

# ST. JAMES ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Saturday Great Vespers @ 4:00 p.m. :: Sunday Orthros @ 9:00 a.m. & Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 a.m.



## August 31, 2025





# PLACING OF THE SASH OF THE THEOTOKOS IN HALKOPRATEIA & TWELFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

GENNADIUS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; HIEROMARTYR  
CYPRIAN, BISHOP OF CARTHAGE



## DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (TONE 3 / EOTHINON 1)

### RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION TONE 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

### APOLYTIKION FOR THE PLACING OF THE VIRGIN'S SASH TONE 8

Thou hast bestowed upon thy city, O ever-virgin Theotokos and shelter of mankind, the robe and the belt of thy pure body, as a secure mantle, which by thy seedless birth-giving have remained without corruption; for by thee are nature and time regenerated. Wherefore, we implore thee to grant thy city safety, and our souls the Great Mercy.

### APOLYTIKION OF ST. JAMES TONE 4

As a disciple of the Lord, O righteous one, thou hast received the Gospel. As a Martyr thou art never turned away. As the Brother of God, thou hast boldness. As a hierarch thou canst intercede. Do thou intercede with Christ God that He save our souls.

### KONTAKION FOR THE PLACING OF THE VIRGIN'S SASH TONE 2

Thy precious sash, O Theotokos, which encompassed thy God-receiving womb, is an invincible force for thy flock, and an unfailing treasury of every good, O only Ever-virgin Mother.

#### WELCOME!

We welcome all our visitors and are eager to share our faith with you! Please join us for coffee hour and take a few moments to fill out the VISITORS INFORMATION CARD that is found in the narthex

*As a friendly reminder, only Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession may approach the Holy Chalice to receive Holy Communion.*

*Confession is available after Divine Liturgy, as well as before or after Vespers on Saturday evenings. You can also Contact Fr. Steven to set up an appointment.*



## THE EPISTLE READING

(For the Placing of the Sash of the Theotokos)

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit doth rejoice in God my Savior.  
For He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.*

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)**

Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

## THE GOSPEL READING

(For Twelfth Sunday of Matthew)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)**

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good



Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "Yo u shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you

possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

## SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

**TODAY! Service for the Indiction (Church New Year) following liturgy, and blessing of students beginning school**

**Wed., Sept. 3 @ 6 PM – Daily Vespers for the Holy Martyr Babylas**

**Thurs., Sept. 4 @ 10:30 AM – St. Maria of Paris Ladies’ Prayer Group  
@ 6:30 PM – Parish Council Meeting**

### *Your Prayers are Requested:*

REMEMBER, O LORD: The Catechumens: Elias, Longinus, Xenia, John, Nectarios, Andrew, Jerald, Cassiane, Aidan, Raphael, Joseph, Patrick, Matthew, Xenia, Paisius, Helen, Emmelia, Gabriel, Joseph, Nicholas, Matthew, Cecelia; Olga, Conner, Khouria Janet, Andrew, Constantine, Julie, Jay, Eudora, Archpriest Peter, Christina, Lucy, Olga, Thelma & family, Mia, Bishop Nicholas, Deacon James, Sarina, James, Dallas & mother, Subdn Michael, Salwa, Donna, Anna, Graham, Madeline, Photini, George, Mary, Elizabeth, Leah, Angie, Susan, Justin, Donna, Michael, Petey, Marie, Mary, Madeline, Mary Anne, Jeannette, Nectarios, Jerry, Barbara, Pasquale, Patricia, Mary, Maria, Alex, Sarah, Sara, Joshua, Shirley, Theodore, Elizabeth, Maria; Newly-departed Steve; Those who perished in the Minneapolis shooting; Newly-reposed Archpriest Dimitri; PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF ST. JAMES

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**If you have any questions or comments, or if you would like more information about the Orthodox Faith, please contact Fr. Steven ([info@stjamesorthodox.org](mailto:info@stjamesorthodox.org)).**