

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.



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LEAVE-TAKING (APODOSIS) OF & SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

APOSTLE QUADRATOS OF THE SEVENTY; PROPHET JONAH



DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (TONE 6 / EOTHINON 4)

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION TONE 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS TONE 1

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

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 OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS TONE 4

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in

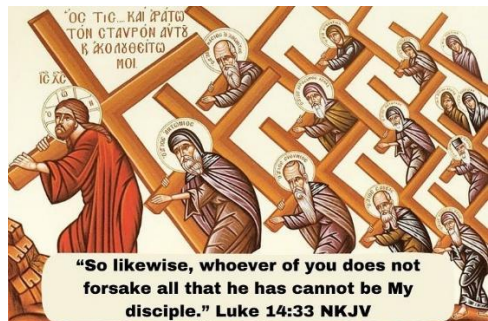
Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

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 Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord my God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

THE GOSPEL READING

(For the Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Wed., Sept. 24 @ 7 PM – Catechumen / Inquirer Class

Thurs., Sept. 25 @ 10:30 AM – St. Maria of Paris Ladies' Prayer Group

@ 6 PM – Great Vespers for St. John the Theologian

Fri., Sept. 26 @ 10 AM – Divine Liturgy for St. John the Theologian

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, Simeon, Charissa; 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, Claire, Salwa, Donna, Anna, Graham, Madeline, Photini, George, Mary, Elizabeth, Erica & Children, 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 Charles, Steve, Charlie, Iryna; PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF ST. JAMES

ORTHODOX CHURCH FATHERS



To repent is not to look downwards at my own shortcomings, but upwards at God's love, it is not to look backwards with self-reproach but forward with trustfulness. It is to see not what I have failed to be, but what by the grace of Christ I might yet become.

St. John Climacus

St. James Orthodox Church is a mission of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese under His Eminence SABA, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America.

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