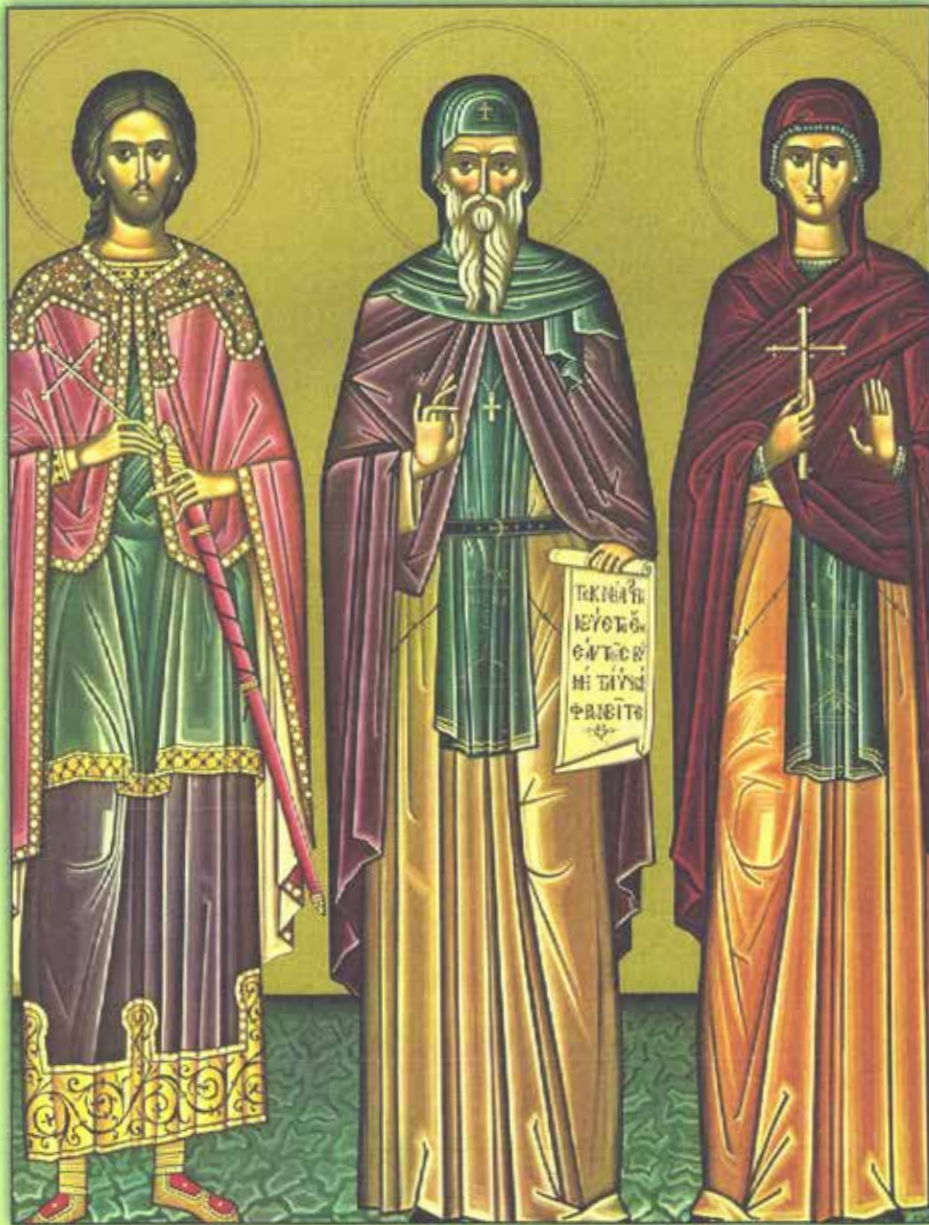


TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Artemis, Gerasimus and Martrona -- October 20th

October 20, 2013

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 5 THE HOLY GREAT MARTYR ARTEMIS OF ANTIOCH

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 21 – OCTOBER 27

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 - THE HOLY APOSTLE JAMES, BROTHER OF THE LORD ACCORDING TO THE FLESH AND FIRST BISHOP OF JERUSALEM

7:00 PM – Divine Liturgy of St. James (**NOTE: To be celebrated at Holy Angels**)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 – THE HOLY PROPHET JOEL; THE HOLY MARTYR VARUS; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF OUR VENERABLE FATHER JOHN OF RILA

6:00 PM – Great Vespers for Sunday (*satisfies for Sunday obligation*)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 – 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; THE HOLY MARTYR NESTOR OF THESSALONICA, COMPANION OF ST. DEMETRIUS

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy For All Parishioners

Pastoral Visit by Bishop Richard

Bishop Richard, will make a pastoral visit to our parish on Sunday, December 15th. In preparation for the bishop's visit, we need to have a choir practice. There will also be a practice with any young men who would like to serve as acolytes for the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Please contact Fr. James if you are interested in serving. Watch for further information in future bulletins.

The Melkite Community of St. Jacob is celebrating the feast of St. James (*Jacob, Якив, Ιακωωος*) on Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM at Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church, 2235 Galahad Road San Diego, CA 92123. The ancient Divine Liturgy of St. James will be celebrated. The Liturgy is the predecessor of the Liturgies of Chrysostom and Basil. We are all invited to attend this rarely celebrated Liturgy.

Professional Directory

As part of the parish directory which is being prepared, we wish to include professional information for our parishioners so that we all know who we should be supporting with our business. If you wish to have your information included, please fill out the form available in the church hall.

Sunday offering for October 13

Amount	Number
\$10.00	3
\$20.00	3
\$26.00	1 (loose)
\$30.00	2
\$40.00	1
\$48.00	1
\$50.00	2
\$75.00	2
\$80.00	1
\$100.00	5

\$1094.00

Parishioner Total: \$1024.00

Guest Total: \$70.00

Average / parish household (42): \$24.38

Weekly Stewardship Goal: \$2125.00

Shortfall: **-\$1101.00**

Last Sunday's Bulletin

If you haven't yet picked up last Sunday's bulletin, it is available in the church hall, or on our website, stjohnthebaptizer.org.

Please Note:

When you are away, please don't forget that the church still relies on your contributions. Our bills do not go on vacation. Your absence on any Sunday does not negate your obligation to support your home parish.

The Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord

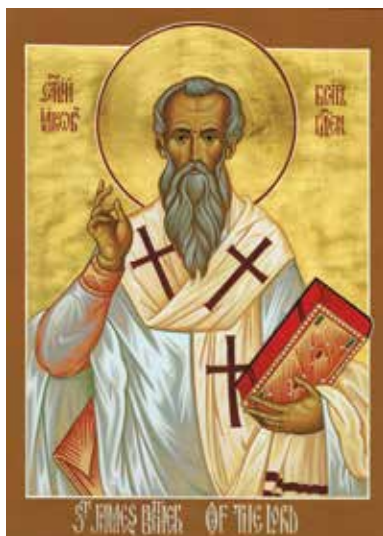
from the Prologue of Ohrid

James is called the Lord's brother because he was the son of the righteous Joseph, the betrothed of the Most-holy Theotokos. When the righteous Joseph was near death, he divided his estate among his sons, and wanted to leave a portion to the Lord Jesus, the son of the Most-holy Virgin, but all the other brothers opposed this, not regarding Jesus as their brother. James greatly loved Jesus and declared that he would include Jesus in his share. That is why he is called the Lord's brother. From the beginning, James was devoted to the Lord Jesus. According to tradition, he traveled to Egypt with the Most-holy Virgin and Joseph, when Herod sought to slay the newborn King. Later, as soon as he heard Christ's teaching, James lived by it. It is said of him that he never

ate fat or oil, but lived on just bread and water, and was a virgin to the end of his life on earth. He often kept vigil at night and prayed to God. The Lord numbered him among His Seventy Apostles. Following His glorious Resurrection, the Lord appeared to him especially, as the Apostle Paul testifies (I Corinthians 15:7). He was Bishop of Jerusalem for thirty years and zealously governed the Church of God.

At the instruction of the Lord, James compiled the first Liturgy, which seemed very long for later Christians, and St. Basil and St. John Chrysostom shortened it. He converted many Jews and Greeks to the Christian Faith, and even the unbelieving Jews were amazed at his righteousness, referring to him as "James the Just." When Ananias became High Priest, he and other Jewish elders determined to kill James for being a preacher of Christ. Once, during the feast of Passover, when many people had gathered in Jerusalem, the elders forced James to climb onto the roof of the Temple, and tried to make him speak against Christ. He climbed up and spoke to the people of Christ as the Son of God and the true Messiah, of His Resurrection and His eternal glory in the heavens.

The infuriated priests and elders pushed him off the roof; he fell and was severely injured, but was still alive. Then, one man ran up and struck him on the head with a fuller's club with such force that his brains spilled out. Thus, this most glorious apostle of Christ died a martyr's death, and went to live eternally in the Kingdom of his Lord. James was sixty-six years old when he suffered for Christ.





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Be Merciful

Being a disciple of Christ means being meek and gentle. And from what source may we draw this meekness? If we are continually mindful of our sins, if we grieve for them, if we weep for them. A soul which habitually feels such contrition does not permit itself to become vexed and angry. In truth, where there is sorrow, anger cannot be. Where there is compunction, anger is altogether out of place. Where there is contrition of soul, there is no irritation. The soul that suffers the lash of contrition has no time to be aroused to anger, but it groans bitterly and weeps more bitterly.

Now, I know that many laugh when they hear these words, but I do not cease mourning for those who laugh. The present time is the

time for mourning and grieving, because we commit sins in word and deed.

Indeed, hear what the Psalmist said, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your great mercy." Well, then, we also must have mercy on our neighbors in this way: according to the great mercy shown to us. For, we shall obtain the kind of treatment from our Lord that we give to our fellow servants. And what is "great mercy" like? When we give, not from superfluities, but from our necessities. But if we do not even give from our superfluities, what hope will there be for us? When shall we be rid of these sins of ours? Where shall we be able to flee and find salvation?

St. John Chrysostom