

# 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.



May 28, 2023





**SUNDAY OF THE AFTER-FEAST OF THE  
ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE  
FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL  
HIEROMARTYR EUTYCHIOS, BISHOP OF MELITENE;  
MARTYR HELICONIS OF THESSALONICA



**DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (TONE 6/ EOTHINON 10)**

**RESURRECTIONAL 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 ASCENSION TONE 4**

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, making them confident through the blessing that Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

**APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS**

**TONE 8**

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

**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 ASCENSION TONE 6**

When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved: I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

**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

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all Thou hast done to us.*

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (20:16-18, 28-36)**

In those days, Paul was determined to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if possible, to be at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the priests of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you bishops, to shepherd the church of the Lord and God, which He purchased with His own blood. For I know that after my departure ravenous wolves will enter among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, remain watchful, remembering that for three years I did not cease to admonish every one, night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by such laboring we ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down on his knees with them all, and prayed.

## THE GOSPEL READING

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (4:5-42)**

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst

send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.”

## SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

**Tuesday, May 30 @ 7 PM – Adult and Catechetical Class**

**Wednesday, May 31 @ 6 PM – Daily Vespers (St. Justin Martyr)**

**Thursday, June 1 @ 10:30 – St. Maria of Paris Ladies’ Prayer Group**

### *Your Prayers are Requested:*

*The Catechumens: James, James, Leah; 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, Wyatt, Metropolitan Jonah, Macrina, Luke, Emmelia, Roger, Maria, Shirley, Russell, 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: Michael*  
**PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF ST. JAMES**

**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](mailto:info@stjamesorthodox.org)).