

Saturday, October 23, 2021

Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

السبت 23 تشرين الأول 2021

Divine Liturgy of St. James

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St. Jacob Melkite  
Greek-Catholic Church

Serving San Diego Since 1990



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### 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of St. Jacob Community in San Diego

Today we are celebrating the feast of our humble mission's patron, St Jacob (James), Brother of the Lord. He is thought to have been a son of Joseph from a wife before the betrothal to the Virgin Mary. Others say he was a nephew of Joseph. St Jacob was also the first bishop of Jerusalem. He is also called "The Just" because of his holiness and righteousness. During Passover, in Jerusalem, he is said to have ascended to the crown of the temple, proclaiming faith in Jesus Christ, crying out that Our Lord now sits enthroned at the right hand of the Father and claiming that Jesus will come again in glory. The high priest ordered that St Jacob be cast down from the temple. He was stoned to death and received a crown of immortality. It is through his intercession we implore Christ God to bring back to our fold – their rightful spiritual home – all of our lost and wayward Melkites. Through the prayers of our Holy Father, St Jacob, may Christ our True God bless our community, and through your labors and generosity, cause it to grow for future generations of Melkites.

**Remember in your prayers:** All who are sick, suffering. We pray for peace throughout the world, especially for those suffering in the Middle-east. We pray for those who have fallen asleep before us in the hope of resurrection.

**Hospitality:** We are grateful to all the faithful who take care of our temporal needs and feed us after liturgy. We need volunteers on a weekly basis to please consider stepping up and engage in this ministry of hospitality. Many thanks and blessings for your support. We are especially grateful to the Shahtout family who, last week, provided the mercy meal in honor of our dearly departed Emil. Memory eternal!

**Anniversary Luncheon:** Tomorrow we will be celebrating our 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary with a special luncheon immediately after Holy Liturgy in the hall. All are invited.

#### Lesson: Jeremiah 26:8-15

**Reader:** A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered about Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. Then the priests and the prophets said to the princes and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears." Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and all the people, saying, "The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will repent of the evil which he has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

**People:** Alleluia (x3)

**Cantor:** Through all the earth, their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world their message. (Ps. 18:5)

**People:** Alleluia (x3)

**Cantor:** The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands. (Ps. 18:2)

**People:** Alleluia (x3)

**EPISTLE: Galations 1:11-19**

**Reader:** A reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

BRETHREN, I give you to understand that the Good News that was announced to you by me is not of man. For I did not receive it from man, nor was it taught to me [by man], but I received it by a revelation from Jesus Christ. For you have heard of the way I lived before in Judaism: how I persecuted the Church of God and ravaged it beyond measure. And I advanced in Judaism above many of my contemporaries in my nation, showing much more zeal for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased him who from my mother's womb set me apart and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the Gentiles, immediately, without taking counsel with flesh and blood and without going up to Jerusalem to those who were appointed apostles before me, I retired into Arabia and again returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went to Jerusalem to see Peter, and I remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles, except James, the Lord's brother.

**People:** Alleluia (x3)

**Cantor:** The heavens shall proclaim your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the saints. (Ps. 88:6)

**People:** Alleluia (x3)

**Cantor:** God is glorified in the council of His saints, great and awesome to all those around Him. (Ps. 88:8)

**People:** Alleluia (x3)

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**SAINT JACOB MELKITE GREEK-CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Sunday Divine Liturgy 11:00 a.m. at Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church

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**Saint Jacob Melkite Catholic Church** is an Eastern Catholic Community of the Eparchy of Newton, headed by His Grace, Bishop Nicholas. Liturgical services are celebrated in English and Arabic in the Byzantine Rite. The Eparchy (Diocese) is a part of the Patriarchate of Antioch, headed by His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph. "...and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians" (Acts 11:26). The Melkite Greek-Catholic Church professes the orthodox faith and maintains full communion with the See of Rome.

**St. Jacob Mission Statement:** To foster a Catholic and Godly renewal with worship through the awe-inspiring Liturgy of the Byzantine Rite and by safeguarding our Orthodox Faith and Tradition; in order to bring the message of the Living Lord to the faithful and seekers of truth.

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