

## 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:**

## Sebastian the Martyr and his Companions

St. Sebastian was from Milan (Italy) and a member of the Senate as well as a zealot for the faith of Christ. He converted many to Christianity. At a time of persecution he was arrested and pierced with sharp arrows. The bones of his body were shattered with clubs and he was cut to pieces. This was in the year 288. Together with him were others who also endured torture and died.

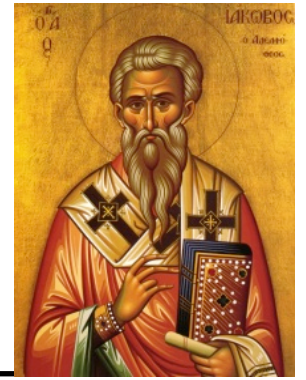


Christ is in our midst! He is and always will be

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Sunday, December 18, 2016



## Sunday of the Genealogy of Christ

The Sunday before the Nativity of the Lord (December 18-24) is known as the Sunday of the Holy Fathers. On this day the Church commemorates all those who were well-pleasing to God from all ages, from Adam to Saint Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos, those who are mentioned in the genealogy of Luke 3:23-38. The holy prophets and prophetesses are also remembered today, especially the Prophet Daniel and the three holy youths



**SAINT JACOB MELKITE COMMUNITY - Sunday of the Genealogy of Christ, December 18, 2016 - The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom** is celebrated for the departed servant of God **Rami Dardass**; also for the health and salvation of Fr. Theophan Leonarczyk.

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

**Christmas Day, December 25, 11 a.m. - Divine Liturgy of the Nativity.**

**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.**

**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

**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: 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 11**

**ATTENDANCE: 42**

3 members gave \$100  
2 members gave \$40  
1 Quick Pay \$25  
7 members gave \$20  
1 member gave \$15  
Visitors gave \$77  
Total donations  
\$537

Sunday, December 11  
Total Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings  
\$537

Stipends \$0

Coffee Hour \$77

Total income \$614

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](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).



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