

Monday, October 23, 2023

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

الاثنين 23 تشرين الأول 2023

Divine Liturgy of St. James

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St. Jacob Melkite Greek-Catholic Church

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33rd Anniversary of St. Jacob Community in San Diego

Today we commemorate 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 or recovering from illness, especially Fr. James Babcock, Alfonso Hababa, Suad Maria, Jamil Maria, Jessica Hana, Manuel Salazar, Matthew Medina, Samir Shamieh, Micheline Hagar, Alice Boghos, and Nassim and Soumaya Nasser. We also remember all who have been and continue to be affected by the tragedies taking place in Gaza.

Thank you: We sincerely thank all who have elected to use their ticket payment as a donation toward humanitarian aid in Gaza. Please contact Rami Maria or Fr. Shaun promptly if you would like to do the same. Otherwise expect to see a refund by week's end. See the full announcement here: <https://stjacobmelkite.flocknote.com/note/23505362>

Anniversary Dinner: After we have commemorated our patron saint this evening, please proceed to the social hall for a community dinner.

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/donate> for electronic giving options. May the Lord bless you for your much needed support!

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: Galatians 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)

SAINT JACOB MELKITE GREEK-CATHOLIC CHURCH

Wednesday **Vespers** 7:00 p.m. **Confessions** after vespers & by appt Sunday **Divine Liturgy** 11:15 a.m.

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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; to bring the message of the Living Lord to the faithful and seekers of truth.

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