



The Messenger

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Κυριακή, 27 Νοεμβρίου

13th Sunday of Luke
Κυριακή 13' Λουκά

Weekly Worship Guide

The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation • Atlanta, GA

James the Great Martyr of Persia, Nathaniel of Nitria & Pinouphrios of Egypt
Gregory of Sinai and his disciple Gerasimos, Arsenios of Rhaxos, James the Wonderworker, Bishop of Rostov

St. James the Persian



The Holy Great Martyr James the Persian (the Sawn-Asunder) was born in the fourth century into a pious Christian family, both wealthy and illustrious. His wife was also a Christian, and the couple raised their children in piety, inspiring in them a love for prayer and the Holy Scriptures. James occupied a high position at the court of the Persian emperor Izdegerd (399-420) and his successor Barakhranes (420-438). But on one of the military campaigns James, seduced by the emperor's beneficence, was afraid to acknowledge himself a Christian, and so he offered sacrifice to idols with the emperor.

Learning of this, James' mother and wife wrote him a letter, in which they rebuked him and urged him to repent. Receiving the letter, James realized the gravity of his sin. Faced with the horror of being cut off not only from his family, but also from God Himself, he began to weep loudly, imploring the Lord for forgiveness.

His fellow-soldiers, hearing him pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, reported this to the emperor. Under interrogation, Saint James bravely confessed his faith in the one True God. No amount of urging by the emperor could make him renounce Christ. The emperor then ordered the saint to be put to death.

They began to cut off his fingers and his toes one by one, then his hands and his feet, and then his arms and legs. During the prolonged torture Saint James offered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord, Who had granted him the possibility of redemption from his sins by enduring these terrible torments. Finally, the martyr was beheaded. Christians gathered up the pieces of his body and buried them with great reverence.

(Compiled by Theo Mantzikos)

Order of Hymns Following The Small Entrance

Ἀναστάσιμον Ἀπολυτίκιον. Ἦχος βαρύς.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον,
ἠνέωξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν
Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς
σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι
ἀνέστης Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ
μέγα ἔλεος.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Μαρτύρου. Ἦχος δ'.

Ταχὺ προκατάλαβε.

Ὁ Μάρτυς σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτοῦ, τὸ
στέφος ἐκομίσατο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ
Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· ἔχων γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς
τυράννους καθείλεν· ἔθραυσε καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ
ἀνίσχυρα θράση, αὐτοῦ ταῖς ἰκεσίαις Χριστέ,
σώσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ. Ἦχος δ'.

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ Κεφάλαιον, καὶ
τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἢ φανέρωσις, ὁ Υἱὸς
τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ
Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς
σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαίρε
Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Κοντάκιον. Ἦχος γ'.

Ἀυτόμελον.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον,
ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορόρητως.
Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον
μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα
ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰῶνων
Θεόν.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode grave.

By your cross, O Lord, you destroyed death; to the thief
you opened paradise. The myrrh-bearers' sorrow you
transformed into joy, and you sent your apostles forth to
proclaim that you had risen from the dead, Christ our
God, bestowing on all the world your great mercy.

Apolytikion of the Martyr. Mode 4.

Come quickly.

Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You *
the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You
our immortal God. * Since he possessed Your power,
he defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons'
powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ God, at his
fervent entreaties, save our souls.

Apolytikion of the Church. Mode 4.

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the
revelation of the mystery which was hidden from
eternity. The Son of God becomes the Virgin's Son, and
Gabriel announces the grace of this Good News. Let us
also join with him, calling to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O
Woman full of grace; the Lord is with you.

Kontakion. Mode 3.

Automelon.

On this day the Virgin Maid * goes to the grotto to give
birth * to the pre-eternal Word * in an ineffable
manner. * Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on
hearing. * Glorify along with Angels and with the
shepherds * Him who willed that He appear as * a
newborn Child, * the pre-eternal God.

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Readings

Epistle

St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians
2:14-22

Luke 18:18-27

PROKEIMENON: The Lord will give strength to his people.

VERSE: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

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Reminders for Receiving Holy Communion

Holy Communion is offered in the Orthodox Church only to those individuals baptized and/or chrismated (confirmed) in the Orthodox Faith. To participate in Holy Communion one must be in good standing with the Church spiritually (for example, married people must have had their marriage blessed in the Church; and, all must be without grave sin on their hearts). For all Orthodox Christians, the proper preparation for Holy Communion must be observed: that is, examination of conscience, confession, reading the prayers for Holy Communion, and the proper fasting. If you have any further questions about this, please speak with the clergy. Women should remove all lipstick when approaching for Holy Communion. Please let parents with their babies and the elderly approach first. Thank you.

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Welcome, everyone!

We extend a warm welcome to our visitors worshipping with us today in our Cathedral. You are invited to join us for our fellowship following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy in Carlos Hall next to the Church. Thank you for your visit! Please stop by our hospitality table and sign the register in the Narthex.

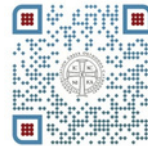
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