



St. Jacob Melkite Catholic Community

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Sunday of the Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

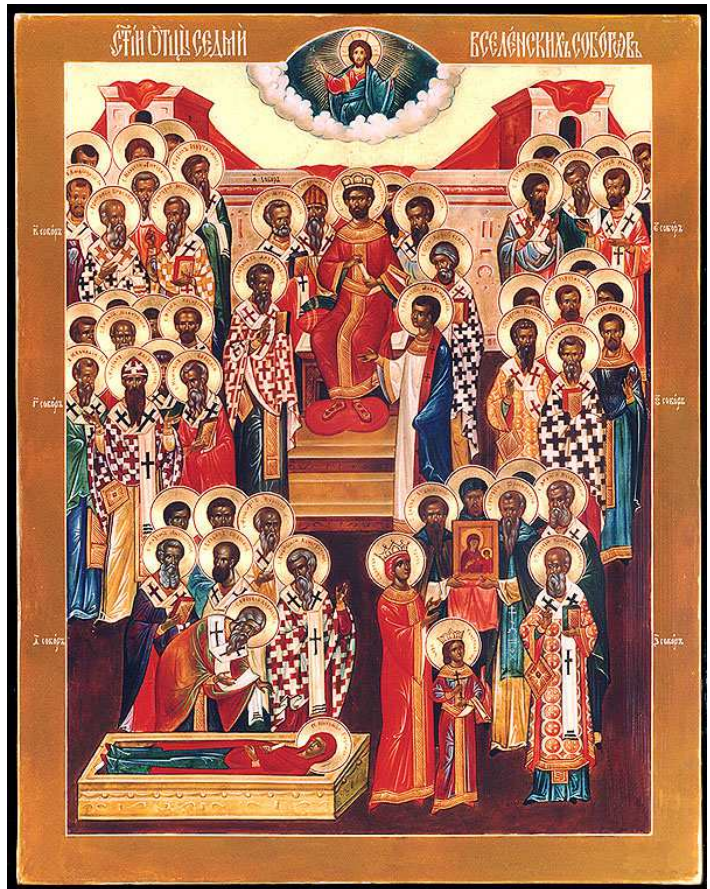
In the Ninth Article of the Nicea-Constantinople Symbol of Faith proclaimed by the holy Fathers of the First and Second Ecumenical Councils, we confess our faith in “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.” By virtue of the catholic nature of the Church, an Ecumenical Council is the Church’s supreme authority, and possesses the competence to resolve major questions of church life. An Ecumenical Council is comprised of archpastors and pastors of the Church, and representatives of all the local Churches, from every land of the “oikumene” (i.e. from all the whole inhabited world).

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Saint of the Day

Commemoration of the Holy Hieromartyr ATHENOGENES and his TEN DISCIPLES

Saint Athenogenes, a Chorebishop of Sebastia of Armenia, was martyred with his companions under Emperor Diocletian. He lived with his ten disciples in the market town of Phylactoa, now called Bedochton. Led before President Philemarkos for refusing to sacrifice to idols, the latter ordered that his ten disciples be beheaded and that Athenogenes be burned.



YOUTH RETREAT 2017: The upcoming Southern California Melkite Youth Retreat will be held from August 3 to 6 at the Celebrity Ranch in Temecula, CA. This year's topic is "My Identity in Christ" and the age group invited to attend are those youth who are entering grades 9-12. The program will begin at 11am on Thursday, August 3 and conclude after breakfast on Sunday, the 6th. There is no charge to attend (big thanks to Mike Farah for his generosity) but attendees must be able to stay for the entire program. For questions or more information on attending or volunteering to help organize, speak or chaperon, please contact Rosemarie Nasr from Holy Cross Parish at 714-985-1710.

Time is running out to enroll for your fully ONLINE Masters Degree from Byzantine Catholic Seminary!

The Master of Arts in Theology (M.A.T.) is a graduate-level theological program of Eastern Christian studies which may be completed in a 2 to 6 year time frame, in person or completely online. The online program is designed for busy professionals for full-time completion in five semesters and is convenient and affordable. Byzantine Catholic Seminary has been established for over 60 years and is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools. More information may be found at online.bcs.edu or by calling 412-321-8333. A brochure has also been posted on our church website, stjacobmelkite.org. The Fall 2017 application deadline is July 20th.



Good Stewards: Max Samaan for working diligently on finding a permanent home for St. Jacob Community. May God reward all His faithful stewards.

Please remember in your prayers: Those who are recovering from injury or illness, especially Nawal Kabbane, Jakelin Khouri, Deacon Michael Maria and Sam Ibrahim. The repose of the souls of Archimandrite Charles Aboody and Jacob George. Also remember His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph, His Grace Bishop Nicholas along with the faithful who are with him on their pilgrimage to the Holy Land and the youth of St. Jacob Community.

Know someone in need of a prayer? Notify Fr. Rezkallah by Wednesday to ensure they are included in the following Sunday's special intentions. Reach Fr. Rezkallah online by visiting <https://stjacobmelkite.org/prayer-request> or by telephone at 858-987-2864.

Bonfire at the bay: Join us on Saturday, July 29, for an evening bonfire at Sunset Point Park / Dana Landing. More details are available on our Facebook page.

Youth Group: Please see Dani Maria if you are interested in joining Living In Truth (LIT).

SAVE THE DATE! The Parish Life Committee is planning a New Year's Eve Party for 2018!

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

Summary of offerings made on Sunday, July 9

Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings: Electronic gifts: \$25,
Basket collection: \$574, Total tithes: \$599
Average weekly expenses: \$1,200
Average offerings made: Members: \$18.72, Visitors: \$18
Are you a member or a visitor? Members have offering envelopes. If you consider yourself a member and don't have offering envelopes, please see Rami Maria.
Tithe: Represents 10% of our gross income returned to God.
Sacrificial giving represents a gift that is a true sacrifice for us to give.

Attendance: 41
2 members gave \$100
3 members gave \$40
3 members gave \$25
5 members gave \$20
1 member gave \$15
3 members gave \$10
1 member gave \$5
Visitors gave \$54

Choir Practice: Please see Suha Maria if you would like to join the English or Arabic choirs.

Parish Advisory Council: Rami Maria (Chairman), Max Samaan (Vice-Chairman), Rose Habash (Secretary), Majeda Maria (Ladies Society Chairwoman), Waled Qamoh, Rana Metri and Micheline Hagggar.

Are you a visitor? Welcome! Please take a moment to fill out a visitor information form near the entrance of the church after the Divine Liturgy.

Volunteers needed! Please sign up with Fr. Rezkallah or Rami Maria for the unassigned tasks below. For social hour preparation and clean-up, please see Hala Shahtout.

Epistle Reading: The sign up sheet for those who would like to read the Epistle is in the white binder on the podium with the visitor information forms in the church narthex.

Volunteer Schedule

(please sign up with Fr. Rezkallah if your family would like to volunteer)

Date	Task	Responsible Member(s)	
Sunday 7/16/2017	Epistle Reading	EN: Juliette Linholm	AR: Henene Boghos
	Welcoming Visitors	Waled Qamoh	
	Gospel Bearing	EN: Emile Shahtout	AR: Adli Hanna
	Social hour	Rose Habash	
Sunday 7/23/2017	Epistle Reading	EN:	AR: Laila Khbais
	Welcoming Visitors	Rami Maria	
	Gospel Bearing	EN:	AR:
	Social hour	Evelyn Bagdasar	

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Offered on behalf of Jacob George

Hymns:

Troparion of the resurrection (5th Tone)

Let us, O faithful, * praise and worship the word, * coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, * born of the Virgin for our Salvation; * for He was pleased to be lifted in the flesh upon the cross * and to endure death * and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

نشيد القيامة بالحن الخامس

لننشد نحن المؤمنين ونسجدُ للكلمة، الأزلي مع الآب والروح، المولود من العذراء لخلاصنا. لأنه ارتضى أن يصعدَ بالجسدِ على الصليب، ويحتمل الموت، وينهضَ الموتى بقيامته المجيدة.

Troparion of the Fathers, (8th Tone) BDW p.724, ED p. 1469

O Christ our God, you are above all glory, for you have established our Holy Fathers as radiant stars on earth, and through them you have guided us all to the true faith. Most Merciful One, glory to You!

نشيد الآباء بالحن الثامن

أنت أيها المسيح إلهنا فائقُ المجد، لأنك أقمْتَ آباءنا كواكبَ على الأرض، وبهم هديتُنا جميعاً الى الايمان الحقيقي. فيا جزيلَ التحنُّنِ المجدُ لك.

Troparion of St. Jacob, Brother of the Lord (4th Tone) (Horologion p. 847)

As a disciple of the Lord, you received the Gospel, O holy Jacob. As a martyr, you displayed unyielding will. As a brother of God, you have special power with Him. As a hierarch, you have the right of intercession. Intercede therefore with Christ God that he may save our souls.

طروبارية القديس يعقوب أخي الرب (شفيح الرعية):

بما أنك تلميذٌ للرب قبلتَ الإنجيل، أيها الصديق. وبما أنك شهيدٌ لك عزمٌ لا ينتني، وبما أنك أخٌ للرب لك الدأثة لديه. وبما أنك رئيسُ كهنة لك حقُّ الشفاعة. فاشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا

Kondakion:

O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

نشيد الختام (الفتداق)

يا نصيرة المسيحيين التي لا تُخزي، ووسيطتهم الدائمة لدى الخالق، لا تعرضي عن أصواتِ الخطاة الطالبين اليك. بل بما أنك صالحة، بادري الى معونتنا، نحن الصارخين اليك بأيمان: هلمي الى الشفاعة، وأسرعني الى الابتهاال، يا والدة الإله المحامية دائماً عن مكرميك.

Epistle Titus 3:8-15, Page 410 (English) – Page 464 (Arabic)

PROKIMENON (Tone 8) Ps.31:11, 1

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

Stichon: Happy are those whose faults are taken away, and whose sins are covered.

READING from the Epistle of St. Paul to Titus

My son Titus, this saying is true, and in this matter I want to insist that those who believe in God be careful to excel in good works; these are good and useful to people. But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and quarrels, and disputes about the Law, for they are useless and futile.

Avoid a factious man after warning him one or twice, knowing that such a man is perverted and sins, since he is condemning himself.

When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to meet me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Help Zenas the lawyer and Apolos on their way, taking care that they lack nothing. And let our people also learn to excel in good works, in order to help cases of urgent need so that they may not be unfruitful. All my companions greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. The grace of God be with all of you. Amen.

ALLELUIA (Tone 4) Ps.43:2, 8

O God, our ears have heard, our fathers have declared to us the deeds you did in their days, in the days of old.

Stichon: For you saved us from those who afflicted us and have put to shame those who hated us.

رسالة الاحد آباء المجامع المسكونية الستة الاولى

مقدمة الرسالة

إفرحوا بالربِّ وابتهجوا أيها الصديقون، وافتخروا يا جميعَ المستقيمي القلوب
طوبى للذين غُفرتْ ذنوبهم، والذين سترتْ خطاياهم

الرسالة (تيطس 3: 8-15)

يا ولدي تيطس، صادقُ القول، وأريد ان تُقرِّرَ هذه الامور، حتى يكونَ الذين آمنوا بالله ذوي اهتمام في القيام
بالأعمال الصالحة. فهذه هي الحسنه والنافعه للناس. أما المباحثاتُ السخيفه والانساب، والخصوماتُ والمماحكاتُ
على الناموس فأجتنبها، فانها غيرُ نافعه وباطلة. ورجلُ البدعة، بعدَ الانذارِ أولاً وثانياً، أعرض عنه، عالماً ان
مثلَ هذا قد زاغ، وهو في الخطيئة يقضي هو نفسه على نفسه. متى ارسلتُ اليك أرتماسَ او تيخيكَسَ بادر ان
تأتيني الى نيكوبولس. لأنني عولتُ ان أشتو هناك. اما زيناسُ معلّمُ الناموس وأبُّس، فجهزهما باعتناءٍ لئلا
يُعوّزَهما شيء. وليتعلّمَ ذونا ايضاً ان يقوموا بالأعمال الصالحة للحاجاتِ الضرورية، حتى لا يكونوا بدون ثمر.
يُسلمُ عليك جميعُ الذين معي. سلمٌ على الذين يُحبُّوننا في الايمان. النعمة معكم اجمعين. آمين

هللوا

اللهمَّ بأدائنا قد سمعنا، وأباؤنا أخبرونا بالعمل الذي عملته في أيامهم، في الايام القديمة
خُصّتنا من مُضايقتنا، وأخرّيتْ مُبغضينا.

The Lord said to his disciples, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Neither do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but upon the lamp-stand, so as to give light to all in the house. Even so let your light shine before men, in order that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For amen I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not one letter or one stroke shall be lost from the Law till all things have been accomplished. Therefore whoever does away with one of these least commandments, and so teaches men, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever carries them out and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

الانجيل (متى 5: 14 – 20) انجيل احد آباء المجامع المسكونية الستة الاولى

قالَ الربُّ، أنتم نورُ العالم، لا يُمكنُ أن تخفى مدينةٌ قائمةٌ على جبل، ولا يوقدُ سراجٌ ويوضعُ تحتَ المكيال، بل على المنارة فيضيء لكلِّ من في البيت. وهكذا فليضيء نورُكم قدامَ الناس، ليروا أعمالكم الصالحة ويُجدوا أباكم الذي في السموات. لا تظنُّوا اني أتيتُ لأنقضَ الناموسَ والأنبياء. اني لم آتِ لأنقضَ بل لأتِّمِّم. ألحقَّ أقولُ لكم: إنه إلى أن تزولَ السماءُ والارضُ لا تزولُ ياءٌ واحدةٌ أو نقطةٌ واحدةٌ من الناموس حتى يتِمَّ الكلُّ. فكلُّ من يحلُّ واحدةً من تلك الوصايا الصغرى ويُعلِّمُ الناسَ هكذا، فإنه يُدعى صغيراً في ملكوتِ السموات. وأما من يعملُ بها ويُعلِّمُ، فهذا يُدعى عظيماً في ملكوتِ السموات.

Hymn to the Theotokos: “It is truly right ...”

نشيد لوالدة الاله: “انه واجب حقا ...”

Kinonikon: “Praise the Lord ...”

Post-communion hymn: “We have seen the true light...”

Holy Mysteries

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 Fr. Rez-kallah 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.

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The Church venerates the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils because Christ has established them as “lights upon the earth,” guiding us to the true Faith. “Adorned with the robe of truth,” the doctrine of the Fathers, based upon the preaching of the Apostles, has established one faith for the Church. The Ecumenical Councils, are the highest authority in the Church. Such Councils, guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and accepted by the Church, are infallible.

The Church’s conciliar definitions of dogma have the highest authority, and such definitions always begin with the Apostolic formula: “It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us...” (Acts 15: 28).

The Ecumenical Councils were always convened for a specific reason: to combat false opinions and heresies, and to clarify the Orthodox Church’s teaching. But the Holy Spirit has thus seen fit, that the dogmas, the truths of faith, immutable in their content and scope, constantly and consequently are revealed by the conciliar mind of the Church, and are given precision by the holy Fathers within theological concepts and terms in exactly such measure as is needed by the Church itself for its economy of salvation. The Church, in expounding its dogmas, is dealing with the concerns of a given historical moment, “not revealing everything in haste and thoughtlessly, nor indeed, ultimately hiding something” (Saint Gregory the Theologian).

The First Ecumenical Council (Nicea I) was convened in the year 325 against the heresy of Arius, in the city of Nicea in Bithynia under Saint Constantine the Great, Equal of the Apostles.

The Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople I) was convened in the year 381 against the heresy of Macedonias, by the emperor Theodosius the Great.

The Third Ecumenical Council (Ephesus) was convened in the year 431 against the heresy of Nestorius, in the city of Ephesus by the emperor Theodosius the Younger.

The Fourth Ecumenical Council (Chalcedon) was convened in the year 451, against the Monophysite heresy, in the city of Chalcedon under the emperor Marcian.

The Fifth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople II) “Concerning the Three Chapters,” was convened in the year 553, under the emperor Justinian the Great.

The Sixth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople III) met during the years 680-681, to fight the Monothelite heresy, under the emperor Constantine Pogonatos.

The fact that the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II) is not commemorated today testifies to the antiquity of today’s celebration. The Seventh Council, commemorated on the Sunday nearest to October 11, was convened at Nicea in the year 787 against the Iconoclast heresy, under the emperor Constantine and his mother Irene.

SAINT JACOB MELKITE (BYZANTINE) CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Sunday Divine Liturgy 11 a.m. at Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church

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Fr. Rezkallah Samaan, Pastor/Administrator Deacon Antoine Kabbane, Associate

St. Jacob Melkite Community is a Melkite-Greek Catholic Community of the Eparchy of Newton, headed by His Grace, Bishop Nicholas. Liturgical services are celebrated in Arabic and English. The Eparchy (Diocese) is a part of the Patriarchate of Antioch, headed by His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph I. "...and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians" (Acts 11:26). The Melkite-Greek Catholic Church maintains communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

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Event Calendar

(more details available on website - www.stjacobmelkite.org)

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Divine Liturgy PAC Meeting	3	4	5	6 LIT Bible Study	7	8
9 Divine Liturgy	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Fathers	17	18	19 LIT Bowling	20 Feast of St. Elias	21	22
23 Divine Liturgy Blessing of Cars	24	25 Dormition of St. Anne	26	27 Feast of St. Panteleimon PAC Meeting	28	29 Bonfire at Sun- set Point Park/ Dana Landing
30 Divine Liturgy	31					