

**ADDRESS OF POPE FRANCIS
TO PILGRIMS OF THE GREEK-MELKITE COMMUNITY**

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[...] Let me also repeat this to you: let us not resign ourselves to thinking of a Middle East without Christians. Yet, many of your brothers and sisters have emigrated, and a large group of the community in the diaspora is present here today. I encourage you to keep the human and spiritual roots of your Melkite tradition strong, guarding the Greek-Catholic identity everywhere for the entire Church needs the heritage of the Christian East, to which you are heirs. [...]