

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 إلى العبرانيين to **Hebrews 6: 13- 20** Chapter 6 ,Verses 13, Thru 20:; the Gospel Reading is from the Evangelist متى **Mark 9: 17-31**, Chapter 9, Verses 17 Thru 31.

**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, Mar. 4, 2018**



Third Sunday of Lent - Sunday of Holy Cross

الأحد الثالث من الصوم هو احد الصليب المقدس

Holy Cross calls us to remember in a special way the central role of the Cross of Holy God the Son within the Holy Trinity / Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ in God's plan of salvation. Holy God the Son within the Holy Trinity / Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ transformed the Cross. The Cross, which was a tree of death, was transformed into The Holy Cross, which is the Tree of Life. The Cross, which was an instrument of humiliation and death, was transformed into The Holy Cross, which is a sign of victory over sin and death and a means of salvation and eternal life.

The Holy Cross is a symbol of suffering and sacrifice leading ultimately to redemption, resurrection, and new life. For this reason, we wear the Holy Cross around our necks, hang the Holy Cross in our homes, sign ourselves with the Holy Cross.

This Sunday is a good day for us to recall how we were saved through the Holy Cross of Holy God the Son within the Holy Trinity / Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ. In the Gospels, Holy God the Son within the Holy Trinity / Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ tells us we must take up our crosses and follow Him. The Holy Cross is a symbol of suffering and sacrifice leading ultimately to redemption, resurrection, and new life.

The Third Sunday of Great Lent commemorates the Holy Cross on which the human form of Holy God the Son within the Holy Trinity / Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ died. The death and the resurrection of the human form of Holy God the Son within the Holy Trinity / Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ opens the possibility of "eternal life" for us after we fall asleep in the Lord. By His death, Holy God the Son within the Holy Trinity / Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ redeemed our souls. The Third Sunday of Great Lent is the middle point of this holy season (Great Lent) of prayer, fasting, and charity in preparation for the Feasts of Feasts Holy and Glorious Pascha.

الأحد الثالث من الصوم وهو الأحد الرابع قبل الفصح المجيد: في هذا اليوم نعيد للسجود للصليب الكريم المحيي.

وقد رسم الآباء القديسون إقامة هذا العيد لكي يذكرونا بألام ربنا وهنا ومخلصنا يسوع المسيح. فصليب يسوع يعزينا ويشجعنا، ويخفف آتاعنا واوجاعنا واحزاننا. وكما نُجِدّ المسيح بالصليب كذلك نحن أيضاً نتمجد معه.

وكما ان الذين يسيرون في طريق شاسعة وعرة عندما يُعَيَّبُهُم السير يجلسون قليلاً تحت شجرة وريفة الظل، هكذا يعمل المؤمن أثناء مسيرة الصوم الطويلة المتعبة. انه يستظل تحت راية الصليب المقدس الحامل الحياة الذي يريحننا وينشطنا ويخفف أعباء المسيرة. وهكذا يوضع الصليب في وسط الصيام ليشجع المؤمن على متابعة الجهاد للبلوغ إلى فرح القيامة. ويضاف به محاطاً بالزهور والرياحين التي توزع على المؤمنين. ولهذا دعي هذا الأحد أحد الزهور. فبقدره صليبك، أيها المسيح إلهنا ارحمنا وخلصنا. آمين

**VIRGIN MARY Mission, The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom** is celebrated for the **departed servant of God: Tony Merhi, Clotildet Kasho Harb**; also for the **health and salvation** of, إلبديا مقدح, Chadi Shini, Joseph Kachkorian, Samia Sayegh, عبيدة صاينغ, 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 Scheduling of Great Lent:

“Great Complaine” - رب القوات every Wednesday & 6:00 pm.

“Presanctified” & “Hail Mary” المدايح تقديسها السابق المدايح every Friday 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 مساءً

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.

. الأهلالي الكرام! ان التعليم المسيحي سيكون كل يوم الجمعة في الكنيسة الساعة 6:00 مساءً.

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

Sunday of Feb. 25, 2018 Attendance 45

Second Liturgy 135  
Blessing House 260

Collection 294  
Total Deposit 554

Total Tithes and sacrificial Offerings and others "Deposit" \$ 554

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 ليأتوا بفرح دعوتك . واجمعنا وإياهم يوماً في نعيمك السماوي ، لكي نشرك 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. Thursday 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](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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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.**