

PVIRGIN MARY COMMUNITY

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Sunday Prayers: Orthros 10.15 a.m. Liturgy 11:00 a.m.

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

LITURGY COMMEMORATIONS: if you would like to commemorate someone at the Divine Liturgy please call the Community Office no later the Thursday at 12 noon. It is not possible to commemorate anyone once the Preparation Service on Sunday has been completed as the commemorative particles have already been cut and placed on the Patina. Thank you for your cooperation.

you know someone in need of prayers please notify Fr. Paul so that they can added to our prayer list.

يُرجى تقديم أسماء الاشخاص المراد ذكرهم في القداس قبل يوم الخميس ظهرًا، لكي يتم إضافتهم إلى نشرة الأحد، أو قبل القداس مباشرة ليتّم ذكرهم أثناء تهيئة القرايين (الذبيحة).

READ AHEAD: Epistle Reading for next Sunday, is from St. Paul's letter الى العبرانيين to **(Hebrews 1:10-2:4)** Chapter 1, Verses 10, Thru 2:4; the Gospel Reading is from the Evangelis مرقس **Mark 2:1-12**, Chapter 2, Verses 1 Thru 12.

REGARDING INFIRM AND HOME BOUND VISITATION: Please remember that if a member of our Community is in the hospital or confined to home because of illness or advancing age, Father very much wants to and should bring the confined person the Holy Mysteries on a regular basis. It is also recommended that one receive the Anoint of the Sick before and major surgery or as needed due to serious illness. Please do not hesitate to let Father Paul know that a parishioner is ill or home bound and would like a visit.

الرجاء، في حالة المرض والوفاة غير ذلك... أن يسارع المؤمنون إلى إبلاغ الأب بولس للمساهمة في إنجاز الخدمة الروحية والإنسانية والاجتماعية في الكنيسة.

Mail & E-MAILS RETURNED: Many Mail & e-mails are being returned to us. If you didn't receive any e-mails, please send to us the correct address

يرجى إعلامنا في حالة تغيير الإيميل أو العنوان لتصحيح البيانات الخاصة بكم.

Christ is in our midst! He is and always will be!

Virgin Mary Eastern Catholic Community

إرساليّة العذراء مريم للكاثوليك الشرقيين

Serving Temecula Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018

Sunday of Orthodoxy



For more than one hundred years the Church of Christ was troubled by the persecution of the Iconoclasts of evil belief, beginning in the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741) and ending in the reign of Theophilus (829-842). After Theophilus's death, his widow the Empress Theodora (celebrated Feb. 11), together with the Patriarch Methodius (June 14), established Orthodoxy anew. This ever-memorable Queen venerated the icon of the Mother of God in the presence of the Patriarch Methodius and the other confessors and righteous men, and openly cried out these holy words: "If anyone does not offer relative worship to the holy icons, not adoring them as though they were gods, but venerating them out of love as images of the archetype, let him be anathema." Then with common prayer and fasting during the whole first week of the Forty-day Fast, she asked God's forgiveness for her husband. After this, on the first Sunday of the Fast, she and her son, Michael the Emperor, made a procession with all the clergy and people and restored the holy icons, and again adorned the Church of Christ with them. This is the holy deed that all we the Orthodox commemorate today, and we call this radiant and venerable day the Sunday of Orthodoxy, that is, the triumph of true doctrine over heresy.

أحد الأرثوذكسية هو الأحد الأول من الصوم، وهو الأحد السادس قبل الفصح المجيد. وفيه نقيم تذكّر تنصيب الإيقونات المقدسة.

إنعقد المجمع المسكوني السابع في مدينة نيقية سنة 787، ضدّ بدعة محطّمي الإيقونات، وهي آخر بدعة اجتاحت الكنيسة الشرقية وأدمتها أكثر من قرن. وأعلن المجمع شرعية تكريم الإيقونات المقدّسة، لأن ما يقمّم لها من تكريم إنما يهدف الله والقديسين الذين تمثّلهم. فهو أذن تكريم نسبي. إلا أن الضلال الذي قضى عليه المجمع المسكوني عاد فذرّ قرنه، وعاد معه الاضطراب إلى الكنيسة. فقامت الإمبراطورة ثيودورة، وقد تسلّمت مقدّرات الإمبراطورية إثر وفاة زوجها ثيوفيلوس سنة 842، وأرادت إن تعيد السلام إلى الكنيسة، وتضع حدّاً للضلال. وفي سنة 843 انعقد مجمع محلي في القسطنطينية وقرّر الاحتفاء كل سنة بذكرى انتصار الإيمان القويم (وباليونانية "الإيمان الأرثوذكسي")، في الأحد الأول من الصوم. ومع الزمن، ولا سيّما في المجمع الفلاخري سنة 1166، اتّسع معنى العيد، حتى شمل انتصار الكنيسة، ليس على بدعة محطّمي الإيقونات المقدسة فحسب، بل وعلى الأباطيل كلها، القديمة والحديثة، التي فنّدتها المجمع المسكونية وتعاليم الآباء والمعلمين القديسين.

في الكنائس الكبرى، يقام طواف في آخر السحر، بالإيقونات المقدسة. ويقرأ مرسوم مجمع سنة 843. وتذكر أسماء أبطال الإيمان القويم، تعليقاً ونضالاً واستشهاداً، مشفوعة بالبركات المثلثة، فيما تذكّر أسماء أبطال الضلال مشفوعة باللعنات المثلثة.



بالصوم المقدس يعود الإنسان إلى جماله الأول، إلى الجمال القديم، إلى صورة الله ومثاله، كما خلقه في الفردوس حيث نقرأ "ان الله خلق الإنسان على صورته كماله" فيشفاعة قديسيك أيها المسيح الإله ارحمنا وخلصنا. آمين

VIRGIN MARY Mission, The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is celebrated for **the departed servant of God** :...; also for the **health and salvation** of, ليديا مقدح, Chadi Shini, Joseph Kachkorian, Samia Sayegh, عيدة صايغ, Cynthia Fakhouri, Madlleine Nalbantian, Nahida & Clemanse, Also for peace in Iraq, Syria, and Ukraine; for the release of the captive Archbishops Boulos and Yohanna, and for an increase in the number of workers in the Lord's Vineyard

Mark on your calendar

1- Prayer Schedual of Grent lent: at 6:00 pm every Wdnesday "Great Complaine" & Presenctified" السابق تقديسيها " - رب القوات
-Friday "Hail Mary" المدائح at 7:00 pm.

2- We still serve in Temecula every Sunday at 11:00 am. In additional will start again in Oceanside area our Divine Liturgy at the Chapel of St. Tomas Catholic Church, Every Second Sunday;

Next one: March 11 th - 5:30 pm.

القداس الشهري في مدينة فيستا: 11 / آذار الساعة 5:30 مساء

St Thomas: **1450 S Melrose Dr. Oceanside CA 92056.**

3- Dear Parishioners: Summer Activities!
I just like to let you know our activity for the youth will be every Friday at 6:00 PM at Church.
. الأهالي الكرام! ان التعليم المسيحي سيكون كل يوم الجمعة في الكنيسة الساعة 6:00 مساء.

REMINDER: Attending the Divine Liturgy is never optional. Our O LORD GOD, BLESS THE SACRIFICIAL WORSHIP & STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Sunday of Feb. 4, 2018 Attendance 55

Stipend 100
Blessing House 50

Collection 217
Total Deposit 367

Total Tithes and sacrificial Offerings and others "Deposit" \$ 367

Thank you for your ongoing generous donations

Dear our Parishioners,

Tithe: Represents 10% of our gross income returned to God. Sacrificial giving represents a gift that is a true sacrifice for us to give.

YOUTH CORNER



"Church without youth is a church without future,
And youth without Church are youth without future"
Patriarch Gregorios III

"Jesus said, (Matthew 19:14)

'Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven'

Every Sunday after Liturgy, we have Bible Study & Activity

ATTENTION PARENTS: Please encourage your children and teens to stay after liturgy for the activities planned for them.

يرجى من الاهالي الكرام البقاء بعد القداس وتشجيع أبنائهم على المشاركة في نشاطات الكنيسة لفائدة أبنائنا والعائلة المسيحية.

NOTE: If you were unable to attend the Divine Liturgy last Sunday please remember to make up your contribution today.

Church Etiquette is important to keep us focused on the holiness of the House of God. Please arrive on time as those who show up late distract others. There should be no talking in church as this disrupts everyone around you and the service. There is plenty of time after church to greet and catch up with others. Cell phones should be kept in your car or turned off as to avoid phones ringing and texting. Please do not bring video games into Church, as children should get used to the prayers. Finally, despite the summer temperature, please dress modestly in Church at all times. For all ages, knee length clothing should be worn and no tank tops. Your Church clothing should always be modest and reflect the nature of the Church as a house of prayer.

أيد يا رب كنيسةك المقدسة ، وأرسل إليها الفعلة الصالحين الذين تحتاج اليهم في كل زمان ، لكي ينشروا محبتك ورسالتك بين البشر . هب الوالدين روح التضحية ليكرسوا اولادهم لخدمتك . وأعط الشبيبة مزيداً من السخاء ليأتيوا بفرح دعوتك . واجمعنا وإياهم يوماً في نعيمك السماوي ، لكي نشكرك ونمجدك بلا انقطاع الى دهر الداهرين . آمين.

Committee Members: Hospitality, Adel Bawardi; Lady's Society; Nelly Jarrous, Finance Deacom Habib Khasho, Citizens, Senior Citizens, Vacant; Scouts, Raymond Khasho. Tony Kassis, The Committees meet on the 1 st. Thusday of each month.

Sample company dress code.

-All employees must be clean and well-groomed.
-Employees must avoid clothes with stamps that are offensive or inappropriate.

-All clothes must be work-appropriate. Clothes that are typical in workouts and outdoor activities aren't allowed.

-All clothes must be clean and in good shape. Discernible rips, tears or holes aren't allowed.

-All clothes must project professionalism. Clothes that are too revealing or inappropriate aren't allowed.

-Avoid overly casual denim cuts, like cutoffs or flare jeans. Skirts should remain at knee-length.

-Nicely fitted tops and blouses, although shirts should never be tight or revealing.

Church clothing should at least meet if not exceed these guidelines.

Vocation View. We all have a Vocation, which is primarily a call to live our baptism by growing in our faith and helping others in theirs. A vocation is also a call from God to further serve as a Priest, Deacon, Monk,



https://onlinechapel.goarch.org/images/December/26_theotokos2.jpg Nun.

Do any of your family members or friends exhibit any hint of wanting to serve the Church? Do you ever discuss Vocations at home? If you think that God might be calling you to be a priest or if you feel that you know someone who might make a good priest, contact or suggest that he contact Fr. John Azar, Eparchial Vocation Director: 404-373-9522 or vocations@melkite.org

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Vocation Awareness. Saint Paul speaks as a minister of the Lord, reminding the people that he has had to talk bluntly to them because he cared enough about their well-being to be direct and honest. He considers this to be a form of service. In the Gospel, God sends out His servants to invite everyone to the banquet of salvation in Christ. The servants were supposed to bring all into the presence of the Lord and help them to prepare for the encounter. These are needed characteristics for those who want to serve God in any way, especially as priests and monastics. Pray daily that many will respond generously to God's call to the priesthood or monastic life in our diocese.

Please remember that the vast majority of OES publications have been scanned and are now available for free download at <https://melkite.org/oes-masters>

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Choir: you are invited to join the choir, directly after every Sunday-Divine Liturgy, both English and Arabic.

ندعوكم للانضمام إلى الجوقة باللغتين العربية والانكليزية بعد قداس الاحد مباشرة

A Prayer for Vocations. O Lord God, in every age, you invite men and women to hear Your call to serve You and the Church. We bow before You now, asking that You call forth more persons to serve our Melkite Church in America. Give us priests, deacons, monks and nuns, who will lead and guide your holy people. By Your will, bless us with vocations so that we continue to be the church which You called us to be, centuries

ago. Let all hear Your voice inviting them to care for and serve Your people. Strengthen us in being disciples of Jesus Christ, Your Only-begotten Son and fishers of men. Inspire in us the spirit and pride of Antioch, our holy heritage. We ask You, O Lover of mankind, to raise up men and women who appreciate what they have received from You and who want to be generous in their service, willing to offer their lives and all their gifts, to serve others, to give You glory, thanksgiving and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

MEMBERS HAVE PRIVILEGES - This Year your parish clergy will be visiting each family to explain to you the privileges that members of our Community enjoy when they pledge their support to the community. During this visit you will have an opportunity to learn of our membership guidelines. If you would like to schedule an appointment please contact Fr Paul Fallouh.

Please, If you want to follow the news of Catholic Church in the world, please visit: <http://www.zenit.org>

إذا كنت ترغب بمتابعة أخبار الكنيسة الكاثوليكية في العالم يرجى زيارة الموقع التالي
<http://www.zenit.org/ar>

Lord invites us to commune with Him every Sunday . of the year.

GOOGLE EARTH - You can look at actual satellite photos of earth but with all the Biblical locations noted. There are also overlays & photos etc...

<http://www.openbible.info/geo/>

If you would like to view or receive the daily Arabic or English or French... Epistle and Gospel readings go to:

<http://www.melkites.org/en/readingsXML.htm>

إذا كنت ترغب بالحصول على القراءات اليومية باللغة العربية كالرسالة والإنجيل أضف الإيميل التالي:

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Recent Sophia articles. See: <https://melkite.org/sophia-issue/sophia-fall-2016>

THE HOLY MYSTERIES

MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: The three Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist are always celebrated together in one ceremony. One-month notice is required and one baptismal preparation meeting is required with the priest.

MYSTERY OF HOLY CROWNING: Six-month notice, an initial meeting with the priest, marriage preparation sessions, and a wedding license are required. You must be an active member of the parish.

MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSION: Call Fr Paul.

MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING: Available for anyone who is ill.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no charge for the celebration of the Sacramental Mysteries, however, it is appropriate to offer a gift of

thanksgiving. Therefore, the Parish Advisory Council suggests an offering of \$300 for Baptisms; \$500 for Weddings; \$300 for Funerals; and \$100 for a Memorial Service.