

# Saintly Notes

## St. James, Brother of our Lord (October 23)

James is called the Lord's brother because he was the son of the righteous Joseph, the betrothed of the Most-holy Theotokos. When the righteous Joseph was near death, he divided his estate among his sons, and wanted to leave a portion to the Lord Jesus, the son of the Most-holy Virgin, but all the other brothers opposed this, not regarding Jesus as their brother. James greatly loved Jesus and declared that he would include Jesus in his share. That is why he is called the Lord's brother.

From the beginning, James was devoted to the Lord Jesus. According to tradition, he traveled to Egypt with the Most-holy Virgin and Joseph, when Herod sought to slay the newborn King. Later, as soon as he heard Christ's teaching, James lived by it. It is said of him that he never ate fat or oil, but lived on just bread and water, and was a virgin to the end of his life on earth. He often kept vigil at night and prayed to God. The Lord numbered him among His Seventy Apostles.

Following His glorious Resurrection, the Lord appeared to him especially, as the Apostle Paul testifies (I Corinthians 15:7). He was Bishop of Jerusalem for thirty years and zealously governed the Church of God. At the instruction of the Lord, James compiled the first Liturgy, which seemed very long for later Christians, and St. Basil and St. John Chrysostom shortened it. He converted many Jews and Greeks to the Christian Faith, and even the unbelieving Jews were amazed at his righteousness, referring to him as "James the Just."

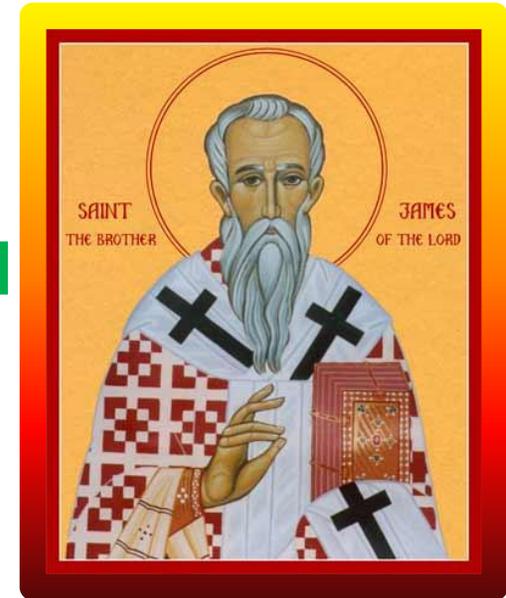
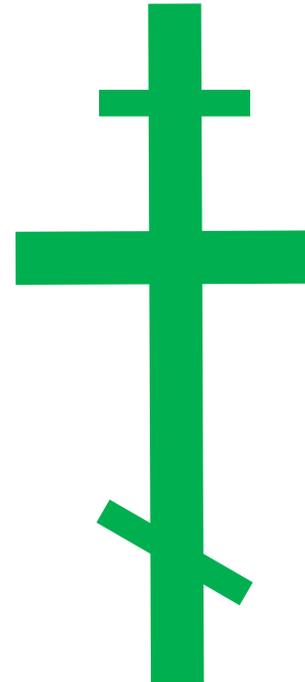
When Ananias became High Priest, he and other Jewish elders determined to kill James for being a preacher of Christ. Once, during the feast of Passover, when many people had gathered in Jerusalem, the elders forced James to climb onto the roof of the Temple, and tried to make him speak against Christ. He climbed up and spoke to the people of Christ as the Son of God and the true Messiah, of His Resurrection and His eternal glory in the heavens. The infuriated priests and elders pushed him off the roof; he fell and was severely injured, but was still alive. Then, one man ran up and struck him on the head with a fuller's club with such force that his brains spilled out. Thus, this most glorious apostle of Christ died a martyr's death, and went to live eternally in the Kingdom of his Lord. James was sixty-six years old when he suffered for Christ.

*(The Prologue from Ochrid)*

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Consecration of Our New Temple: Date Change \*November 6, 2011\*



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## The Saints Whom We Remember

Ignatios, patriarch of Constantinople;  
James of Borovichi, wonder-worker of Novgorod

## This Week's Schedule

**Today:** 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy  
**Monday:** Church Office Closed; 9:00a Baklawa Baking  
**Tuesday:** 6:30p Eve. Div. Liturgy for St. Demetrios  
**Wednesday:** 9:15a 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour Prayers; 10:00a Baklawa Baking; 6:30p Vespers  
**Friday:** 9:00a Baklawa Baking  
**Saturday:** 1:00p Batancourt Wedding Blessing; 5:30p Great Vespers; 6:30p SOYO meeting  
**Sunday:** 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

## First Antiphon

*Refrain:* Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

## Second Antiphon

*Refrain:* O Son of God, *Who art risen from the dead* save us who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

## Third Antiphon

### Resurrectional Troparion (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

## Little Entrance

† *Entrance Hymn:* "Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ . . . Alleluia."

† *Resurrectional Troparion (Tone 2)*  
See above.

† *Troparion of St. James (Tone 4):*  
Since thou art a Disciple of the Lord, thou didst receive the Gospel, O righteous James. And since thou art a martyr thou art never rejected, and since thou art a brother of God, thou art privileged, and since thou art a High Priest, it is thy right to intercede. Wherefore, beseech thou Christ God to save our souls.

† *Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4):* As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all

the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

† *Kontakion for Ordinary Sundays (Tone 2):* O Protection of Christians that is not put to shame, unchanging Mediation before the Creator, despise not the voice of the sinners' prayer, but in that thou art good, come quickly to help us who call upon thee in faith. Make speed to intercede and make haste to supplicate, O Theotokos, who dost ever protect those that honor thee.

## The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty . . . Alleluia.

## Scripture

### for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday (October 23):

Epistle: Gal. 1:11-19  
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

## Megalynarion (Tone 8)

It is truly meet and right to bless thee . . .

## Communion Hymn

(Tone 8)

Praise the Lord from the heavens . . .  
Alleluia.

## Post-Communion

### Hymn

We have seen the true light . . .

## Parish Notes

### Altar Servers Today

William Christopoulos, Gabriel Pope,  
Nicholas Kliewer, Benhur Samson,  
Nathaniel Unah

### Special Attention

- **Please Note Carefully: Change of Date for the Consecration of Our**

**Temple, Altar, and Iconostasis.** The new date was requested by Metropolitan Philip and Bishop Antoun. **The Consecration will now take place on the weekend of November 5 and 6.** We would like our entire membership and all our friends to be present. This date will also mark the celebration of St. Raphael of Brooklyn whose relics will be placed in our new altar during the Consecration Service.

- **Church School and Adult Class Are Now in Full Swing.** Please come and study the Orthodox Christian Faith. Classes for Preschool thru Adults.

- **Adult Class to Study Some of The Writings of the Apostolic Fathers.** These are ancient Christian documents that were widely used and often quoted in the early Church and in the Church today. All adults are welcome. Class meets Sunday in the Nave from ~9:10a to ~9:50a.

- **Do you play acoustic guitar?** Can you play inspirational songs? If your answer is yes to both questions, we need to talk to you. We are looking for a guitar player to entertain our guests and provide an uplifting ambiance as people leave the church after the consecration. If interested, please contact Sue Azrak (267-6649)

- **Baklawa.** Parishioners: Monday Oct. 24 we are starting our Baklawa baking, we hope to have your support in helping us sell this pastry for the upcoming holidays. **You may begin taking orders NOW until till Nov. 18 1 doz. \$12.00, 1/2 doz. 6.00, ends 4.00**

All Ladies of All Saints: Our baking dates are Oct. 24,26,28, Nov. 11,14,16,18. We welcome you to come and help bake, and join in fellowship with each other.

Mary Elizabeth

- **Consecration Parking.** Please read the insert about the parking procedure during the consecration services on Nov. 6.

## Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

### Prokeimenon:

His voice has gone out into all the earth.

*The heavens declare the glory of God.*

### †Epistle: Gal. 1:1–19 (RSV)

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord's brother.

### †Gospel: Luke 8:26–39 (RSV)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come

out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

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