October 24 & 25, 2020
Saturday Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am • Saturday Vespers, 7:00 pm
Sunday Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am
St James the Brother of God and First Bishop of Jerusalem

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VARIABLE HYMNS

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 3): Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

Troparion for St. James (Tone 4): Since thou art a Disciple of the Lord, thou didst receive the Gospel, O righteous James. Since thou art a martyr, thou art never rejected; and since thou art a brother of God, thou art privileged. Since thou art a High Priest, it is thy right to intercede. Wherefore, beseech thou Christ God to save our souls!

Troparion for the Martyrs Marcian and Martyrios (Tone 4): Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee, received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons’ strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

Kontakion to the Theotokos (Tone 2): O undisputed intercessor of Christians, O Theotokos who is unrejected by the Creator: Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who didst ever intercede for those who honor thee.

Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4): Adored in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

THE EPISTLE

For both Saturday and Sunday: The Feast of St. James and for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost

His voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (1:11-19)

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man’s gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus
Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord’s brother.

**THE GOSPEL**

For *Saturday*: The feast of St. James

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (13:54-58)

At that time, Jesus came to His own country and was teaching the crowds in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary? And are not His brothers James and Joses and Simon and Jude? And are not all His sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?” And they were doubting Him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house.” And He did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

**THE GOSPEL**

For *Sunday*: The Sixth Sunday of Luke

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, “What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me.” For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert. Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss.

Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine,
and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country.

Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.
Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website www.allsaintsorthodox.org

This week and upcoming events:

- Confession, anointing, travel blessings, etc. will be available before and after all services, or by appointment.
- Open church hours: Father Andrew will have the church open this week Tuesday through Friday, 9am to 2pm. All are welcome to come for morning prayers at 9am. Feel free to call for an appointment or pastoral visit inside or outside of these times.
- Saturday, Oct. 31: Divine Liturgy, 10:00am for the feast of St. John of Chicago. Saturday Vespers, 7:00pm.
- Sunday, Nov. 1: Chrismation of John Owens and Divine Liturgy, 9:30am. Teen SOYO meeting will follow; see note below.

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

From Kim Abdul Karim: Once again we will be participating in the DCFS Christmas Gift Drive. Nearly 31,000 children have been the recipients of our collective love since 1998 when the Orthodox Christian Clergy Association (OCCA) started the Pan-Orthodox Philanthropy Project in the Chicagoland area. The OCCA is the largest contributor to the DCFS Christmas Gift Drive.

This year there is a larger need to help these children. Please consider participating by taking a name of a child to purchase a gift for this Christmas! Sheets with gift information will be available this Saturday and Sunday at church. New gifts should be placed in gift bags, labeled with the gift tag provided by DCFS (a pink sheet), and returned to the table at the back of the church by Sunday, November 29.

If you would like to participate and won’t be at church, please reach out to me directly and we can coordinate something KEggers854@aol.com. Thank you all for your participation and support of this worthy cause!

TEEN SOYO CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT

From Melissa W: In addition to our usual toy drive, our teens this year will be assembling boxes for Operation Christmas Child at their November 1 meeting. They will be collecting donations of toothbrushes (adult/children), individually wrapped bars of soap, pens, pencils, crayons, markers sets, and pencil sharpeners. These items will bless children around in world during the Christmas season. Please see Melissa if any questions.
“ORTHODOXY 101” INQUIRERS’ CLASS

This class will be taught by Fr. Andrew on the **first and third Saturdays** of each month, immediately before Vespers. Join us for the first installment on **Saturday, Nov. 7 at 6pm**. This should be of particular interest to inquirers, catechumens, and newcomers to the Orthodox faith, but all are welcome to attend!

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Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God was the son of Righteous Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos. 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, they 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.

St. James is credited with developing and composing the original Divine Liturgy of Jerusalem, 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.

The Church distinguishes between the holy Apostle James the Brother of God, and Saint James the son of Zebedee (April 30) and Saint James the son of Alphaeus (October 9).

“Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” ~ James 1:2–4
DAILY BIBLE READINGS
OCTOBER 25–31, 2020

Sunday, Oct. 25: Martyrs Marcian and Martyrios

Monday, Oct. 26: Great-Martyr Demetrios of Thessaloniki
Isaiah 63:15-64:9 / Jeremiah 2:2-12 / Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15
Matthew 10:16-22 / 2 Timothy 2:1-10 / John 15:17-16:2

Tuesday, Oct. 27: Martyr Nestor of Thessaloniki

Wednesday, Oct. 28: Venerable Job the Wonder-worker of Pochaev

Thursday, Oct. 29: Martyr Anastasia the Roman
Colossians 1:24-29 / Luke 11:14-23

Friday, Oct. 30: Hiero-Martyr Zenobius and his sister Zenobia

Saturday, Oct. 31: Martyred Archpriest John Kochurov
2 Corinthians 3:12-18 / Luke 8:16-21

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