

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 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.

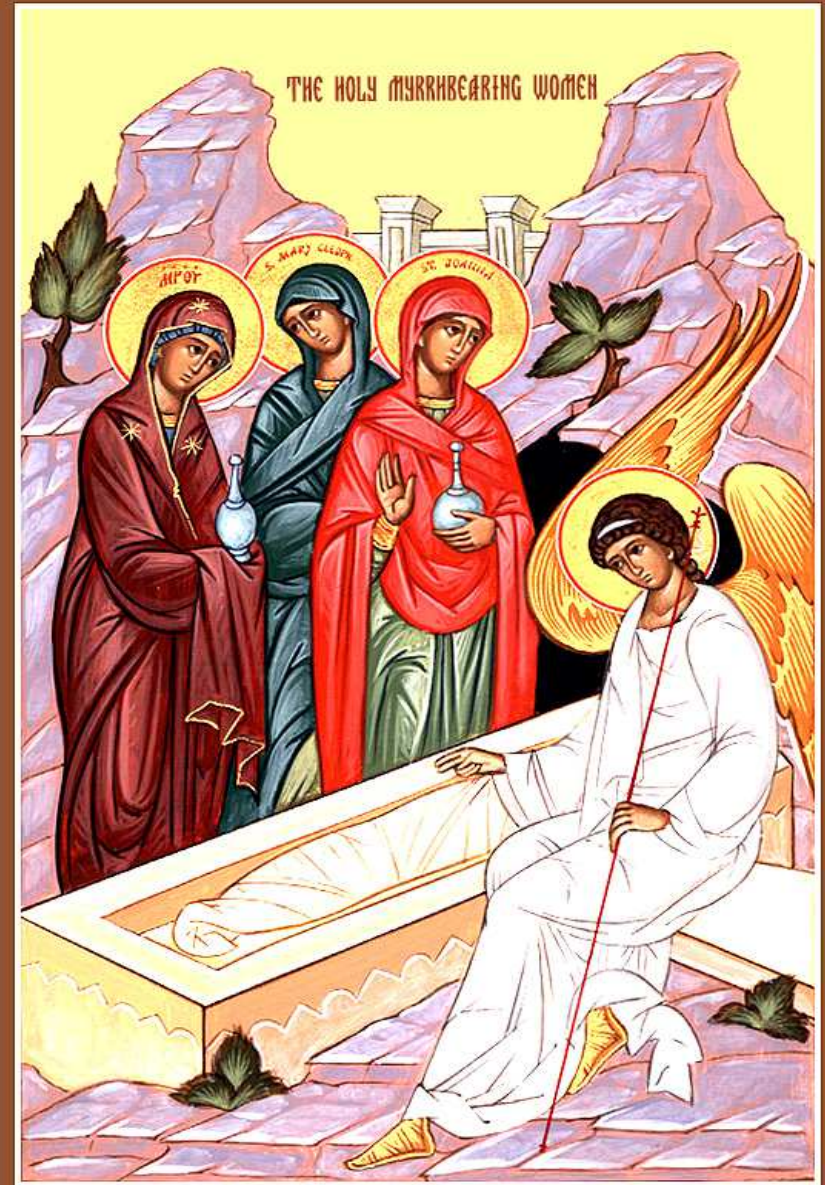
St. James, after the Descent of the Holy Spirit, preached in Spain and in other lands, and then he returned to Jerusalem. He openly and boldly preached Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world, and he denounced the Pharisees and the Scribes with the words of Holy Scripture, reproaching them for their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

The Jews could not prevail against St. 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 before everyone, and he was beheaded with St. James in the year 44 at Jerusalem.

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

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TONE 2

APRIL 30, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Holy Myrrhbearing Women

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

*St. Donatus, Bishop of Euroea in Epirus; Uncovering of the Relics of St. Basil, Bishop of Amasea;
Martyr Maximus of Ephesus; Uncovering of the Relics of St. Nikita, Bishop of Novgorod;
Bishop Ignátii Brianchaninov, Bishop of Stavropol';
The "PASSION" Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos*

"The angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: Myrrh is meet for the dead, but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy."

Troparion, Tone II

"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

WELCOME GUESTS!

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, 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

APRIL:

30, TODAY El Camino — The Way!

MAY:

8, Monday 6:00 p.m. IOCC Banquet at St. Michael’s Woodside
 9, Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
 10, Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—Midfeast of Pentecost
 13, Saturday 12:00 noon EOWG Pan-Orthodox Luncheon at HTOC
 14, Sunday Second Sunday Food Sale
 21, Sunday Last day of Church School classes
 29, Monday Memorial Day grave blessings at St. Theodosius Cemetery

EL CAMINO — THE WAY!

TODAY! During Coffee Hour, you are invited to embark on this unique journey with our Church School students! Learn more about their yearlong study of “Christ, the Light of the World” with a tour of the exhibits and presentations by students set up in our Fellowship Hall.

IOCC WORKING MISSION TRIP:

Volunteers are heading to Kentucky June 18-June 21 to rebuild homes damaged during tornadoes in Dec. of 2021. The cost is \$90 per person for shelter and food during the stay. A team leader will supervise. Work hours finish at approximately 2:30 each afternoon. See Diane Hastings. Space is limited; ages 16 and older, please. Donations are also needed and appreciated.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Jewelann Stefanar in blessed memory of Andrew and Julia Yankovich.

COFFEE HOUR:

Our refreshments today are donated by Margie and Eric Evanoff.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Pat and Gil George.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT FORUM:

Holy Trinity will host the 10th Parish Development Forum from July 13-15th. The Forum will bring together Orthodox Christians from a broad area who are interested in sharing ideas about how to keep our parishes thriving in the future amidst societal, cultural, demographic and technological trends. Specifically, our sessions and break-out groups will be discussing clergy-laity dynamics, attracting and integrating converts, and connecting parishes with their neighborhood. This is a great opportunity for all of us at our parish to learn from and participate in! A link to register <https://tinyurl.com/2xcas8s>

EOWG PAN-ORTHODOX LUNCHEON:

On Saturday, May 13, the Eastern Orthodox Women’s Guild will host their annual Pan-Orthodox Luncheon here at Holy Trinity. Everyone is invited. Doors will open at noon; lunch is served at 12:30. There will be door prizes and an auction of gift baskets. Tickets are available from Joanne Stoyka. Adults, \$15 / Children 6-12, \$7:50 / under 6, Free.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE:

Please remember that our Food Sale returns again next month, on May 14. Plan to support this fundraiser by baking and cooking your favorites!

“Unite your soul to God by means of hearty faith, and you will be able to accomplish everything. Do powerful, invisible, ever watchful enemies wage war against you? You will conquer them. Are these enemies visible? You will conquer them also. Do passions rend you? You will overcome them. Are you crushed with sorrow? You will get over them. With faith you will conquer everything.”

St. John of Kronstadt

GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

	4/16	4/23
REGULAR COLLECTION	\$ 10284.00	\$ 2302.96
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	500.00	
BUILDING FUND	670.00	766.00
CANDLES	123.00	347.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS	7.00	225.00
PASCHA FLOWERS	78.00	64.04
BASKET BLESSING	434.00	

MAY IT SO BE IN OUR DAY TOO!

“And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.” Acts 6:7 (ESV)

The final verse from our epistle reading this Sunday ends on a very positive note in which even priests from among the Jews were following after Christ.

This positive end seems to have come forth after a problem which developed in the early church in Jerusalem in Acts Chapter 6. The widows among the Greek-speaking faithful were being neglected in the daily distributions. And a creative solution was developed in which seven respected men, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, were to help minister to the daily needs of the faithful.

I'm fascinated that through the resolution of this problem which arose that the number of disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem.

What did this early Christian community have that was so contagious? It had prayer (6:4), evangelism through proclamation of the word (6:4), and acts of service (6:1). It also had people who were growing in their faith that were ready to be appointed by the community for ministry (6:3,5).

My prayer is that Christ's Church here at Holy Trinity parish will be one that is enlivened by the Lord similar to this view of the church we see in the opening verses of Acts 6.

May the Lord grant us to be prayerful people: in our liturgical services, in our families, in our personal lives; ever mindful of his presence and his ways. I'm encouraged by hearing of your prayers and also our prayer list ministry and am glad to know that many of you take time to pray for the people on this list each week.

May also the Lord grant us a heart for evangelism and the ministry of the word of the Lord. I've been pondering what evangelism to our neighborhood and surrounding community could look like and welcome your ideas: Perhaps partnering with a nearby school to assist with needs that students have. Perhaps an annual family festival that invites our neighbors for fun games, food, and tours of the church. Maybe planning prayer walks in which our faithful simply take some time after a church service to walk up and down neighborhood streets and ask God's blessing on these neighborhoods. Or a "Visitor Sunday" in which we can invite a friend to church. There are many possibilities for community evangelism, and this firstly starts in each of our hearts as we develop a desire to see others experience the bounties of God's love like we have.

May the Lord give us the ability to serve and care for those in our community and those in need around us. Many of our faithful struggle to get to church and would appreciate a ride or a regular visit. As I mentioned on Holy Wednesday evening, we could also organize Unction services at certain times throughout the year to intentionally reconnect and reintegrate those who find it difficult to get to church. A hospitality ministry team could be mindful of those among us in hardships and sickness that need some special encouragement. Again, it's encouraging to see many of you doing this type of work already and offering your time to come alongside our brothers and sisters.

May the Lord continue to raise up among us those who are of good repute, full of the Spirit and wisdom. And may he give us creative ways to address the challenges that lie before us. And in doing so, I pray that his Spirit may truly dwell among us and that he multiplies the number of disciples here in our midst at Holy Trinity.

In the Risen Christ,
Fr Christopher

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MAY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
7 4th Sunday after Pascha Sunday of the Paralytic Parish Council meeting	8 6:00 p.m. IOCC Banquet at Woodside	9 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers	10 Midfeast of Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	11	12	13 Noon - EOWG Pan-Orthodox Luncheon at HTOC 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
14 5th Sunday after Pascha Samaritan Woman Churching of Anika & Elise Oetama-Paul 2nd Sunday Food Sale	15	16	17	18	19	20 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; General Confession
21 6th Sunday after Pascha Blind Man Last day of Church School classes	22	23	24 6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Ascension	25 The Ascension of our Lord 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	26	27 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
28 7th Sunday of Pascha Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council	29 Memorial Day Grave Blessings St. Theodosius Cemetery	30 Cooking for St. Herman's House	31 Serving dinner at St. Herman's House	June 1	June 2	June 3 5:00 p.m. Vigil of Pentecost

Holy Trinity Outreach Prayer List for the week of April 23, 2023
Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

Memory Eternal

- 1 Judy Howe asks for prayers for her cousin John, who fell asleep in the Lord. May his memory be eternal+
- 2 Rhiannon, cousin of Danielle Bohurjak as entered into eternal life. May her memory be eternal+

Specific Prayer Requests

- 1 Katie Griebel asks for prayers for her friend Priya who is having surgery on her throat tomorrow. May our dear Lord guide the hands of the surgeons.
- 2 Jewelann Stefanar asks for prayers for the health and healing of Tyler.
- 3 Please offer prayers for Katie Griebel who is recovering from thyroid surgery.
- 4 Michele Kuhar asks for prayers for her friend Linda G who needs a hip replacement.
- 5 Rita Bellack requests prayers for peace and comfort for Fred Weiss who has terminal cancer.
- 6 Maren Uziel asks for prayers for her coworker's brother Jake, who was diagnosed with cancer.
- 7 Pirjo-Riitta Lyytinen asks for prayers for her friend's daughter Elina who is suffering serious neuritis in her hand which is now partially paralyzed.
- 8 David Rodak asks for prayers as he awaits the results of recent tests.
- 9 Protodeacon Anthony asks for continued prayers for health and healing for his brother Gerard.
- 10 Jessie Pecuch 's dad, George, needs continued prayers for his health following a long illness and surgery.
- 11 Laura Chandurkar asks for prayers for health and healing for her father-in-law Sudhakar.

Continued prayers for the health, peace and well-being of:

- 1 Becky and Evie
- 2 V. Reverend Father Vladimir and Margarita Berzonsky
- 3 Carol Bohurjak
- 4 Tommy Bohurjak
- 5 Marie Borland
- 6 Christine who is undergoing cancer treatment
- 7 Jennie Cundik
- 8 Baby Emilija Markov, granddaughter of Ana Billow
- 9 Anna DiDonato
- 10 Eva, daughter of Nadine Svilar's cousin
- 11 Barb Fillipow
- 12 Ruth Flewelling
- 13 Gil and Pat George
- 14 Pauline Smolarchuk's friend's son Jimmy
- 15 Mark Karpowicz
- 16 Lydia Kelbach
- 17 Liam James Kepner

- 18 **John Kules**
19 **Olga Lobas**
20 **Kalle Lyytinen**
21 **George Mravitz**
22 **Michael**, Nephew of Pauline Smolarchuk
23 **Ellen Myerly**, daughter of Pat Schwartz
24 **Peter, and Rebecca**, nephew and niece of Ruth Flewelling.
25 **Jessica Pecuch**
26 **Kira Pilat**
27 **Olga Przybys**
28 **Carol Range**
29 **Betty Reis**
30 **Mark S.** friend of Michael Sabat
31 **Betty Scherry**
32 **Pat Schwartz**
33 **Gregg Sepic**
34 **Pauline Smolarchuk**
35 **Valerie Spoerl**
36 **Eleanor Steve**
37 **Ernie and Maryann Schmidt**
38 **Nadine Svilar**
39 **Teresa**, friend of Pauline Smolarchuk
40 **Tressa Thorpe**, friend of Jessie Pecuch
41 **Marsha Uziel**
42 **Marge Virosteck**

A Prayer for Deliverance From Illness

O most Holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Trinity undivided;
pour forth Thy mercy upon Thy sick servant (name);
take away all (his/her) pain and anguish, forgive all (his/her) sins, grant relief from all suffering,
restore health and strength to body and soul.
Grant Thy servant peace, patience and understanding of Thy will for (his/her) life, that (he/she)
may return from the bed of sickness
completely restored to health and able to praise Thy Holy Name, O Lord God and our Creator.

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