

# St. Jacob Melkite Greek-Catholic Church

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# كنيسة القديس يعقوب للروم الملكيين الكاثوليك

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## Sunday of the Man Born Blind

This Sunday commemorates the healing of a man born blind. Jesus heals the man, which places the man, his family, and Jesus at odds with the powers that be. It reminds us that our following Jesus will often place us at odds with powers and forces in the secular world. This Sunday also reminds us for the need to examine our own lives: are our eyes, minds, hearts, and souls open to Jesus? Do we recognize Him when he acts in our lives?

**Prior week's donations:** \$3131 (including all cash, checks, and electronic deposits). Our weekly expenses run about \$1500. We appreciate your generosity.

**Mother's Day:** Today we raise up our Mothers in prayer that God may sustain them in their special vocation. We commend, anew, the souls of our faithful departed Mothers, reposing in the Lord. Memory Eternal. We hope to see you at our Mothers' Day lunch following liturgy at Riverwalk Golf Club! Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make this event a success!

**How can you join in the mission and vision of St Jacob's, the only Melkite community in San Diego County?** First, by participating in the life of our community and attending our worship services. Second, if you cannot attend regularly, please pray for the well-being of our Melkite mission. Third, your financial support is crucial for the longevity of St Jacob's. Please give generously to Sunday collections, mail your donations to PO Box 231328, San Diego, CA 92193, or visit our new donations web page: <https://stjacobmelkite.org/giving/donate> for electronic giving options. May the Lord bless you for your much needed support!

**Remember in your prayers:** All who are sick, suffering or recovering from illness, especially Jessica Hana, Nasim Barrack, Amal Haddad, Manuel Salazar, Matthew Medina, Samir Shamieh, Michelle Haggar, Alice Boghos, and Nassim and Soumaya Nasser. And we remember all who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection.

**Troparion of the Resurrection (5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Troparion of St. Jacob, Brother of the Lord (Tone 4):** 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.

**Kondakion of Pascha:** Though You went down in the tomb, O immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades and rose victorious, O Christ God. You greeted the ointment bearing women, saying "Rejoice!" You gave peace to Your apostles, and to those who had Fallen resurrection.

### Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 16: 16-34

PROKIMENON (Tone 5) Ps.11: 8, 2:

You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

**Stichon:** Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any holy man, for truthfulness has vanished from among the children of men.

**READING** from the Acts of the Apostles: In those days it came to pass that as we the disciples were going to pray; we were met by a girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her masters much profit by her soothsaying. Now, she was following Paul and us, and kept crying out loudly, "These men are servants of the most high God, and they announce to you a way of salvation!" This she did for many days. But Paul could not stand it, so he turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ: get out of her!" And it went out of her that very moment. But seeing that their hope of profit was gone, her masters seized Paul and Silas and dragged them to the market-place before the authorities; and bringing them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city. They are Jews, and they advocate practices it is not permitted for us to adopt or observe, since we are Romans." And the crowd opposed them too, and the magistrates tore off their cloaks and ordered them to be beaten with rods. And after inflicting many blows on them, they threw them in jail, ordering the jailer to keep them under safe guard. And he, receiving this command, consigned them to the inner jail and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight, while Paul and Silas were singing hymns to God, the prisoners listened to them. And suddenly, there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the jail were shaken, and at once all the doors flew open and everyone's chains came loose. But when the jailer woke up and saw all the doors of the jail open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, thinking the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Do not hurt yourself, for we are all here!" Then calling for a light, he ran in, and trembling with fear, fell at the feet of Paul and Silas. And he let them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you shall be saved together with your household." And he spoke

### نشيد القيامة: (باللحن الخامس)

لنشيد نحن المؤمنين ونسجد للكلمة، الأزلي مع الأب والروح، المولود من العذراء لخلصنا. لأنه ارتضى أن يصعد بالجسد على الصليب، ويحمل الموت، وينهض الموتى بقيامته المجيدة.

### طروبارية القديس يعقوب أخي الرب: (باللحن الرابع)

بما أنك تلميذ للرب قبلت الإنجيل، أيها الصديق. وبما أنك شهيد لك عزم لا يبتني، وبما أنك أخ للرب لك الدالة لديه. وبما أنك رئيس كهنة لك حق الشفاعة. فاشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

### القنداق: (باللحن الثاني أو الثامن)

وإن نزلت إلى القبر يا من لا يموت، فقد نقضت قدرة الجحيم وقمت كظافر، أيها المسيح الإله. وللنساء حاملات الطيب قلت افرحن. ولرسلك وهبت السلام، يا مانح الواقعين القيام.

### مقدمة الرسالة:

أنت يا رب تحفظنا وتحمينا من هذا الجيل والى الدهر

خلصني يا رب فإن البار قد فني لأن الحقيقة قد ضغقت عند بني البشر

### الرسالة: أعمال الرسل (16: 16 - 34)

في تلك الأيام، فيما نحن الرسل ذاهبون إلى الصلاة، استقبلتنا جارية بها روح عرافة، وكانت تكسب موالئها كسباً جزئياً بعزافتها. فطفقت تمشي في إثر بولس وإثرنا وتصيخ قائله: هؤلاء الرجال هم عبيد الله العلي، وهم يبشرونكم بطريق الخلاص. وقعلت ذلك أياماً كثيرة. وإذ صجر بولس، التفت وقال للروح: إني أمرك باسم يسوع المسيح أن تخرج منها. فخرج في تلك الساعة. فلما رأى موالئها أنه قد ذهب رجاء مكسبهم، قبضوا على بولس وسبيلا، وجرؤهما إلى السوق عند الحكام، وقدموهما للولاة قائلين: إن هذين الرجلين يبلبلان مدينتنا. وهما يهوديان، ويناديان بعبادات لا يجوز لنا قبولها ولا العمل بها إذ نحن رومانيون. فقام عليهما الجمع. ومرق الولاة ثيابهما وأمروا أن يضربا بالعصي. ولما أخذوهما بالجراح، ألقوهما في السجن، وأوصوا السجنان بأن يحرسهما بضبط. وإذ أوصى السجنان بمثل تلك الوصية، ألقاهما في السجن الداخلي، وضبط أرجلهما في المقطرة، وعند نصف الليل، كان بولس وسبيلا يصليان ويسبحان الله، والمحبوسون يسمعونهما. فحدثت بعته زلزلة شديدة حتى ترعرت أسس السجن، فانفتحت في الحال الأبواب كلها، وأنفتحت أبواب الجميع. فلما استيقظ السجنان ورأى أبواب السجن مفتوحة، استل السيف وهم أن يقتل نفسه، لظنه أن المحبوسين قد هربوا. فناداه بولس بصوت عالٍ قائلًا: لا تفعل بنفسك سوءاً، فإننا جميعاً ههنا. فاستدعى بمصباح ووثب إلى داخل، وخر لبولس وسبيلا وهو مرتعد. ثم خرج بهما وقال: يا سيدي، ماذا ينبغي لي أن أصنع لأخلص؟ فقالا: آمن بالرب يسوع المسيح، فتخلص أنت وأهل بيتك. وكلماه وجميع من في بيته بكلمة الرب. فأخذهما في تلك الساعة من الليل، وغسل

to him the word of the Lord, and also to all his household. And he took them at that same hour of the night, and washed their wounds; and he himself was baptized, and all those of his household immediately after. And taking them into his house, he set a table before them, and rejoiced with all his household over his faith in God.

**ALLELUIA** (Tone 5) Ps.88: 2, 3

Your favor, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation, my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

**Stichon:** For you have said, "My kindness is established forever." In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

**Gospel of the Feast: John 9:1-38:**

At that time as Jesus was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who has sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither has this man sinned nor have his parents, but the works of God were to be made manifest in him. I must do the works of the one who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world." When he had said these things, he spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle, and spread the clay over the man's eyes, and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is interpreted 'sent')." So, he went away, and washed, and returned seeing. The neighbors therefore and those who had seen earlier that he was blind began saying, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is." But others said, "He only looks like him." Yet, the man declared, "I am the one." They therefore asked him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "The man who is called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' And I went and washed, and I see." And they asked him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. Now, it was a Sabbath on which Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Again, therefore, the Pharisees asked him: how he received his sight. But he said to them, "He put clay upon my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore, some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner work these signs?" And there was a division among them. Again therefore they said to the blind man, "What do you say of the one who opened your eyes?" But he said, "He is a prophet." he Jews therefore did not believe of him that he had been blind and had got his sight, until they called the parents of the one who had gained his sight, and questioned them, saying, "Is this your son, of whom you say he was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we ourselves do not know. Ask him; he is of age, let him speak for himself." These things his parents said because they feared the Jews. For already the Jews had agreed that if anyone were to confess him to be the Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. This is why his parents said, "He is of age; question him." They therefore called a second time the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give glory to God! We ourselves know this man is a sinner." He therefore said, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know, that whereas I was blind, now I see." They therefore asked him again, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, but you did not listen. Why would you hear a second time? Would you also become his disciples?" They heaped abuse on him therefore and said, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know God spoke to Moses; but as for this man, we do not know where he is from." In answer the man said to them, "Why herein is the marvel, that you do not know where he is from, and yet he opened my eyes. Now we know God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshipper of God, and does his will, him he hears. Not from the beginning of the world has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were altogether born in sins, and do you teach us?" And they turned him out. Jesus heard they had turned him out, and when he had found him, said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is he, Lord, that I may believe in him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen him, and he it is who speaks with you." And he said, "I believe, Lord." And falling down, he worshipped him.

**Hirmos:** The angel cried out to the one who is full of grace: "Hail, O immaculate Virgin!" Hail again, for your Son is risen from the tomb on the third day. Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has shone upon you. Rejoice and be glad, O Zion; and you, O pure one, O Mother of God, exult in the resurrection of your Son.

**Kinonikon:** Receive the Body of Christ and taste the Source of Immortality. Alleluia.

**Post-communion Hymn:** *Christ is risen ...* (once)

**Instead of "Let our mouth":** Christ is risen... (once)

**Instead of "Blessed be the name ...":** Christ is risen... (3 times)

جراحهما، واعتمد من وقته، هو ودؤوه أجمعون. ثم أصعدهما الى بيته، وقدم لهما مائدة، وابتهج مع جميع أهل بيته، إذ كان قد آمن بالله.

**هللوا**

بمراحمك يا رب أرثم الى الأبد، الى جيل فجيل أعلن حقاك بعمي لأتلك قلت: إن الرحمة تُبنى الى الأبد، وفي السماوات يُثبت حقاك.

**انجيل أحد الاعمي:** (الاحد السادس بعد الفصح)

في ذلك الزمان، فيما يسوع مجتازاً رأى إنساناً أعمى منذ مولده. فسأله تلاميذه قائلين: يا معلم من أخطأ. أهذا أم أبواه حتى يولد أعمى؟ أجاب يسوع: لا هذا أخطأ ولا أبواه، لكن لتظهر أعمال الله فيه. ينبغي لي أن اعمل أعمال من أرسلني ما دام النهار. سيأتي الليل الذي لا يستطيع أحد فيه عملاً. ما دمت في العالم فأنا نور العالم. قال هذا وتقل على الارض وصنع من تفلته طيناً وطلّى بالطين عيني الأعمى. وقال له: اذهب واغتسل في بركة سلوام - ومعنى الكلمة: المرسل- فمضى واغتسل وعاد بصيراً. فالجيران والذين كانوا يرونه قبلاً أعمى قالوا: أليس هذا هو الذي كان يجلس ويتوسل؟ فقال بعضهم: أنه هو. وقال آخرون إنه يشبهه. واما هو فكان يقول: انا هو. فقالوا له: كيف انفتحت عينك؟ أجاب ذلك وقال: هذا الرجل الذي يقال له يسوع، صنع طيناً وطلّى عيني. وقال لي اذهب الى بركة سلوام واغتسل. فمضيت واغتسلت فأبصرت. فقالوا له: أين ذلك؟ فقال: لا أعلم. فأثوا بالذي كان قبلاً أعمى إلى الفريسيين. وكان حين صنع يسوع الطين وفتح عينه يوم سبت. فسأله الفريسيون أيضاً كيف أبصر. فقال لهم: جعل على عيني طيناً واغتسلت فأبصرت. فقال قوم من الفريسيين: هذا الرجل ليس من الله. لأنه لا يحفظ السبت. وآخرون قالوا: كيف يقدر رجل خاطئ أن يعمل مثل هذه الآيات؟ فوقع بينهم شقاق. فقالوا أيضاً للأعمى: أنت ماذا تقول عنه بما انه فتح عينيك؟ فقال إنه نبي. ولم يصدق اليهود عنه أنه كان أعمى فأبصر حتى دعوا أبوي الذي أبصر، وسألوهما قائلين: أهذا هو ابنكما الذي تقولان إنه ولد أعمى؟ فكيف أبصر الآن؟ فأجابهم أبواه وقالوا: نحن نعلم أن هذا ولدنا، وانه ولد أعمى. واما كيف أبصر الآن فلا نعلم. أو من فتح عينه فلا نعرف، وهو كامل السن فأسألوه، فهو يتكلم عن نفسه. قال أبواه هذا لأنهما كانا يخافان من اليهود. لأن اليهود كانوا قد تعاهدوا على أنه إن اعترف أحد بأنه المسيح يخرج من المجمع. فلذلك قال أبواه إنه كامل السن فأسألوه. فدعوا الرجل الذي كان أعمى مرة ثانية وقالوا له: أعط مجداً لله، فإننا نعلم أن هذا الرجل خاطئ. فأجاب ذلك وقال: إن كان خاطئاً فلا أعلم إنما أعلم شيئاً واحداً هو أنني كنت أعمى والآن أبصر. فقالوا له من جديد: ماذا صنع بك، كيف فتح عينيك؟ أجابهم قد أخبرتكم قبلاً فلم تسمعوا فماذا تريدون أن تسمعوا أيضاً، ألعلمكم تريدون أنتم أيضاً أن تصيروا له تلاميذ؟ فشتموه وقالوا: أنت تلميذ ذلك. فأما نحن فإننا تلاميذ موسى. ونحن نعلم ان الله كلم موسى. فأما هذا فلم نعلم من أين هو. أجاب الرجل وقال لهم: إن في هذا لعجباً، أنكم لا تعرفون من أين هو وقد فتح عيني. ونحن نعلم ان الله لا يسمع للخطاة، ولكن إذا ألقى الله وعمل مشيئته فله يستجيب. ولم يسمع منذ الدهر أن أحداً فتح عيني من ولد أعمى. فلو لم يكن هذا من الله لما أستطاع أن يفعل شيئاً. أجابوا وقالوا له: إنك بجملتك قد ولدت في الخطايا وأنت تعلمنا؟ فطرده خارجاً. وسمع يسوع انهم طردوه خارجاً، فوجده وقال له: أتومن أنت بأين الله؟ فأجاب ذلك وقال: ومن هو يا سيد لأومن به؟ قال يسوع: قد رأيته وهو الذي يكلمك فقال له أنا أومن يا رب، وسجد له.

**الأرمس:** (باللحن الأول): ان الملاك خاطب الممثلة نعمة: أيتها العذراء النقية افرحي. وايضاً اقول افرحي، لأن ابنك قد قام من القبر في اليوم الثالث. أستتيري أستتيري، يا اورشليم الجديدة لأن مجد الرب قد أشرق عليك. افرحي الآن وتهللي يا اورشليم. وأنت يا نقيّة يا والدة الاله افرحي بقيامة ولدك.

**بدل (اقبني اليوم شريكاً) يرثم جسد المسيح خذوا. والينبوع الذي لا ينضب ذوقوا. هللوا.**

**بدل (لقد نظرنا ...)** يرثم المسيح قام.. (مرة واحدة)

**بدل (لنمتلئء أفواهنا من تسبيحك ...)** يرثم: المسيح قام... (مرة واحدة)

**بدل (ليكن اسم الرب مباركاً...)** يرثم المسيح قام (3 مرات)