

APOSTLE JAMES, THE BROTHER OF THE LORD

Sunday 23rd of October

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 (Epistle)
Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31; Matthew 13:54-58

Troparion — Tone 1

**As the Lord's disciple you received the Gospel, O righteous James;
/ as a martyr you have unflinching courage; / as God's brother, you
have boldness; / as a hierarch, you have the power to intercede.
/ Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.**

We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering and for the health and salvation of others:

The Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospesbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Nadine, Michelle, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Douglas Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Helen Schweizer, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie. Amen!!!

***** To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski*****

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HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

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October 23rd, 2022

APOSTLE JAMES, THE BROTHER OF THE LORD - Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God (Adelphotheos) was the son of Righteous Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos (December 26). From his early years James was a Nazarene, a man especially dedicated to God. The Nazarenes vowed to preserve their virginity, to abstain from wine, to refrain from eating meat, and not to cut their hair. The vow of the Nazarenes symbolized a life of holiness and purity, commanded formerly by the Lord for all Israel. When the Savior began to teach the nation about the Kingdom of God, Saint James believed in Christ and became His apostle. He was chosen as the first Bishop of Jerusalem. Saint James presided over the Council of Jerusalem and his word was decisive (Acts 15). In his thirty years as bishop, Saint James converted many of the Jews to Christianity. Annoyed by this, the Pharisees and the Scribes plotted together to kill Saint James. They led the saint up on the pinnacle of the Jerusalem Temple and asked what he thought of Jesus. The holy Apostle began to bear witness that Christ is the Messiah, which was not the response the Pharisees were expecting. Greatly angered, the Jewish teachers threw him off the roof. The saint did not die immediately, but gathering his final strength, he prayed to the Lord for his enemies while they were stoning him. Saint James' martyrdom occurred about 63 A.D. The holy Apostle James composed a Divine Liturgy, which formed the basis of the Liturgies of Saints Basil the Great and John Chrysostom. The Church has preserved an Epistle of Saint James, one of the books of the New Testament. In 1853, Patriarch Hierotheos of Alexandria sent to Moscow a portion of the relics of Saint James. The Church distinguishes between the holy Apostle James the Brother of God, and Saint James the son of Zebedee, and Saint James the son of Alphaeus.

Service Schedule

Great Vespers: 5 pm Saturdays

Hours: 9:45am Sundays

Divine Liturgy: 10:00am Sundays

Confessions: Will be heard every Saturday evening after Vespers or by appointment.

Call, text or email Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com

Monthly calendar at www.HolySpiritOrthodox.org

Dates to Remember

Saturday 22nd of October

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 23rd of October

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 29th of October

Great Vespers at 5 pm

Sunday 30th of October

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Saturday 5th of November

Great Vespers at 4 pm

Sunday 6th of November

Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Monday 7th of November

Great Vespers at 6 pm

Tuesday 8th of November

SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Another Baby!

We would like to welcome Luke Joseph Fenton into this world! Luke was born on October 14th, 2022, weighing 6 pounds and 11 ounces. Luke is the son of Kim (Kachur) and Sean Fenton. Kim is the daughter of Tim and Pam Kachur! Welcome, Luke Joseph!! God grant you many blessed years!

A Message from Father Michael

I will be away this weekend, but available in case of any pastoral emergency. You may contact me via email: pejovicveljko@gmail.com or cell at (848)228-1563. In my absence, Father Michael Hill will serve Vespers on Saturday, October 22nd at 5 pm and Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 23rd at 10 am.

Annual Diocesan Assembly

This year's Diocesan Assembly will be held Wednesday – Thursday, November 2nd and 3rd, 2022 in Saints Peter and Paul Church, 210 Hill Avenue, Endicott, NY. Father Michael and Matushka Mihaela will attend this year's Assembly representing Holy Spirit Orthodox Church.

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Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council Meeting is scheduled to be held Monday, November 21st, 2022, at 7 pm via ZOOM.

OCA Delegation sent to 11th Assembly of the World Council of Churches

The Orthodox Church in America was represented at the 11th Assembly of the World Church in Karlsruhe, Germany. For more information please follow the link: [OCA Delegation Sent to Eleventh Assembly of the World Council of Churches - Orthodox Church in America](#)

Have an item for the bulletin?

Please email Father Michael at holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com or Mary Osinski at mary.osinski@gmail.com