

## **APOSTLE JAMES THE BROTHER OF ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN**

The Holy Apostle James, the son of Zebedee, was the brother of St. John the Theologian, and one of the Twelve Apostles. He and his brother, St. John, were called to be Apostles by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who called them the “Sons of Thunder” (Mark 3:17). It was this James, with John and Peter, who witnessed the Raising of the Daughter of Jairus, the Lord’s Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, and His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

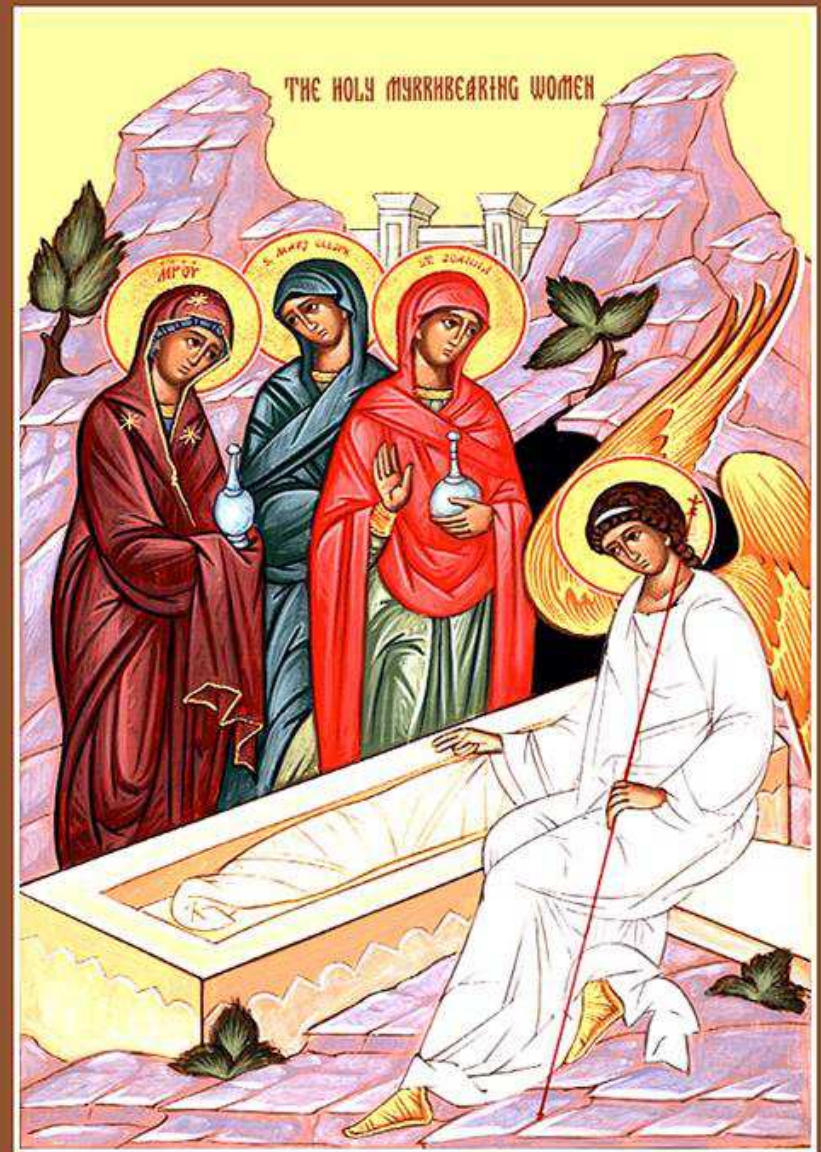
After the Descent of the Holy Spirit, St. James preached in Spain and in other lands, and then he returned to Jerusalem. He openly and boldly preached Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world, and he denounced the Pharisees and the Scribes with the words of Holy Scripture, reproaching them for their malice of heart and unbelief.

The Jews could not prevail against Saint James, and so they hired the sorcerer Hermogenes to dispute with the apostle and refute his arguments that Christ was the promised Messiah Who had come into the world. The sorcerer sent to the apostle his pupil Philip, who was converted to belief in Christ. Then Hermogenes himself became persuaded of the power of God, he burned his books of magic, accepted holy Baptism and became a true follower of Christ.

The Jews persuaded Herod Agrippa (40-44) to arrest the Apostle James and sentence him to death (Acts 12:1-2). Eusebius provides some of the details of the saint’s execution (CHURCH HISTORY II, 9). St. James calmly heard the death sentence and continued to bear witness to Christ. One of the false witnesses, whose name was Josiah, was struck by the courage of St. James. He came to believe in Jesus Christ as the Messiah. When they led the apostle forth to execution, Josiah fell at his feet, repenting of his sin and asking forgiveness. The apostle embraced him, gave him a kiss and said, “Peace and forgiveness to you.” Then Josiah confessed his faith in Christ, and he was beheaded with St. James in the year 44 in Jerusalem.

St. James was the first of the Apostles to die as a martyr.

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TONE 2

APRIL 30, 2017

## THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA

*Holy Myrrhbearing Women*

*Holy Apostle James, the brother of St. John the Theologian*

*Uncovering the Relics of St. Nikita, Bishop of Novgorod;*

*St. Donatus, Bishop of Euroea in Epirus;*

*Uncovering the Relics of St. Basil, Bishop of Amasea;*

*Martyr Maximus of Ephesus; Bishop Ignatii Brianchaninov, Bishop of Stavropol';*

*The "PASSION" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos*

"Listen, women to the voice of gladness, for hell, the tormentor, I have crushed once and for all, lifting the world from the mire of corruption. Hurry, then, and tell the news to My friends, that joy may break forth upon this creation, wherein grief and sorrow first appeared."

Exapostilarion, Tone I

"As a soldier of the Lord, you were ranked among the choir of apostles. Together with your brother, O James, you clung wholeheartedly to the Savior. Armed with the power of the Spirit, you preached Him to all and were slain by the sword. Therefore, we sing your praises!"

Troparion, Tone VIII

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ACTS 6:1-7  
ACTS 12:1-11

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MARK 15:43-16:8  
LUKE 5:1-11

### HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, May 6

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

### Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, May 1  
Tuesday, May 2  
Wednesday, May 3  
(St. Theodosius)  
Thursday, May 4  
Friday, May 5  
Saturday, May 6

Acts 6:8-7:5,47-60  
Acts 8:5-17  
Acts 8:18-25  
Hebrews 13:7-16  
Acts 8:26-39  
Acts 8:40-9:19  
Acts 9:20-31

John 4:46-54  
John 6:27-33  
John 6:35-39  
Matthew 11:27-30  
John 6:40-44  
John 6:48-54  
John 15:17-16:2

**COMING EVENTS**

**MAY:**

- 1, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 7, Sunday Church School Recognition Day
- 8, Monday 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 13, Saturday 9:30 a.m. HTOC Spring Clean-Up Day

**MEMORY ETERNAL:**

Stefan Steve fell asleep in the Lord and was buried April 27, 2017.

**HTOC SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY:**

Just as your homes need a good spring cleaning, so does your church. Donate any amount of time on Saturday, May 13, 9:30-3:30. Many hands will make light work! Contact Marilyn Cobbs at 440-237-1280 for any details and to volunteer. There will be tasks suited to any physical ability/energy level.

**ZOE FOR LIFE!**

ZOE is expanding their programs with the creation of a Women's Center Medical Committee. They plan to add services such as classes in parenting, abortion healing, child raising, as well as offer pre-natal counseling. Volunteers are being sought, especially: nurse, monographer, fund raiser, client advocate, receptionist, medical assistant, physicians' assistant. For more information and to offer services, contact Despina (Despina@mavrakisfamily.com).

**TRINITARIAN COVERS AND FLOWERS:**

The covers and flowers today are offered by Tom and Sandie Adamczek.

**ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:**

The Book Circle will meet May 1 at 12:30 p.m. We are reading The Joy of the Holy (Teachings of St. Seraphim), pages 1-24 and Appendix A (pgs. 93-122). All are welcome. Books are available at La Coupole.

**IOCC 25TH ANNIVERSARY:**

The International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) is celebrating their 25th Anniversary this year. The Cleveland Committee of the IOCC is marking that occasion with a special 25th Anniversary Banquet on Friday, June 9, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Independence. Our parish and parishioners have been loyal supporters of the great work that IOCC has done in the past, and we look forward to our participation in the historical anniversary celebration. Information is posted in the Fellowship Hall, and tickets are available and can be purchased from Paula Svilar or Diane Hastings.

**SANDBAGGER'S OPEN:**

On Saturday, June 10, there is a golf outing to benefit St. Theodosius Cathedral Parish Hall Improvement Fund. It will be in Columbia Station at Dorlon Golf Club. The price includes meals and prizes. Details are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

He who prays should remember that if God spared not His Only Begotten Son for us sinners, but gave Him for us all, then how will He not give us everything, every imaginable blessing? For if the infinite greatest blessing has been given to us, then will not the lesser blessings be also granted to us? Our heavenly Father gives us every blessing in Christ. "His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through knowledge of Him."  
(II Peter 1:3)

St. John of Kronstadt

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, APRIL 23	\$ 2543.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	540.00
BUILDING FUND	45.00
MORTGAGE FUND	75.00
CANDLES	123.00

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**TREASURES FROM THE PENTECOSTARION - II**

FROM THE VIGIL OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA –  
HOLY MYRRHBEARING WOMEN

The myrrh-bearing women came to Your tomb and beholding the seals of the sepulchre, and not finding Your immaculate Body, they mourned with wailing, and came with haste, saying: Who has stolen our Hope? Who has taken away a dead man, naked and anointed with myrrh, the only consolation of His Mother? Alas! How has He that quickened the dead been put to death? How was He buried Who despoiled Hades? But arise, O Savior, by Your own authority after three days, as You did say, and save our souls.

Recklessly and lacking all restraint, I, the hapless one, have committed all sin and every misdeed; worthy of all condemnation, I have no defense; but, O Virgin, grant to me the means of repentance, that I might appear there yonder being not condemned; I enlist you as intercessor, I appeal to you as protectress; put me not to shame, O blessed Bride of God.

When You were lifted up on the Cross, You did call all men to Yourself, even as You had promised, O great in goodness and compassion. For in truth You were pleased to suffer all these things because of our sins. Wherefore, You did also open the gates of Paradise to the thief, O Savior.

*(While the emphasis of this Sunday is on the Myrrhbearing Women, the Church also commemorates Sts. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, who were instrumental in Jesus' burial. The beautiful hymn below is first sung with special melody at the Holy Friday Vespers, as the burial shroud is about to be placed for veneration in the church. On the Third Sunday of Pascha, as we are now in a festal and joyous period, it is sung a less mournful way in the regular Vespers chant tone.)*

O You Who covers Yourself with light as with a garment, when Joseph with Nicodemus took You down from the Tree and beheld You dead, naked, and unburied, he struck up a compassionate dirge, and with mourning said: Woe is me, O sweetest Jesus! When but a short while ago the sun beheld You hanging upon the Cross, it shrouded itself with darkness, and earth quaked with fear, and the veil of the Temple was rent asunder. And behold, now I see You willingly submitting unto death for my sake. How shall I bury You, O my God? Or how shall I wrap You with winding sheets? With what hands shall I touch Your undefiled Body? Or what dirges shall I sing at Your departure, O Compassionate One? I magnify Your Passion; I praise Your Burial and Resurrection, and I cry out: O Lord, glory to You!

Come all faithful, let us extol the wondrous Joseph and Nicodemus, together with the holy Myrrh-bearers and the disciples, as they became heralds of the Resurrection; in honoring them we follow their love and devotion to the Lord and in celebration we cry: Truly the Lord is risen!

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# MAY 2017

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
	1  12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle	2	3	4	5	6  5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
<b>7 4th Sunday of Pascha</b> Sunday of the Paralytic St. Alexis Toth Church School Recognition Day	8  7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting	9  6:00 p.m. Vespers	<b>10 Midfeast Of Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	11	12	<b>13</b> 9:30-3:30 HTOC Spring Clean-up  5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
<b>14 5th Sunday of Pascha</b> Sunday of the Samaritan Woman  Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20  5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
<b>21 6th Sunday of Pascha</b> Sunday of the Blind Man Sts. Constantine and Helen	22	23	24  6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Ascension of our Lord	<b>25 The Ascension of our Lord</b> 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	26	27  5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
<b>28 7th Sunday of Pascha</b> Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council	29  Memorial Day Grave Blessings at St. Theodoisus Cemetery	30  Cooking for St. Herman's House	31  Serving dinner at St. Herman's House			