



MELKITE EPARCHY OF NEWTON OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

EDUCATION SCHEDULE ~ FALL 2015

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIANITY UNDER ATTACK

Today it is commonplace to hear news reports of Christians in the Middle East being murdered for their faith and to see pictures of ancient churches burning to the ground after being bombed by terrorists. And while most Catholics are horrified by these reports, few can explain who those Christians are, where they came from and what they are doing living in a predominately Muslim country. Who are the Coptic Christians of Egypt? What are Catholics to think of the Orthodox Churches of Syria and Lebanon? Who are the Christians of Iraq who are fleeing for their lives? In this timely presentation, we will take a look at the apostolic origins of the various Churches in the Middle East and consider their relationship with the Catholic Church. *Note, this talk is aimed at introducing Western Christians to the identity of Eastern Christians.*

Friday, October 16 @ 7:00 pm, ET
Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church, Augusta, GA
Live Broadcast @ <https://melkite.org/live-broadcast>

WITNESSES TO THE APOSTOLIC FAITH: THE LIVES OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH & SAINT POLYCARP OF SMYRNA

What did the earliest Christians believe? Too many people today accept the commonly held notion that the pure teachings of the Christ and the apostles were corrupted by political intrigue at the time of the Council of Nicea. Nothing could be further from the truth! In this two-part study, we will consider the stories of the earliest Christian witnesses to the faith and discover first-hand the powerful teachings which led them to sacrifice their lives in martyrdom.

Saturday, October 17 @ 9:30 am, ET
Saint Ignatius of Antioch Melkite Greek Catholic Church, Augusta, GA
Live Broadcast @ <https://melkite.org/live-broadcast>

THE HOLY BIBLE: INVITATION TO SALVATION

Today many Christians are looking for a deeper experience of the faith and more meaningful spiritual life. In hopes of discovering a renewal in Christ, many people turn to the Word of God, the Bible. In this evening presentation, we will discuss the Bible as God's invitation to his people and how we can begin to read the Bible for all it is worth.

Thursday, October 29 @ 7:30 pm, PT
Saint Ann Melkite Greek Catholic Co-Cathedral, North Hollywood, CA
Live Broadcast @ <https://melkite.org/live-broadcast>

THE EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES & THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

"The new evangelization, which we hear so much about today . . . is not necessarily about making converts from outside but rather revitalizing the members of the Church inside and leading them to know Jesus intimately. . . . then and only then can we bring in others who have never known Jesus Christ." Bishop Nicholas Samra, Steward of the Mysteries.

Saturday, October 31 @ 10 am to Noon, PT
Holy Cross, Melkite Greek Catholic Church, Placentia, CA
Live Broadcast @ <https://melkite.org/live-broadcast>

JUBILEE: FINDING FREEDOM FROM SPIRITUAL BONDAGE & DISCOVERING THE BLESSING OF GOD

Today there is much talk in our Church about the coming Jubilee Year. But what exactly is a Jubilee Year? Why are we celebrating the Jubilee now, and what is it supposed to accomplish? In this lecture, we will discover why this year is different from all others and, if celebrated according to God's instruction, will be a year of renewal and restoration for the entire Church. Join Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo for this insightful study of the biblical context for the Jubilee Year.

Tuesdays, November 3 & 10 at 7:30 p.m. ET
Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek Catholic Church, McLean, VA 22102
Live Broadcast @ <https://melkite.org/live-broadcast>

LIVING CHRIST CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE: RECLAIMING THE CHURCH IN OUR HOMES & LIVES

For too long we have experienced the Church as a place we go on Sunday. Our Eastern tradition offers us something more. By restoring our lives in Christ, we learn to live our Christian calling in our daily lives, and renew it when we return to our parish family each week. Join us as we explore possibilities of restoring our lives in Christ.

Saturday, November 7 @ 9:00 am – 2:30 pm ET
St. Elias Melkite Greek Catholic Church, Brooklyn, OH
Live Broadcast @ <https://melkite.org/live-broadcast>

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