

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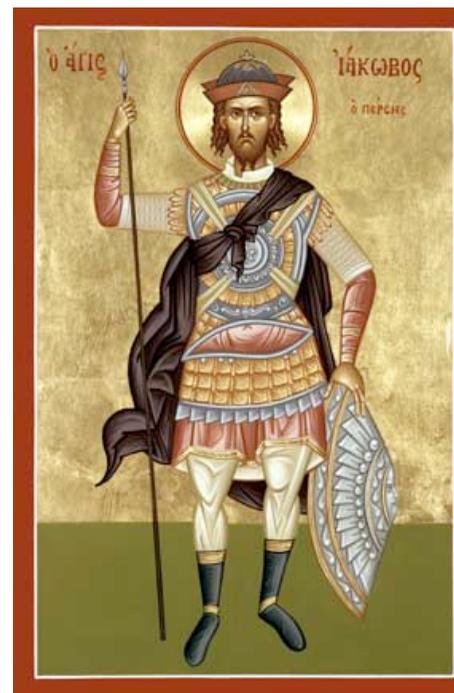
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Sunday, November 27, 2016



Saint of the Day

Holy Great-Martyr James the Persian



The Holy Great Martyr James the Persian (the Sawn-Asunder) was born in the fourth century into a pious Christian family, both wealthy and illustrious. His wife was also a Christian, and the couple raised their children in piety, inspiring in them a love for prayer and the Holy Scriptures. James occupied a high position at the court of the Persian emperor Izdegerd (399-420) and his successor Barakhranes (420-438). But on one of the military campaigns James, seduced by the emperor's beneficence, was afraid to acknowledge himself a Christian, and so he offered sacrifice to idols with the emperor.

Learning of this, James' mother and wife wrote him a letter, in which they rebuked him and urged him to repent. Receiving the letter, James realized the gravity of his sin. Faced with the horror of being cut off not only from his family, but also from God Himself, he began to weep loudly, imploring the Lord for forgiveness.

His fellow-soldiers, hearing him pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, reported this to the emperor. Under interrogation, St James bravely confessed his faith in the one True God. No amount of urging by the emperor could make him renounce Christ. The emperor then ordered the saint to be put to death.

They began to cut off his fingers and his toes one by one, then his hands and his feet, and then his arms and legs. During the prolonged torture St James offered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord, Who had granted him the possibility of redemption from his sins by enduring these terrible torments. Finally, the martyr was beheaded.

SAINT JACOB MELKITE COMMUNITY - Sunday, November 27, 2016 - The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is offered for the departed handmaid of God, Betty Hardiman, mother of Deacon Tom Davis who serves at St. Ann Melkite Parish in Danbury, Connecticut

THIS WEEK AT ST. JACOB COMMUNITY:

December 4, 11 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

COMING EVENTS:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10 A.M. - Special Workshop: "Married Priests, East and West. @ Our Lady of Kazan Russian Orthodox Church, 3702 Central Ave. San Diego. Sponsored by the Society of St. John Chrysostom

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON TODAY following the Divine Liturgy. A **GENERAL ASSEMBLY** will follow the luncheon. Results of the Advisory Council election will be announced.

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL: Don't be sad and downcast, worrying about earthly riches like the Rich Man in today's Gospel. But be generous and joyful of heart, giving in return for all that God has given you, following Jesus unreservedly and finding heavenly treasure! If Our Lord has blessed us with riches, He does so, not only for ourselves and our families, but for the good of His Church. Offer your gratitude to God this Thanksgiving weekend by giving a generous gift to the Bishop's Appeal today. Appeal envelopes are available in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

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.*

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME so that you can refer to it throughout the week.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH - Immaculate Heart radio - 1000 AM on your dial.

"A SURE SIGN OF THE DEADENING OF THE SOUL IS THE AVOIDANCE OF CHURCH SERVICES." ST JOHN CLIMACUS

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 20

ATTENDANCE: 42

1 member gave \$200

2 members gave \$100

1 member gave \$80

1 member gave \$40

1 member gave \$30

1 Quick Pay \$25

2 members gave \$20

2 members gave \$15

3 members gave \$10

1 member gave \$5

Visitors gave \$193

Total donations

\$858

Sunday, November 20
Total Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings
\$858

Stipends \$0

Coffee \$16

Total income \$874

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 brought something to share at today's Thanksgiving Luncheon.

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.



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