

## SAINT JACOB MELKITE-GREEK (BYZANTINE) CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Sunday Divine Liturgy 11 a.m. at Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church (2235 Galahad Road, San Diego) Mailing address: 4772 Felton st, San Diego, CA 92116; [Phone: 858-987-2864](tel:858-987-2864)

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**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.

**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.

**For Saturday, February 18,** the liturgy for the memorial of the dead, in the church, at 7 pm, so please inform Fr. Rezkallah before Saturday 18. You have my contact details at the top of the page.

سوف نقيم الذبيحة الطاهرة على نية الراقدين ، يوعم السبت المقبل، سبت الاموات، الواقع فيه 18 شباط الجاري وذلك الساعة السابعة مساءً في كنيسة الرعية فأرجو من الذين يرغبون بذكر الراقدين من أخصائهم أن يعلموا الاب رزق الله بذلك مسبقاً إما شفويًا أو بالبريد الإلكتروني أو بالرسائل العادية على التلفون المتنقل.

باقي لدينا بعض الروزنامات للعام 2017 فالذين لم يأخذوها بعد، هي متوفرة في نهاية الذبيحة الالهية، ويمكنكم التبرع للكنيسة بما تشاؤون. بارك الرب مسعاكم الطيب. والشكر لالتفاتتكم الكريمة إلى كنيسة الرب، في كل شي تقدمونه، في وقتكم ومالكم وخدماتكم.

**We still have some** Calendars for 2017, you can use them giving to the church whatever donation you want. They are available after the liturgy. May God bless all of you for your generosity; for time, for services, and for any other availability you offer.

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Sunday, February 12, 2017

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



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## Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Finally, this parable offers us insight into the world in which we live. It is a world where the activities of people are disconnected and not ordered toward the fulfillment of God's divine purpose for life. It is a world of incoherent pursuits, of illusory strivings, of craving for foods and drinks that do not satisfy, a world where nothing ultimately makes sense, and a world engulfed in untruth, deceit and sin. It is the exact opposite of the world as created by God and potentially recreated by his Son and Spirit. There is no cure for the evils of our age unless we return to God. The world in which we live is not a normal world, but a wasteland. This is why in the Slavic tradition of the Orthodox Church the reading of Psalm 137 is added to the Matins service for this and the the following two Sundays. This nostalgic lament of the Hebrew exiles states: "By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept as we remembered Zion. On the willows we hung our harps, for how could we sing the Lord's song in a strange land" (Psalm 137).

Here we can see the challenge of life in this world and the alienation from God that can happen when sin reigns in our lives. As a result of sin in our lives, we lose the joy of communion with God, we defile and lose our spiritual beauty, and we find ourselves far away from our real home, our real life. In true repentance, we realize this, and we express a deep desire to return, to recover what has been lost. On this day the Church reminds us of what we have abandoned and lost, and beckons us to find the desire and power to return. Our Heavenly Father is waiting and ready to receive us with His loving forgiveness and His saving embrace.

## TODAY'S TYPICON

### Antiphon Prayer (PLC p.430)

O God of mercy and compassion, Who do not want the sinner to die but to repent and live, we ask You to shine the Light of your Face upon us. Convert us to You, for the enemy has deceived us and stripped us of your grace. Restore to us our initial vestment. Open to us the doors of your great mercy, that we may enter your heavenly Dwellings with the Elect and praise your glory forever.

For You have sent your Only-begotten Son in forgiveness to the World. Through Him we render glory, thanksgiving and worship to You Eternal Father, and to your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen

**ISOZIKON (Entrance hymn): O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You. Alleluia.**

### Troparion of the Resurrection (6th tone)

The angelic powers were around Your tomb, \* and the guards became as dead; \* and Mary stood at the tomb, \* seeking Your spotless body; \* Then You despoiled Hades without being tried by it, \* and You met the Virgin O Bestower of life. \* O Lord, who rose from the dead, \* glory to You!

### Troparion of the patron of the church النشيد لشفيح الكنيسة

**Kondakion of the Prodigal Son**, BDW p. 778, PLC p. 431, ED 521

When in my wretchedness I ran away from your fatherly love, I squandered in wickedness the riches You had given me. And so now, like the Prodigal Son, I cry out to You: "I have sinned in your sight, O Merciful Father: receive me now that I repent and make me as one of your hired servants."

**TRISAGION:** Holy God, Holy Mighty One, ...

**Epistle** 1 Cor 6:12-20 Sunday of the Prodigal Son- Page 326 (English) – Page 366 (Arabic)

**Prokimenon** (Tone 1) Psalm 32:22,1

May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you.

Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

### Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are fitting. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of anyone. Food is for the belly, and the belly for food, but God will destroy both the one and the other. Now, the body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. For God has raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them the members of a prostitute? By no means! Or do you not know that one who cleaves to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For the two, it is said, shall be one flesh (Gn.2 : 24). But he who cleaves to the Lord is one spirit with him. Flee immortality. Every sin a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your members are the temple of the Holy

Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God and that you are not your own? For you have been bought at a great price. Glorify God therefore in your body and in your soul which both are God's.

**Alleluia** (Tone 1)

**Psalm 17:48,50** : O God, you granted me retribution and make peoples subject to me and saved me from my raging enemies.

**Stichon:** Therefore I will proclaim you, O Lord, among the nations, and I will sing praise to your name.

**Gospel:** Luke 15: 11-32 (The Parable of the Prodigal Son) Page 190 (English) – Page 120 (Arabic)

The Lord told this parable: "A man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his possessions between them. And not many days later, the younger son gathered up all his wealth and traveled to a far country; and there he squandered his fortune in loose living. And after he had spent all, there came a severe famine over that country, and he began to suffer from it. And he went and joined one of the local landowners, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. And he longed to fill himself with the pods the pigs were eating, but no one offered to give them to him. But when he had come to his senses, he said, 'How many hired men in my father's house have bread in abundance, while I am perishing with hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.'" And he got up and went to his father. But while he was yet a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion and ran and fell upon his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the Father said to his servants, 'Fetch quickly the best robe and put it on him, and give him a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet; and bring out the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; because this my son was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came close to the house, he heard music and dancing. And calling one of the servants he asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has got him back safe.' But he was angered and would not go in. His father, therefore, came out and began to beg him. But he answered and said to his father, 'Look, these many years I have been serving you, and have never disobeyed any of your orders; and yet, you have never given me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours comes, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes; you have killed for him the fattened calf!' But he said to him, 'Son you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours; but we were bound to make merry and rejoice, for this your brother was dead, and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

**HIRMOS:** It is truly right To Call you blessed ...

**KINONIKON:** Praise the Lord from the highest. Alleluia! (Psalms 148:1)

**POST-COMMUNION:** We have seen the True Light, ...