

October 9

Holy Apostle James, Son of Alphaeus

GREAT VESPERS

KATHISMA READING

Blessed is the man... is sung.

AT PSALM 140

In Tone 4

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Glory...

By receiving the grace of the Holy Spirit, O James,
you were numbered with the holy choir of apostles;
for a mighty wind descended from heaven,
and a fiery tongue breathed upon you,
with which you burned away the thorns of the nations' godlessness.
Pray to Christ God, as His preacher,
that He may save our souls!

Now...

O Mother of God, because of You David the Prophet
became an ancestor of God;
he foretold and sang a joyous hymn of praise
and cried out to Him who worked wonders in you:
"The Queen stood at your right hand."
God revealed you as a life-giving mother,

when He chose to be incarnate of you without a father.
He renewed in man His image which the passions had corrupted.
He found the lost sheep in the mountains, carried it on His shoulders,
offered it to the Father, generously numbered it among the powers of heaven,
and saved the whole world, since He is Christ of great and rich mercy.

READINGS

1 John 1:1-7
James 1:1-12
Jude 1:1-25

APOSTICHA

In Tone 4

You have obtained invincible authority over demons, Apostle James,
and in the name of Christ power to drive away the princes of darkness.
You passed through the earth as a radiant sun enlightening all lands, glorious one:
preaching Christ's first and second coming.

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

James, you were a man of true action,
showing forth the original grace of divine, natural life.
You were called the son of the grace of God.
Because of the purity of your mind and your goodness,
you were manifest as a sincere disciple of Christ.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork!

As a well-made instrument, apostle James,
you gave yourself to the calling in of the Gentiles.
You led them divinely, instructing them in the knowledge of Christ,
and by both deed and word,
you brought all to confess the true divine nature of Jesus,
who is the Saviour of our souls.

In Tone 5, Glory...

We praise in faith, glorious James, the honourable day of your memory:
not because you are the son of Alpheus,
but because you are Christ's apostle; a preacher of his ineffable incarnation.
Since you stand before the throne of the Master,
with the angels, the choirs of apostles and martyrs,
pray without ceasing that our Saviour and God will save us.

Now...

O most pure Virgin,
you are the temple, the gate, the palace, and the throne of the King.
Christ, our Redeemer and Lord,
appeared through you to those who slumbered in darkness.
For He, as the Sun of Righteousness,
wishes to enlighten those whom He created with His own hands
according to His own image.
Therefore, O Lady, whom we always praise in song,
we beseech you to intercede with Christ for the salvation of our souls;
for, as His Mother, you can approach Him with the greatest confidence.

TROPARION

In Tone 3

Holy apostle James, intercede with the merciful God* to grant to our souls* forgiveness of sins.

Glory... Now...

We sing your praises, O Virgin;* for, as the Mother of God, you always intercede for the salvation of the human race.* It is from you that our God and Your Son took flesh. * Then, by suffering the passion on the Cross,** and out of love for mankind, He delivered us from corruption.