

ST. JAMES ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Saturday Great Vespers @ 5:00 p.m. :: Sunday Orthros @ 9:00 a.m. & Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 a.m.



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The Laborers in the Vineyard



**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
HIEROMARTYR ANTHIMOS OF NICOMEDIA &
VENERABLE THEOKTISTOS, FELLOW ASCETIC WITH
EUTHYMOS THE GREAT**



DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (TONE 4/ EOTHINON 2)

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION TONE 4

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 FOR ST. ANTHIMOS TONE 1

O godly-minded Anthimos, as a staunch defender of thy flock, thou eagerly sheddest thy blood for its protection. Unbending and wholly unafraid of all thine adversaries' fearful threats, thou rejoicest now in Heaven, standing before the throne of the Three-Sun Godhead. Glory to Christ Who hath given thee strength. Glory to thy manly bravery. Glory to thy patient endurance in martyrdom.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. THEOKTISTOS TONE 8

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father

Theoktistos, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS TONE 4

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

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

THE EPISTLE READING

((For the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost))

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

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (16:13-24)

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, and be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

THE GOSPEL READING

(For the Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (12:33-42)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the

Scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Sept. 5 @ 7 PM – Catechetical and Adult Class (via Zoom)

Thursday, Sept. 7 @ 10:30 AM – St. Maria of Paris Ladies' Prayer Group

@ 6 PM – Great Vespers for the Nativity of the Theotokos

Friday, Sept. 8 @ 10 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos

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.

+Sunday school for preschool age 3 through 12th grade begins next week (9/10)

+MARK THE DATE! Oct 27-29 Visit of Bishop Nicholas and St. James' 10-year anniversary celebration!

+The September *Evangelion* is available in the narthex and on our website

+VERY NEW – Our church website has now been *completely* redesigned. Check it out Sunday at www.saintjamesorthodoxchurch.org! (Many thanks, Jessica Green!)

Your Prayers are Requested:

The Catechumens: James, James; Suffering Orthodox Christians of Ukraine; Theodore, Elizabeth, Matushka Gretchen, Jonathan, Carmen-Mariana, David-Michael, Robert-Gabriel, Archpriest Anastasy, Kenneth, Rosetta, Nicholas, Cecelia, Priest Thomas, Matushka Angela, Mandi, Evan, Sarina, Shelby, Leo, Nectarios, Photini, Joey, Archpriest Thomas, Matushka Kyra, Amy, John, Megan, Brittany, Samuel, Edward, Subdeacon Procopius, Helen, Angelina, Thomas, Elizabeth, Randy, Megan, Michael, Lilah, Ellen, Pam, Deacon Anthony, Shamassy Sophia, Brendan, Jerome, Nectarios, Nelia, Priest Andrew, Wyatt, Macrina, Luke, Emmelia, Roger, Joe, Crystal, Franny, Maria, Shirley, Russell, Mitzi, Pam, Josh, Hollie and family, Amy, Pasquale, Crystal, Patricia, Michael, Elaine, James, Sheryl, Tina, Thomas, Basil, Mary, Patrick, Genevieve, Noah, Jennifer, Jacob, Chloe, Patti, John, Diana, Joy, Mary, Theophylact, Helen, All Orthodox perishing in Ukraine; The newly-departed: Archpriest David
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).