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# كنيسة القديس يعقوب للروم الملكيين الكاثوليك

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## Sunday Before the Nativity of our Lord – Genealogy

الأحد الذي قبل الميلاد – المعروف بأحد النسبة

Today, the Sunday before the Nativity of Christ, we celebrate all those righteous ancestors of Christ, who from ages past have been well-pleasing to God. The emphasis in Matthew's gospel, from the very start, is on the title given to Jesus: "Messiah" in Hebrew and "Christ" in Greek. Jesus is, for us, therefore, the long-awaited anointed king! He is both "Son of David" and "Son of Abraham." We have only a few more days to prepare to welcome our King of Kings, and Lord of Lords!

**Prior week's donations: \$778** (including all cash, checks, and electronic deposits). Our weekly expenses run about **\$1700**. If we get 30 people (i.e., all the men, women, and children, combined), that amounts to about **\$57 per person**. We appreciate your generosity. St Jacob's couldn't survive without your support!

**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 donations web page: <https://stjacobmelkite.org/donate> for electronic giving options. May the Lord bless your generosity. **St Jacob's can't exist without your support!**

**Free Lunch:** Please join us in the hall today after liturgy for our Christmas lunch. Many thanks to Waled and our social committee for making this work!

**Christmas:** Our liturgy for the birth of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ will be Wednesday, 25 December at 11:15. There will be **no vespers that evening**.

**Bishop's Appeal:** Please make your donation to the 2024 Bishop's Appeal at your earliest possible convenience. You should have received your envelope in the mail. You can also go online. If you need more information, please see Fr Shaun ASAP!

**Remember in your prayers:** All who are sick, suffering or recovering from illness, especially Samir Khbais, Fr. Alexei Woltornist, Juliette Linholm, Carter Servino, Dcn. Edward Bagdasar, Najib Bagdasar, Eduardo Rame, Alfonso Hababa, Suad Maria, Jamil Maria, Manuel Salazar, Matthew Medina, Samir Shamieh, Micheline Hagggar, Alice Boghos, Emil Shami and Nassim and Soumaya Nasser. All who have been and continue to be affected by the violence in Ukraine, Gaza and Lebanon. We remember also all who have fallen asleep in the hope of new life, especially Fared Barakat and Habib Ebrahim.

### Troparion of the Resurrection: (Tone 6)

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!

### نشيد القيامة: (باللحن السادس)

إن القوات الملائكية ظهرت على قبرك، والحراس صاروا كالأموات، ومريم وقفت عند القبر، طالبة جسدك الطاهر. فسلبت الجحيم ولم تنالك بأذى، ولاقيت البتول واهباً الحياة. فيا من قام من بين الأموات، يا رب المجد لك.

### Troparion of the Preparation: (Tone 4)

Bethlehem, make ready, for Eden has been opened for all; Ephrata, be alert, for the Tree of Life has blossomed forth from the Virgin in the cave. Her womb has become a spiritual paradise wherein the divine Fruit was planted – and if we eat of it, we shall live and not die like Adam. Christ is coming forth to bring back to life the likeness that had been lost in the beginning.

### النشيد للتقدمة: (باللحن الرابع)

استعدي يا بيت لحم، فقد انفتحت عدن للجميع. تأهبي يا إفراثا، فإن عود الحياة قد نبت في المغارة من البتول، وبطنها ظهر فردوساً عقلياً، فيه الغرسة الإلهية التي إذا اكلنا منها نحيا ولا نموت مثل آدم. المسيح يولد ليقيم الصورة التي سقطت قديماً.

### Troparion of the Ancestors of Christ: (Tone 2)

Faith can accomplish great things. Through it, the Three Holy Children rejoice in the flames as if they had been in refreshing water, and Daniel in the midst of lions is like a shepherd among his sheep. Through their intercession, O Christ God, save our souls.

### نشيد الإباء: (باللحن الثاني)

ما أعظم مفاعيل الايمان الباهرة، فيه كان الثلاثة الفتية القديسون يتتهجون في ينبوع الذهب كأنهم على ماء الراحة. ودانيال النبي بات يرعى الاسود كالغنم. فيتضرعاتهم، أيها المسيح الاله، خلص نفوسنا.

### Preparatory Kondakion of the Nativity of our Lord: (Tone 3)

Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth to the Eternal Word of God in an ineffable manner. Rejoice, therefore, O Universe, when you hear this news: and glorify with the angles and the shepherds, Him who shall appear as a new child, being God from all eternity.

### قنداق تقدمية ميلاد ربنا يسوع المسيح: (باللحن الثالث)

اليوم العذراء تأتي الى المغارة، لتلد الكلمة الكائن قبل الدهور، ولادة يُعجزُ بيانها. فأطربي أيتها المسكونة إذا سمعت، ومجدي مع الملائكة والرعاة، من شاء ان يظهر طفلاً جديداً. وهو الاله الذي قبل الدهور.

### Epistle: Heb 11:9-10; 32-40, pg. 447 (Eng), pg. 501 (Ar)

#### Sunday before the Nativity

#### PROKIMENON:

Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers, and Your name is worthy of praise and glorious forever.

**Stichon:** For You are just in all You have done to us, and all Your works are true and Your ways right.

#### Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews

Brethren, by faith, Abraham lived in the Land of the Promise as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the co-heirs of the same promise, for he was looking for the city with fixed foundations, of which city the architect and builder is God. And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barac, Samson, Jephthe, David and Samuel and

### رسالة الأحد الذي قبل الميلاد

#### مقدمة الرسالة:

مبارك أنت أيها الرب أله آبائنا، ومسيح ومجد أسمك الى الدهور لأنك عادل فيما صنعت بنا، وأعمالك كلها صدق، وطرفك استقامة

#### الرسالة: (عبرانيين 11: 9-10 و 32-40)

يا أخوة، بالأيمان نزل إبراهيم الى ارض الميعاد نزوله في بلاد غريبة، وسكن في أخبية مع اسحق ويعقوب الوارثين معه للموعده نفسه، لأنه كان ينتظر المدينة ذات الاسس، التي الله صانعها وبارئها. وماذا أقول أيضاً! انه يضيق بي الوقت ان اخبرت عن جدهون وبارق وشمشون،

the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, obtained the fulfillment of promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of sword, recovered strength from weakness, became valiant in battle, routed foreign armies.

Women had their dead restored to them though resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to yield for their release in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others again suffered mockery and blows, even chains and jailings. They were stoned, cut to pieces, put to the question, killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, distressed, afflicted (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts, mountains, caves and holes in the ground.

And none of these, despite the positive witnessing of faith, received what was promised, for God has something better in store for us, so that they were not to reach their final perfection without us.

**Alleluia (Tone 4) Ps. 43:2, 33: 18**

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:** The just cried out, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them from all their trials.

**Gospel: Sunday before the Nativity (Matthew 1:1-25) (Genealogy of Christ) pg. 299 (Eng), pg. 198 (Ar)**

The book of the origin of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, Jacob begot Judah and his brethren. Judah begot Perez and Zarah whose mother was Thamar. Perez begot Hezron, Hezron begot Ram. And Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, Nahshon begot Salma. Salma begot Boaz of Rahab. Boaz begot Obed of Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, Jesse begot David the King. And David the King begot Solomon of the former wife of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, Abijah begot Asa. And Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, Joram begot Azariah. And Azariah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, Ahaz begot Ezechiah. And Ezechiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, Amon begot Josiah. And Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brethren at the time of deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. And Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, Eliakim begot Azor. And Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, Achim begot Eliud. And Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph, the husband of Mary, and of her was born Jesus, Who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations. And from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to Christ, fourteen generations. Now the origin of Christ was like this. When Mary His mother had been betrothed to Joseph, she was found, before they came together, to be with child by the Holy Spirit. But Joseph her husband, being a just man and not wishing to expose her to reproach, was thinking of putting her away privately. But while he was considering these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Do not be afraid, Joseph, son of David, to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins." Now all this came to pass that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, "*Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son; and they shall call his name Emmanuel;*" which is interpreted, "God with us." So, Joseph, arising from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took Mary to be his wife. And he did not know her till she brought forth her firstborn son. And he called His name Jesus.

**Hymn to the Theotokos:** It is truly right...

**Kinonikon:** Praise the Lord...

**Post-communion:** We have seen the true Light...

ويفتاح وداود وصموئيل والانبياء، الذين بالايمن قهروا الممالك وعملوا البر، ونالوا الموعد وسدوا افواه الاسود. وأطفأوا قوة النار ونجوا من حد السيف، وتقووا من ضعف وصاروا أشداء في القتال، وكسروا معسكرات الاجانب، واسترجعت نساء أمواتهن بالقيامة، وآخرون قد غذبوا بتوتير الاعضاء والضرب، ولم يقبلوا النجاة ليحصلوا على قيامة أفضل. وآخرون قد ذاقوا الهزء والسياط والقيود أيضاً والسجن. رجموا، نشروا، امتحنوا، ماتوا بحد السيف، ساحوا في جلود الغنم والمعز، مُعوزين، مُضايقين، مجهودين. ولم يكن العالم مستحقاً لهم، تائهين في البراري والجبال والمغاور وكهوف الارض. فهؤلاء كلهم المشهود لهم بالايمن لم ينالوا الموعد، لان الله قد سبق فنظر لنا شيئاً أفضل، لكيلا يكملوا بمعزل عنّا.

**هللوا**

اللهم بأذاننا قد سمعنا، وأبؤنا أخبروا بالعمل الذي عملته في أيامهم، في الايام القديمة

الصديقون صرخوا والرب استمع لهم، ومن جميع مضايقتهم نجّاهم.

**انجيل الاحد الذي قبل الميلاد**

**الانجيل: (متى 1:1-25)**

كتاب ميلاد يسوع المسيح ابن داود ابن ابراهيم. فابراهيم ولد اسحق، واسحق ولد يعقوب، ويعقوب ولد يهوذا وإخوته. ويهوذا ولد فارص وزارح من تامار، وفارص ولد حصرون، وحصرون ولد آرام. وأرام ولد عميناداب، وعميناداب ولد نحشون، ونحشون ولد سلمون، وسلمون ولد بوعز من راحاب، وبوعز ولد عوبيد من راعوت، وعوبيد ولد يسى، ويسى ولد داود الملك. وداود الملك ولد سليمان من التي كانت لاوريا. وسليمان ولد رَحبعام، ورَحبعام ولد أبيا، وأبيا ولد آسا. وآسا ولد يوشافاط، ويوشافاط ولد يورام، ويورام ولد عزيا. وعزيا ولد يوثام، ويوثام ولد آحاز، وآحاز ولد حزقيا، وحزقيا ولد منسى، ومنسى ولد آمن، وآمن ولد يوشيا، ويوشيا ولد يكنيا وإخوته في جلاء بابل. ومن بعد جلاء بابل يكنيا ولد شالتيئيل، وشالتيئيل ولد زربابل وزوبابل ولد أبيهود، وأبيهود ولد ألياقيم، وألياقيم ولد عازور. وعازور ولد صادوق، وصادوق ولد أكيم وأكيم ولد أليهود. وأليهود ولد ألعازر، وألعازر ولد مثنان، ومثنان ولد يعقوب. ويعقوب ولد يوسف رجل مريم، التي منها ولد يسوع الذي يدعى المسيح. فكل الاجيال من ابراهيم الى داود أربعة عشر جيلاً، ومن داود الى جلاء بابل أربعة عشر جيلاً، ومن جلاء بابل الى المسيح أربعة عشر جيلاً. أما مولد يسوع المسيح فكان هكذا: لما حُطبت مريم أمه ليوسف وُجدت من قبل أن يسكننا معاً حبلى من الروح القدس. وإذ كان يوسف رجلها صديقاً ولم يُرد ان يشهرها، عزم على تخليتها سراً. وفيما هو يفكر في ذلك إذا بملاك الرب قد تراءى له في الحلم قائلاً: يا يوسف ابن داود، لا تخف أن تأخذ امرأتك مريم، فإن المولود فيها هو من الروح القدس. وستلد ابناً فتسميه يسوع، لأنه هو الذي يخلص شعبه من خطاياهم. وكان هذا كله ليتم ما قال الرب بالنبي القائل: ها إن العذراء تحبل وتلد ابناً ويُسمى عمانوئيل، الذي ترجمته الله معنا. فلما نهض يوسف من النوم فعل كما أمره ملاك الرب، فأخذ امرأته. ولم يعرفها حتى ولدت ابناً ليكر، فسماه يسوع.

**نشيد لوالدة الاله:** انه واجب حقاً...

**كينونيكون:** سبحوا الرب من السموات. هللوا.

**بعد المناولة:** إذ قد نظرنا النور الحقيقي ...

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