

## 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.

## Standing, Sitting, Kneeling

In any Melkite Church, the proper position of prayer is STANDING. Kneeling on Sunday is strictly forbidden. Christ is Risen, so we stand. Kneeling in the Melkite Church is a sign of repentance, not reverence as is the case in Roman (Latin) Church. Kneeling is a proper prayer position during great lent and at the special prayers offered on Pentecost when we beg the Holy Spirit to come upon us.

What about sitting? We sit during the reading of the Epistle and during the homily (sermon) as these are time of teaching. We should stand throughout the Anaphora the heart of the Eucharistic service and make a profound bow at the time of the Epiclesis (the calling of the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ).

Sitting is permitted for those unable to stand during the litanies. Those prayers of petition chanted by the deacon.

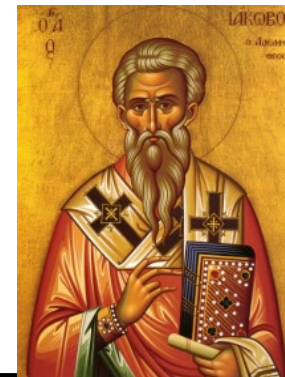
In any case on Sunday we should not kneel, but should stand!

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

# St. Jacob Melkite Catholic Community

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Sunday, December 4, 2016



### Saints of the Day

Holy Great Martyr  
Barbara



St. Barbara was the daughter of a pagan father. She became a follower of Christ and professed belief in the Holy Trinity. She was known for her beauty and her father encouraged her to marry but when she refused he locked her in a tower. Following her release she altered the design of a bath house her father was building by adding a third window and a cross. She was tortured and beheaded on orders of her father.

Holy Father  
John of Damascus



St. John was born in Damascus about the year 675, the son of wealthy and pious parents. John's father was a man of high rank in the service of the Caliph. St. John abandoned his life in Damascus and entered the monastic life at Mar Saba in Palestine. He was known as a defender of the veneration of the holy images (icons) and is author of many hymns still sung in our churches today. He reposed in the year 760.

**SAINT JACOB MELKITE COMMUNITY - Sunday, December 4, 2016 - The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom** is celebrated for the departed servant of God, **Pierre Sabbagh**, brother of Fr. Choukri Sabbagh, who serves St. Demetrius Melkite Community in Cliffside Park , New Jersey.

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

**December 6, Feast of St. Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra**

**December 9, Feast of the Conception of the Virgin Mary by St. Anne**

**December 11, 11 a.m. - Divine Liturgy**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Rami Maria, Rana Metri, Waleed Qammouh, Steve Saed, Max Samaan, Rose Habbash, who were elected at last Sunday's Thanksgiving Luncheon.

**CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO** Majeda Maria who was elected as Ladies Society President.

**THE BISHOP'S APPEAL:** As we commemorate today the Holy and Great-martyr, Barbara, who lived in Syria in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, let us also remember our brothers and sisters in Syria and throughout the Near East who today, like St. Barbara, are persecuted and martyred for their faith in Christ. Let us thank God for our religious freedom in the US and offer support to those who suffer for their Faith in the homelands of our Melkite Church by making a special gift to the Bishop's Appeal. Ten percent of your gifts to the Appeal go to the persecuted and poor, both in the Mid-East and here at home.

**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 His Grace, Bishop John Elya. *If you know someone in need of prayers please notify Fr. Rezkallah.*

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, November 27**

**ATTENDANCE: 75**

1 member gave \$200

1 member gave \$120

2 members gave \$100

2 members gave \$50

2 members gave \$40

1 member gave \$30

1 Quick Pay \$25

5 members gave \$20

4 members gave \$10

1 member gave \$5

Visitors gave \$229

Total donations

\$1,104

Sunday, November 27  
Total Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

\$1,104

Stipends \$0

Luncheon \$115

Total income \$1,219

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 last Sunday'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](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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