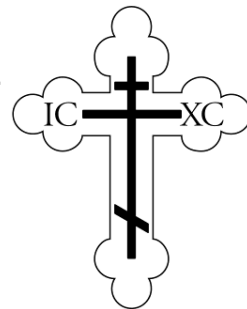
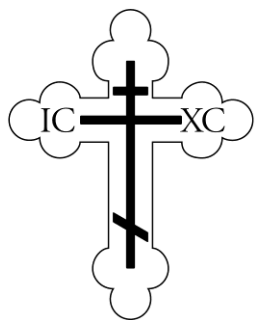


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Welcome visitors!
Please join us in the
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Liturgy for coffee hour.

October 23, 2022

Holy Apostle James The Brother of the Lord

The Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God, was the son of the Righteous Joseph before he was betrothed to the Most Holy Theotokos. Tradition says that Joseph had other sons with his first wife. Thus, James was called the Lord's brother.

St James had been a Nazirite, a man or woman consecrated to God for a limited time. During the period of consecration, Nazirites vowed to abstain from wine and other intoxicating beverages, they could not cut their hair, and all contact with a corpse was forbidden (Numbers 6:1-21).

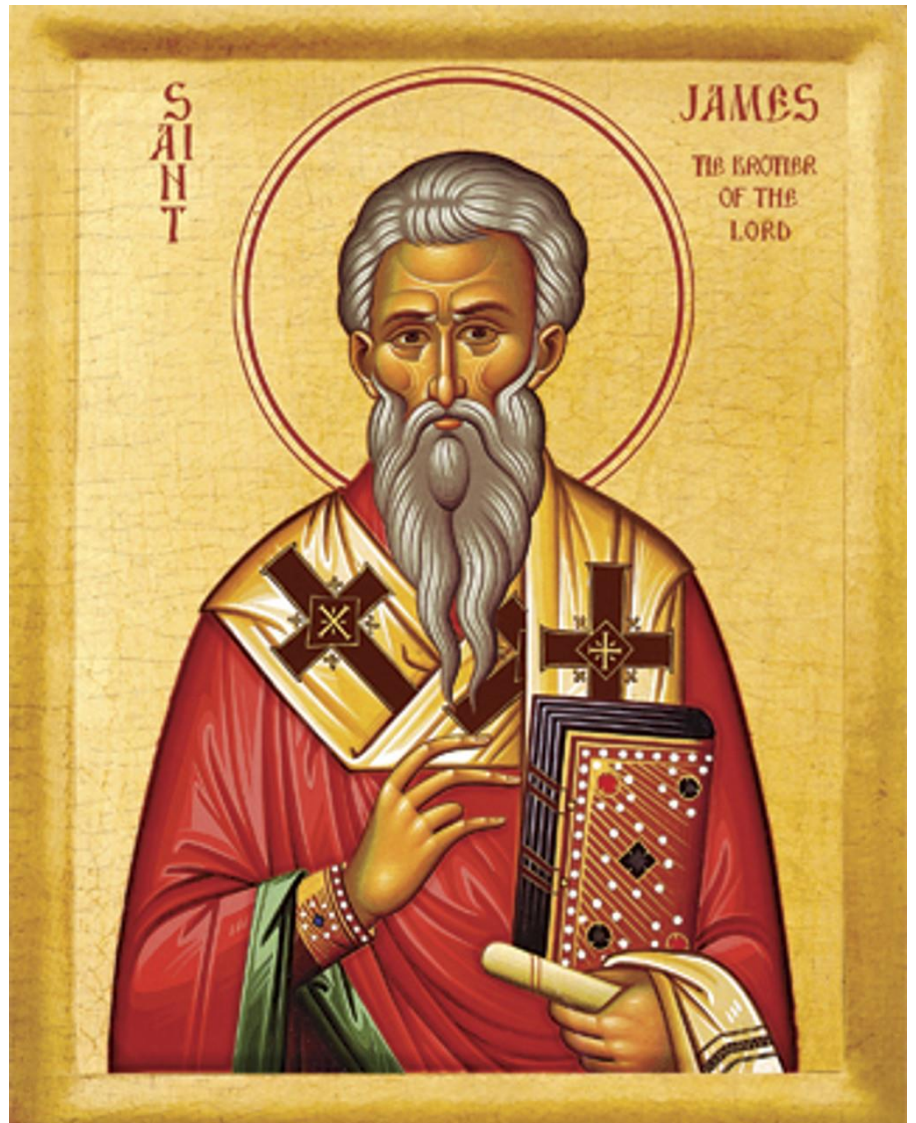
When the Savior began to proclaim the Kingdom of God, St James believed in Christ and became His Apostle. Later, he was chosen as the first Bishop of Jerusalem.

St James presided over the Council of Jerusalem and his word was decisive (Acts 15). In his thirty years as bishop, St James converted many Jews to Christianity. Angered by this, the Pharisees and the Scribes plotted together to kill the holy bishop. They led him up on the pinnacle of the Jerusalem Temple and asked him what he thought of Jesus. The holy Apostle bore witness that Christ is the Messiah, which was not the response the Pharisees were expecting. Enraged, the Jewish leaders threw him off the roof. He did not die at once, but gathering his final strength, he prayed to the Lord for his enemies while they were stoning him. St James' martyrdom occurred about 63 A.D.

The holy Apostle James composed a Divine Liturgy, which formed the basis of the Liturgies of Sts Basil the Great and John Chrysostom. The Church has preserved an Epistle of St James, one of the books of the New Testament. In it, St James advises: "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath" (James 1:19) and "Be doers of the word, and not just hearers, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22).

Orthodox Tradition distinguishes between three Holy Apostles named James: St James the Brother of the Lord, also called "the Just," who was not of the Twelve but is reckoned among the Seventy, whom we commemorate today; St James the son of Zebedee, the brother of St John the Theologian, who was one of the Twelve and together with Peter and John witnessed the Transfiguration (April 30), and St James the son of Alphaeus, also of the Twelve (October 9).

St James is also commemorated on the Sunday after the Nativity of Christ, with the Prophet-King David and his father, St Joseph the Betrothed.



HYMNS OF THE DAY

Tone 2 – Resurrectional Troparion

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Tone 4 – Patronal Troparion

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy,
illuminated by your coming, O Mother of God.
Beholding your pure image we fervently cry to you:
Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection.
Deliver us from every form of evil
by entreating Christ, your Son and our God//
that He may save our souls.

Tone 4 – Troparion for St James

As the Lord’s disciple you received the Gospel, O righteous James;
as a martyr you have unfailing courage;
as God’s brother, you have boldness;
as a hierarch, you have the power to intercede.//
Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Tone 2 – Resurrectional Kontakion

Hell became afraid, almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation with Adam beheld this and rejoiced with You,//
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

Tone 4 – Kontakion of St James

When God the Word, the Only-begotten of the Father,
came to live among us in these last days,
He declared you, venerable James, to be the first shepherd and
teacher of Jerusalem
and a faithful steward of the spiritual Mysteries.//
Therefore, we all honor you, O Apostle.

Tone 3 – Patronal Kontakion

Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church,
And with choirs of saints she invisibly prays to God for us.
Angels and bishops worship.
Apostles and prophets rejoice together,//
Since for our sake she prays to the eternal God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Tone 2 – Sunday Prokeimenon (Psalm 117)

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation!

Tone 8 – Prokeimenon for St James (Psalm 18)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the universe!

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11.31 – 12.9 (Sunday)

Brethren: The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus, the governor under Aretas the king was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities.

For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Galatians 1.11-19 (St James)

I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to

destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Gospel: Luke 16.19-31 (Sunday)

Jesus spoke this parable: "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom.

"The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'

"But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

"Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'

"Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'

"And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

"But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

Matthew 13.54-58 (St James)

At that time, when Jesus had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?"

So, they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house." Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

New Dep. Luba Sirovica

Nicolas Babic

Ev.Mem. Helen Lencisin ('19)

Health & Salv.

Archpr. Peter

Archpr. John

Mat. Anne

Dn. Nicholas

Kevin

Jon

Tanya

Jovan

Tom

Jennifer

Larry

Rollie

Joseph

Nadia

Mark

Jerry

Joseph

Linda

Claudia

Carol

Snezana

Ryan

Nathan

Mary Bikoff ('61)

John Lash (2006)

Helen Orlich (2006)

Kara

Djuro

Dominic

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Hudson

Ayden

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Jason

Ted

James

Pamela

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Ronald

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Aaron

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Linda

Jim

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Martha

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Michelle

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Luke

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Stephanie

Mary Ann

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Renee	Olga	Sue
Carissa	Richard	Victoria
Ashton	Klaudia	Janet
Doris	Nicodemus	Tom
Laura	Nada	Wilma
Duane	Mark	Jerry
Elizabeth	Catherine	

*If you know someone who needs prayer, please give their name to Fr Jacob

Special Petitions at the Augmented Litany:

We pray, O Lord our God, for all those who suffer from acts of war, especially for the victims in Ukraine. We pray for Your peace and Your mercy in the midst of the great suffering of Your people. Vouchsafe to accept the prayers of the Church, so that by Your goodness, peace may return to all peoples; O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

We also pray You, O Lord our God, to remember and have mercy on our Orthodox brothers and sisters in Russia and Ukraine, who are involved in violent conflict. Remove from their midst all hostility, confusion and hatred. Lead everyone along the path of reconciliation and peace, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be **no Bible Study this week.**

Tomorrow, October 24, we will have another **Guys' Night Out.** We will meet at B.J.'s Brewhouse in Merrillville at 6pm.

On Friday, October 28, the Church school is putting on an **Autumn Bonfire and Movie Night.** All are invited. If the weather cooperates, we will have dinner and roast marshmallows outside around the bonfire beginning about 5pm, and when the sun goes down, we will put on a movie on projector in the parish hall and enjoy various goodies. The movie will be ***The Prince of Egypt***, about the life of Moses and the Exodus, which the students have been studying in Church School.

Our parish will host **Feed the Flock on Saturday, November 12**. If you are interested in helping, please see Nick Revak, who will lead our team this time.

Mark your calendars:

Oct 19: **Bible Study @ 7pm**

Oct 20: **Faith Enrichment @ 10am**

Oct 22: **Soul Saturday of St. Demetrius; Memorial Liturgy at St. Mary's cemetery chapel with blessing of graves @ 10am**

Oct 24: **Guys' Night Out at BJ's Brewhouse in Merrillville @ 6pm**

Oct 25: **Moleben for Peace in Ukraine @ 10am**

Oct 28: **Family Bonfire and Movie Night @ 5pm**

Oct 29: **Great Vespers is cancelled**

Nov 3: **Divine Liturgy for the translation of the relics of St. George at St. George Cathedral in Chicago @ 9am**

Nov 12: **Feed the Flock at First Presbyterian Church in Merrillville**

Nov 15: **Beginning of Advent**

Last week's gifts to the Lord: \$5,420

Glory to God for all things!