

GREATMARTYR JAMES THE PERSIAN

The Holy Greatmartyr James the Persian was born in the fourth century into a pious Christian family, both wealthy and industrious. His wife was also a Christian, and the couple raised their children in piety, inspiring in them a love for prayer and the Holy Scriptures. James occupied a high position at the court of the Persian emperor Izdegerd (399-420) and his successor Barakhranes (420-438). But on one of the military campaigns, James, seduced by the emperor's beneficence, was afraid to acknowledge himself a Christian, and so he offered sacrifice to idols with the emperor.

Learning of this, James' mother and wife wrote him a letter, in which they rebuked him and urged him to repent. Receiving the letter, James realized the gravity of his sin. Faced with the horror of being cut off not only from his family but also from God Himself, he began to weep loudly, imploring the Lord for forgiveness.

His fellow soldiers, hearing him pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, reported this to the emperor. Under interrogation, St. James bravely confessed his faith in the one True God. No amount of urging by the emperor could make him renounce Christ. The emperor then ordered the saint to be put to death.

They began to cut off his fingers and his toes one by one, then his hands and feet, and then his arms and legs. During the prolonged torture, St. James offered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord, Who had granted him the possibility of redemption from his sins by enduring these terrible torments. Finally, the martyr was beheaded. Christians gathered up the pieces of his body and buried them with great reverence.

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Vespers on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

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TONE 7

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Greatmartyr Jacob (James) the Persian

Ven. Palladius of Thessalonica; Seventeen Monk-Martyrs in India;

St. Roman the Wonderworker of Cilicia near Antioch; Uncovering of the Relics of St. Vsévolod of Pskov;

St. Jacob, Bishop and Wonderworker of Rostov; Repose of Ven. Diodorus, Abbot of Yuriev Monastery;

Bl. Andrei of Simbirsk; Commemoration of the Weeping Icon of the Most-Holy Theotokos, called "ZNAME NIYE" and the others: "of the Sign," Kursk-Root," "Abalatskaya" and others

"You astounded all, long-suffering James, by enduring horrible tortures with great patience. As the evil assembly performed the slaughter, you uttered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord. Through your sufferings you received your crown and came to the throne of the heavenly King, Christ God. Entreat Him to save our souls!"

Troparion, Tone IV

"Pleasing God in monasticism, O God-bearing Father Palladius, you sought Him through prayer and fasting and were the pure abode of the Spirit, shining upon the faithful with the rays of virtues, which enlighten all who revere you. Glory to Christ Who glorified you. Glory to Him Who strengthened you. Glory to Him Who, through you, grants healing to all."

Troparion, Tone I

TODAY'S EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 2:14-22

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 13:10-17

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, December 3 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are very glad you have come to worship the Holy Trinity with us this morning! Please participate in the services at your comfort level. Our greeters will kindly assist you with whatever questions or needs you may have. The communion of Christ's Body and Blood is reserved for practicing Orthodox Christians. All are invited to come forward at the end of the service to receive the blessed bread. Please stay after the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall so we can get to know you better!

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, November 28	II Thessalonians 1:1-10	Luke 19:37-44
Tuesday, November 29	II Thessalonians 1:10-2:2	Luke 19:45-48
	II Thessalonians 2:1-12	Luke 20:1-8
Wednesday, November 30	I Corinthians 4:9-16	John 1:35-51
Thursday, December 1	II Thessalonians 2:13-3:5	Luke 20:9-18
Friday, December 2	II Thessalonians 3:6-18	Luke 20:19-26
Saturday, December 3	Galatians 1:3-10	Luke 12:32-40

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER:

27, TODAY Thanksgiving weekend—no Church School classes

DECEMBER:

3, Saturday EOWG meeting at Annunciation Church

4, Sunday St. Nicholas Celebration - Lenten Potluck Brunch

5, Monday 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

6, Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

11, Sunday 5:00 p.m. Nativity Concert at St. Paul’s Church

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION:

We will have our St. Nicholas celebration on Sunday, December 4. There will be a Lenten Potluck Brunch, and possibly a visit from St. Nick himself! Sign up on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

LA COUPOLE OPEN HOUSE:

Come in and browse the selection of unique gifts, Christmas cards and ornaments. All children’s books are 20% off.

EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN’S GUILD:

The Guild will have their next meeting on Saturday, Dec. 3, 10:00 a.m., at Annunciation Church; 2187 West 14th St. in Cleveland. There will be a discussion with Fr. Dean Dimon, followed by refreshments.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Pat George.

NATIVITY CONCERT:

The annual Nativity Concert with combined choirs of area Orthodox churches will be Sunday, December 11, at 5:00 p.m. Please plan to join us at St. Paul’s Church at 4548 Wallings Rd. in North Royalton for this enjoyable evening. Admission is free and open to all! Free will donations will benefit local Orthodox ministries. Refreshments will be served in the Hellenic Center following the concert.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

Please remember to donate for flowers that will adorn our church during the Nativity season. There is an envelope in your box that you can use during the upcoming weeks.

COFFEE HOUR:

There are many dates in the new year awaiting donors! Please sign up in the kitchen.

THE “SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS”

HTOC is collecting items during this Nativity season in cooperation with West Side Catholic Center to help clients in need. The list below is of desired items. Please bring your donation to church by December 11, as they will be picked up that day after the Divine Liturgy. There is a collection table in the Fellowship Hall.

Thick insulated gloves of all sizes

Men's boxer briefs, Med.-3X

Footed pajamas, size newborn to 5T

Diapers, sizes 4, 5, 6

Gift cards to Target, Kohl's and Giant Eagle; agency will use for necessary items

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, 11/20/2022	\$ 3570.00
BUILDING FUND	910.00
CANDLES	83.00
ROOFING FUND	280.00
IN MEMORY OF JOHN MIKLOS	510.00
SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE 11/13/22	678.50
COFFEE HOUR 11/13/22	73.00

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DECEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 10:00 a.m. EOWG meeting at Annunciation Church 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
4 25th Sunday after Pentecost Greatmartyr Barbara St. Nicholas Celebration	5 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers	6 St. Nicholas the Wonder- worker 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	7	8	9	10 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
11 26th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of the Forefathers 5:00 p.m. Nativity Concert at St. Paul Church	12 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers	13 St. Herman of Alaska 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy AT ST. HERMAN'S HOUSE	14	15	16	17 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; General Confession
18 27th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday before the Nativity	19	20	21 6:00 p.m. Daily Vespers & Small Compline	22 6:00 p.m. Daily Vespers & Small Compline	23 9:00 a.m. Royal Hours	24 Eve of the Nativity of Christ 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy; Great Vespers 5:00 p.m. Vigil; Great Compline & Matins
25 The Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great	26 Second Day of the Feast of the Nativity T H I S	27 I S	28 A	29 F A S T	30 - F R E E	31 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers w/Litya W E E K .

THANK YOU, O LORD!

Final Words

Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemmann, the late Dean of Saint Vladimir's Seminary, celebrated the Divine Liturgy for the last time on Thanksgiving Day, 1983. Two weeks later, on December 13, he fell asleep in the Lord. As is well known, Father Alexander had devoted his entire life to teaching, writing and preaching about the Eucharist – the Greek word eucharist means thanksgiving. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, Father Alexander took from his pocket a short written sermon, in the form of a prayer, which he proceeded to read. This was uncharacteristic of Father Alexander, since he never wrote his liturgical homilies but delivered them extemporaneously. These were his words, which proved to be the last ever spoken by him from the ambo in church, yet which resound as clearly today, 35 years later, as they did the day they were spoken.

THANK YOU, O LORD!

Everyone capable of thanksgiving is capable of salvation and eternal joy.

Thank You, O Lord, for having accepted this Eucharist, which we offered to the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and which filled our heart with the joy, peace and righteousness of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You, O Lord, for having revealed Yourself unto us and given us the foretaste of Your Kingdom.

Thank You, O Lord, for having united us to one another in serving You and Your Holy Church.

Thank You, O Lord, for having helped us to overcome all difficulties, tensions, passions, temptations and restored peace, mutual love and joy in sharing the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You, O Lord, for the sufferings You bestowed upon us, for they are purifying us from selfishness and reminding us of the “one thing needed;” Your eternal Kingdom.

Thank You, O Lord, for having given us this country where we are free to worship You.

Thank You, O Lord, for this school, where the name of God is proclaimed.

Thank You, O Lord, for our families: husbands, wives and, especially, children who teach us how to celebrate Your holy Name in joy, movement and holy noise.

Thank You, O Lord, for everyone and everything.

Great are You, O Lord, and marvelous are Your deeds, and no word is sufficient to celebrate Your miracles.

Lord, it is good to be here! Amen!