

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.



July 28, 2024



Christ and the Two Demoniacs



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

PROCHORUS, NICANOR, TIMON AND PARMENAS, DEACONS AND
APOSTLES OF THE SEVENTY



DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (TONE 4/EOTHINON 5)

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION TONE 4

(p.96)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JAMES TONE 4

(p.26)

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 TRANSFIGURATION TONE 7

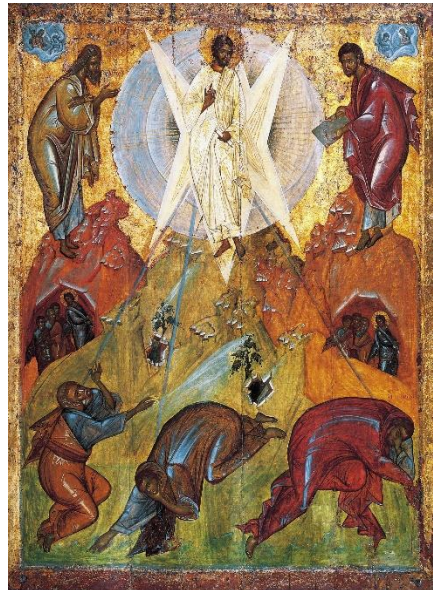
Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

*How great are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (10:1-10)

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that it may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says: Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into Heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

THE GOSPEL READING

(For the Fifth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (8:28-9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Wednesday, July 31 @ 6 PM – Great Vespers for the Cross and Maccabees

Thursday, August 1 @ 10:30 AM – St. Maria of Paris Ladies' Group (via Zoom)

Friday, Aug. 2 @ 6 PM – Paraklesis to the Mother of God

THE FAST OF THE HOLY DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD BEGINS ON THURSDAY AUGUST 1ST!

Your Prayers are Requested:

REMEMBER, O LORD: The Catechumens: Gabriel, Anthony, Marina, Gabriel, Elias, Xenia; Suffering Orthodox Christians of Ukraine and Palestine; Khouria Christine, Andrew, Theodore, Elizabeth, James, Tiffany, Sarah, Mary, Carmen-Mariana, David-Michael, Robert-Gabriel, Kenneth, Rosetta, Cecelia, Mandi, Evan, Sarina, Shelby, Leo, Tamara, Photini, Joey, John, Megan, Brittany, Samuel, Edward, Helen, Angelina, Thomas, Elizabeth, Randy, Megan, Lindsey, Susan, Joshua, Clint, Michael, Lilah, Ellen, Pam, Anastasia, Marino, Kristen, Brendan, Jerome, Nectarios, Nelia, Roger, Leah, Joe, Gabriel, Spenser, Panayiota, Graham, Jeanette, Crystal, Franny, Maria, Shirley, Benjamin, Anne, Russell, Mitzi, Pam, Susan, Cindy, Dan, Juan, Josh, Hollie and family, Melinda, Pasquale, Crystal, Patricia, Michael, Elaine, Corly, Thomas, James, Pani Sue, Priest Frederick, Penelope, Sheryl, Tina, Logan, Thomas, Basil, Mary, Jacob, Chloe, Patti, John, Diana, Barbara, Joy, Mary, Helen, Newly-departed Hung Toh, All Orthodox who perished in Ukraine and Palestine
PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF ST. JAMES

To be Orthodox means to have the God-man Christ constantly in your soul, to live in Him, think in Him, feel in Him, act in Him. In other words, to be Orthodox means to be a Christ-bearer and a Spirit-bearer – St. Justin Popovich

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.

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).