

SAINT JACOB MELKITE-GREEK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Serving San Diego

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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.

Saint of the day:

Daniel the Stylite

Saint Daniel the Stylite was born in the village of Bethara, near the city of Samosata in Mesopotamia. His mother Martha was childless for a long while and in her prayers she vowed that if she had a child, she would dedicate him to the Lord. Her prayers were heard, and Martha soon gave birth to a son, who was without a name until he was five years of age.

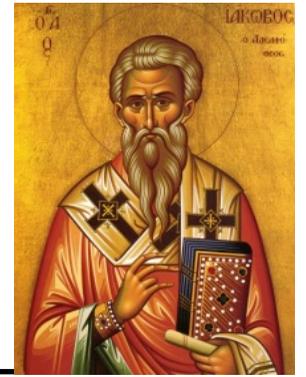
The boy's parents desired that since he was born through the good-will of God, he should also receive his name from God. They took their son to a monastery located nearby and approached the igumen. The igumen gave orders to take down one of the service books, and unrolled it at random. He found the Prophet Daniel (December 17) mentioned in it. Thus did the boy receive his name. The parents asked that he might remain at the monastery, but the igumen would not accept him, since he was still only a small boy. At twelve years of age, saying nothing to no one, the child left home for the monastery. His parents were happy when they learned where their son was, and they went to the monastery. Seeing that he was still going about in his worldly clothes, they besought that the igumen should clothe him in the angelic garb. That Sunday the igumen fulfilled their request, but permitted them often to visit their son. The brethren of the monastery were astonished at the saint's ascetical efforts. Once, Saint Simeon the Stylite (September 1), visited the monastery. He foretold to the young monk, that he too would undertake the feat of pillar-dwelling. Saint Daniel continued with his ascetic life in seclusion. When the place of a new exploit was revealed to him in a vision, he withdrew into the Thracian wilderness together with two disciples. They set up a pillar, upon which Saint Daniel dwelt for 33 years. People thronged to the pillar, the unfortunate and those who were sick, and all received help and healing from Saint Daniel. Byzantine emperors also sought the prayers of the holy ascetic. The most notable of the saint's predictions was about a great fire in Constantinople. Saint Daniel possessed also the gift of gracious words. He guided many onto the path of correcting their lives. The monk reposed in his eightieth year.

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

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Sunday, December 11, 2016



Sunday of the Forefathers



The Sunday that falls between December 11-17 is known as the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers. These are the ancestors of Christ according to the flesh, who lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, "In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:3, 22:18).

SAINT JACOB MELKITE COMMUNITY - Sunday of the Forefathers, December 11, 2016 - The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is celebrated for the departed handmaid of God, Jamilah Dagher, mother of Saideh Dagher, Eparchial Secretary; is also a 6 year memorial for the departed handmaid of God, Lois Babcock, mother of Fr. James; also for the health and salvation of Fr. Theophan Leonarczyk.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JACOB COMMUNITY:

December 18, 11 a.m. - Divine Liturgy will be offered for the departed servant of God Rami Dardass. A memorial service will be celebrated.

THE STRICT LENTEN FAST BEGAN ON DECEMBER 10 - normal Lenten Fasting practice is followed until December 25

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL: As we travel with the Virgin to Bethlehem where she will give birth to the greatest gift in human history—the Gift of God's Only-Begotten Son—let us not forget our Melkite Catholic Church by which Christ comes to our families and loved ones. **Please give an end-of-year, tax-deductible gift to the Melkite Church** in America and help our Church in countless ways. Help produce **SOPHIA** magazine, assist in the faith education of our young people, support the training of new priests and deacons, and expand our missions and start new ones. Please give generously so these vital works can continue and grow. God bless you for your generosity.

Please give an end-of-year, tax-deductible gift to the Bishop's Appeal. Give generously so the vital works of our Church can continue and grow. Appeal donation envelopes are available in the narthex. God bless you for your generosity.

The Young Catholic Professionals Speakers Series presents author and 2-time Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist **Steve Breen** on Tue, **Dec 13 @ 7pm**, Ascension Catholic Church, 11292 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Come hear Steve's faith walk as a Catholic professional. All are welcome!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: those who are ill and those who may be recovering from illness. Especially Fr. Theophan Leonarczyk. *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

St. Jacob Advisory Council members: Rose Habbash, Rami Maria, Rana Mitri, Waleed Qammouh, Max Samaan, Steve Saed, (Ladies Society President Majeda Maria.) *If you would like to serve on the Advisory Council, please contact Fr. Rezkallah*

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

Sunday, December 4

ATTENDANCE: 75

1 member gave \$200
2 members gave \$40
1 member gave \$30
1 Quick Pay \$25
2 members gave \$20
1 member gave \$15
4 members gave \$10
1 member gave \$5
Visitors gave \$128
Total donations
\$538

Sunday, December 4
Total Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings
\$538
Stipends \$0
Total income \$538
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: Our new Advisory Council members who are working for the growth and development of our Community

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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