

The Holy Apostle James, “Brother of the Lord” and the Sixth Sunday of Luke

Ignatios, Patriarch of Constantinople; James of Brovichi Wonderworker of Novgorod

Sunday, October 23, 2011

Tone 2; Eothinon 8

Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of St. James the “Brother of the Lord” (Tone 4)

Since thou art a Disciple of the Lord, thou didst receive the Gospel, O righteous James. And since thou art a martyr thou art never rejected, and since thou art a brother of God, thou art privileged, and since thou art a High Priest, it is thy right to intercede. Wherefore, beseech thou Christ God to save our souls.

Apolytikion for our Patron, Michael the Archangel (Tone 2)

By choosing the Apostles’ way of life, thou hast succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the Word of Truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith to the very shedding of thy blood, O Hieromartyr Cyprian. Entreat the Lord our God to save our souls.

Kontakion for the Theotokos (Tone 2)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Daily Readings

THE EPISTLE (St. James)

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

The Reading from the Second 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 (The Sixth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading of the Holy Gospel is 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.

The Synaxarion

On October 23 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Hieromartyr and Apostle James “the Just”, the Brother of God and First Bishop of Jerusalem.

Verses

*Of Him condemned to wood, thou art called the brother,
Dying for His sake, with a piece of wood beaten.
On the twenty-third they smote with wood God’s goodly brother.*

James is called God’s brother because he was the son of the righteous Joseph, the betrothed of the Most-holy Theotokos; he greatly loved Jesus. According to tradition, James traveled to Egypt with the Most-holy Virgin and Joseph, when Herod sought to slay the newborn King. The Lord numbered James among His Seventy Apostles and he compiled the first Liturgy. James was Bishop of Jerusalem for thirty years and converted many Jews and Greeks to the Christian Faith. When Ananias

became High Priest, he and other Jewish elders determined to kill James during the feast of Passover. They forced James to climb onto the roof of the Temple and tried to make him speak against Christ. Instead, he spoke of Christ as the Son of God and the true Messiah, and of His Resurrection. The infuriated priests and elders pushed him off the roof, but he survived. Then, one man ran up and struck James on the head with a fuller's club and, thus, this most glorious apostle died a martyr's death.

On this day, we also commemorate Ignatios, patriarch of Constantinople; and James of Borovichi, wonder-worker of Novgorod. *By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.*

A Note Regarding Holy Communion

Since we understand Communion to mean that we have all things in common, sharing an identical Faith, *only* those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and recent Confession may participate in Holy Communion. (We invite all, however, to partake of the blessed bread which is distributed at the dismissal.) Please see the Pastor for inquiries on how to become a member.

NOTE

At the end of the Liturgy during the veneration of the cross, please refrain from speaking loudly and keep in order that the prayers read after Holy Communion may be heard by everyone in the church. Thank you.

OFFERINGS

Holy Bread is being offered this morning by Adeeb & Nuha Abughazaleh with prayers for the continued health of their family, especially their granddaughters, Ameera (three years) and Leila (first year), celebrating their birthdays on October 20. May God grant them many years!

Holy Bread is also being offered by Father Timothy with prayers for his grandson, James Michael Baclig, celebrating his Feast Day

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St. Andrew Church Consecration (Riverside, CA) Saturday, December 3
Orthros, 9 a.m., Liturgy 10 a.m. followed by Banquet

St. Nicholas Cathedral Feast Day Celebration – Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011

Church School Christmas Program – Sunday, December 11, 2011

Note to Coffee Hour hosts: coffee and paper goods will be provided each week.

Holy Bread Offering List

Oct 30 – open

Nov 06 – open

Nov 13 – open

Coffee Hour Hosts Calendar

Oct 30 – Barney, Hanks, Yazbek,
Soltaniazad and Saadeh families

Nov 06 – open

Nov 13 – St. Michael Buffet Luncheon

**Please contact Father Timothy (818/219-3761; pastor@stmichaelvannuys.org)
to sign-up to offer Holy Bread for any of the open upcoming Sundays.
Contact Frieda Kabbash (818)707-6478; frieda702@aol.com) to host the Coffee Hour.**

Do you have an e-mail address? Be Informed.

In an attempt to reduce our printing and mailing costs, the weekly bulletins will be e-mailed to parishioners who are unable to be in church on Sunday. Please be sure that we have your **current** e-mail address by completing the form below and keep us informed should there be any change in your address in the future. It will help you to receive funeral notices, service schedules, and Pastoral messages. Your address will not be seen by other parishioners or shared with others. You may turn in your form with your offering or mail it to the Church Office. Thank you.

My current and active e-mail address is:

today and his second birthday on December 1st. May God keep him in his protective care.

The Coffee hour is also being hosted by Don & Lillian Meena, the Meena, Abraham and Gascou families in honor of their children, grandchildren and Godchildren. May God grant them many years!

Special offerings and requests for prayer are being made . . .

by the Srouer and Cruz families in memory of Yvonne Haddad Rihbany (+21 October 2009), Carim J. Rihbany (+2 November,) Nazira Rihbany and Salim Srouer. Memory eternal.

by Alice & Carl Andrews for their daughter Cindy Holcomb and their great granddaughter, Anna Wei, who celebrated their birthdays on October 22.

for God's blessings and the continued good health of Natalie Malouf, on the occasion of her birthday, by her parents, Ed & Georgette Malouf, brother, Christian and sister, Lauren. May God grant her many years!

by Isabel Horaney for the speedy recovery and continued health of her daughter Linda and son, George.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October is "Youth Month" in the Antiochian Archdiocese

Our teens are participating in the services each week during the month of October. Also **Samantha Tamoush, SOYO President**, will be delivering a short message this morning.

Mortgage Update

\$9,650 has been received from \$10,850 in pledges towards our \$100,000 mortgage payment due on January 15, 2012. We sincerely thank our

contributors for their help. Please earmark your check "Mortgage" when making a contribution. Payments may be made by credit card, however, our church is charged a 2.5% fee for processing.

Notice

Father Timothy will be visiting with his family in Arkansas from Thursday, November 3 and returning on Monday, November 7 to serve at our Patronal Feast Day Vespers Liturgy at 7 p.m. [Note: our Patronal Feast Day Buffet Luncheon will take place on Sunday, November 13.]

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

[Wednesdays and Fridays are observed as days of fasting]

Feast of St. Demetrios – Wednesday, October 26th

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost and Sixth Sunday of Luke

Saturday, October 29th, Great Vespers, 4 p.m.

Sunday, October 30th, Orthros, 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.

Nominations for Parish Council

On Sunday, November 20th we will be holding a brief Special Meeting of the Voting Membership for the purpose of receiving nominations Parish Council members to be elected for three, three-year terms (January 2012 to December 2014). At this meeting the Nominations Committee will present their report and additional nominations will be open to the floor. It is important that persons being considered for nomination be able to fulfill the commitment to serve. Therefore it is necessary that all nominees first be personally asked if they would accept nomination, and second be approved by the Pastor as someone who is qualified. The Parish Constitution prescribes that all nominees must be at least twenty-five years of age or older, have been a pledging member of the parish for at least

one year and have fulfilled the canonical requirements of the Faith [Article VI, Sec. 2]. The nominees must also be committed in attending monthly meetings of the Council held on the second Monday of each month. We sincerely thank **Sondra Murr Love** (also serving as the current President of the Antiochian Women), **Don Meena** (current Chair of the Community Center Management Committee) and **Richard Tamoush** for serving on our Council for the past three years, also **Jeanice Rose Deeb**, **Bobbi Monsue** and **Michael C. Srou** for serving the past year as appointed members. The Parish Council Election will be held on Sunday, November 27th Sunday, December 4th. Please see **Charmaine Darmour**, Chair of the Nominations Committee, if you would like to nominate someone, or are interested in serving on our Parish Council.

How many personal checks do you write in a month?

Is one of those checks to "St. Michael Church?" More and more parishioners are paying their annual pledge and making church offerings by using their credit card to benefit from gaining "travel miles." For more information, please speak with our Treasurer (Natalie Malouf) or Comptroller (Mary Ann Coury).

For Planning Ahead . . .

Mark Your Calendar (see foyer bulletin board for more information)

Church Music Workshop – Saturday, October 29, 2011

St. Nicholas Cathedral; by reservation to Dn. Nicholas Hanna
by October 25: <nickhannausa@aol.com>

St. Raphael of Brooklyn Church Hierarchical Liturgy, November 5
10 a.m., Feast Day Luncheon following (Thousand Palms, CA)

Al-Kafa-at Dinner – Saturday, November 5th

St. Nicholas Cathedral Heritage Ballroom (\$75/person)
for tickets please contact Sondra Love <slove1@socal.rr.com>

St. Michael Feast Day Celebration – Sunday, November 13, 2011
Elegant Buffet Luncheon (\$5/adult) following Liturgy