

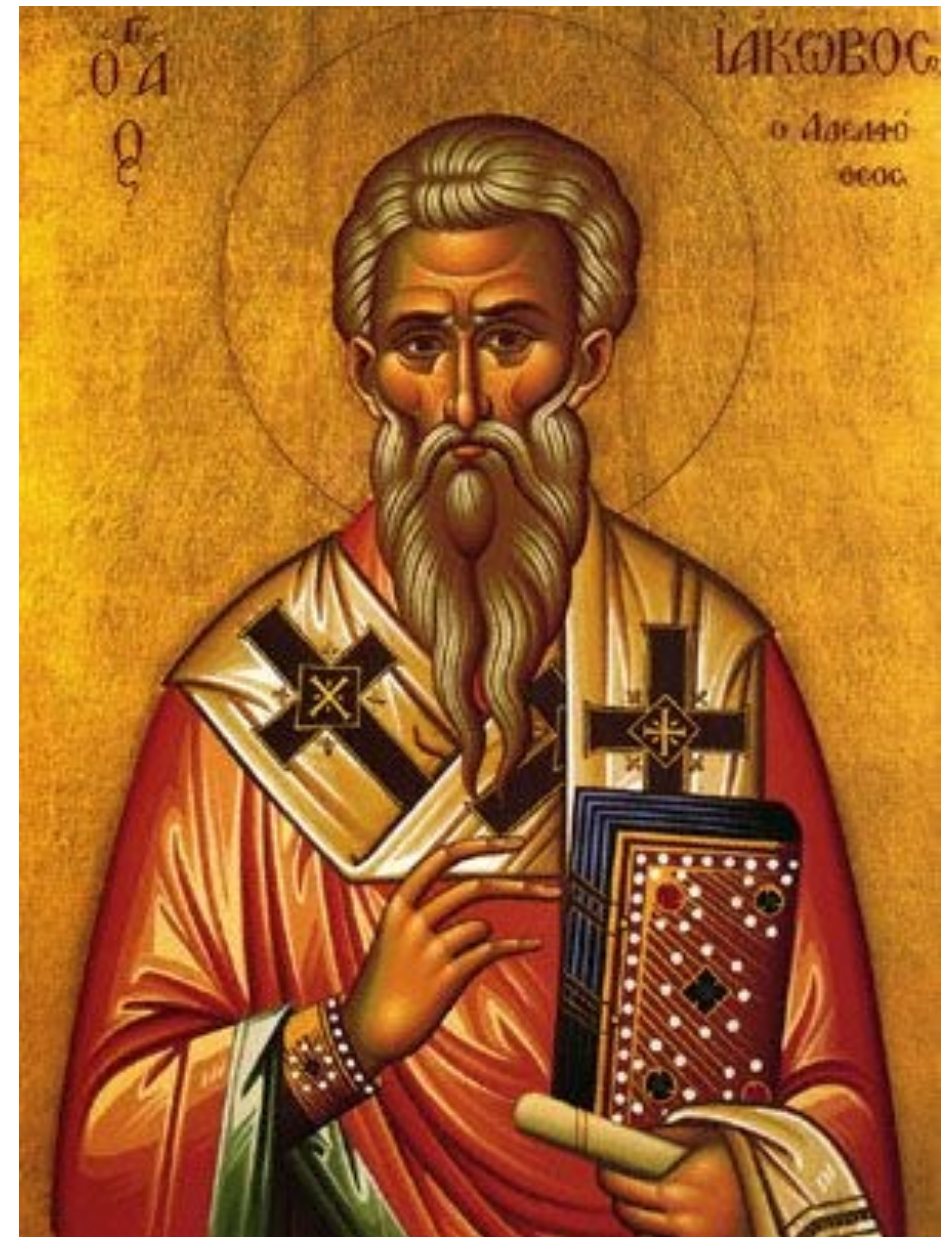
From the Divine Office for James, Brother of the Lord

Foreseeing your holy life from afar, Christ, the Lover of Mankind, chose you, O James, as His brother in His foreknowledge. He designated you as the sacred hierarch and chief shepherd of Jerusalem, to celebrate the ineffable Mysteries which He had taught you. Entreat Him now to save our souls. (Vespers)

With hymns of praise, let us sing of the son of Joseph, the first Bishop of Jerusalem, James, the brother of God, who saw Him with his own eyes. We cry out with faith: "Grant us the perfect gift which comes down from the Father of lights. Deliver us from the affliction threatening us for the multitude of our sins. For our enemies have lifted up their arm against us: we are surrounded by the sons of Ishmael. Make haste to break their bow, O blessed and sacred hierarch, that all of us together may honor you as an apostle. (Orthros)



**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS
OCTOBER 23, 2022**



**JAMES, BROTHER OF THE LORD
FIRST BISHOP OF JERUSALEM
OCTOBER 23**

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Antiphon (1st)

1: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth, and sing praise to His name.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

2: Say to God: How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You.

Be shafa'ati Walidatil Eelah, ya Mukhallisu, khallisna.

3: Let all the earth worship You and sing praises to You; let it sing praises to Your name, O Most High!

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Entrance Hymn

Priest: Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ!

People: O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You. Alleluia!

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 3) pg. 39

Let all in heaven rejoice, and all on earth be glad, for the Lord has exerted power with His arm: By death He has trampled upon Death and has become the firstborn from the dead. He has delivered us from the bosom of Hades and has granted to the world great mercy.

Patronal Troparion (Tone 1) Pg. 15

In giving birth, you have preserved your virginity and in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

Kondakion (Tone 2) Pg. 16

O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever-present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

This James was also identified quite early as the author of the General Epistle of James. This New Testament book has been compared to the wisdom literature of the Old Testament, aspects of which he repeats in a Christian context:

- If anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror who observes himself, goes away and immediately forgets what kind of man he was (Jas 1:22-23). - If anyone among you thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless (Jas 1:26).
- If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food and some of you say to them 'Depart in peace, be warm and filled' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what good is it? (Jas 2:15-16)
- - You believe that there is one God. You do well, but even the demons believe and they tremble! (Jas 2:19)

We find several familiar elements in our liturgy drawn from the Epistle of James: This exclamation is uttered in almost every Divine Liturgy: "Every good gift and every perfect grace is from above and comes down from the Father of lights..." (Jas 1:17).

We also see from this text that the apostolic Church performed what we call the mystery of holy unction: anointing of the sick by the elders (presbyters) of the Church.

The first documents of the Eucharistic Liturgy of the Jerusalem Church that we have date from the fourth century AD. Even then this Church identified its Liturgy with St James the Lord's Brother. The model Liturgy for the Church in the Roman-ruled Middle East, the Liturgy of St James is still used in the Syriac Churches of Antioch. A Greek form is offered on St James' feast days in many Byzantine Churches.

James came to be so known for his righteousness that he was nicknamed James the Just. His reputation for righteousness was such that the Jewish historian, Josephus Flavius, in enumerating the reasons for the fall of Jerusalem to the Romans in AD 135, says that the Lord chastised the Jews, among other things, for the murder of the righteous James. James is said to have been stoned near the temple at the urging of the Sanhedrin and buried nearby.

In 2002 a first century ossuary or burial box from Jerusalem was displayed in a Canadian museum. Its inscription reads, "James, son of Joseph, brother of Jesus." This inscription has been seen by some scholars as a later addition; if so it would at least attest to the faith of the Jerusalem Christians that James was the half-brother of Jesus, as the Eastern Churches continue to hold.

In the Byzantine Churches this James is chiefly remembered as the Brother of the Lord on the Sunday following the celebration of Christ's Nativity. His martyrdom is commemorated on October 23.

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

Today **Our father & Bishop Francois**
Wyatt William Rahall
+Corinne Halal. Requested by Ron Abraham

Today's Coffee Hr. is hosted by Antoinette Arraj & Lisa Jagielski
Next week's Coffee Hr. will be hosted by Janice & Bill Abdelnour

Please remember in your prayers: George Arraj, Jr., Ron Abraham, Peter Abraham, Vi Gazal, Robert Ghiz, Sadie Mirante, Archie Opatka, Katherine Thomas, Charlotte Stockhaus, Ruth Welsh, James Rahall, Richard Abraham, Sr., Daneil Sarrouf, Bob Lynch, Michael Mooradian, Michael McNeil, Jeff McNeil, Wyatt William Rahall, St. Patrick's Manor, the people of Ukraine, and those who suffered a loss as a result of Hurricane Ian .

If there are people for whom you would like me to pray, please reach out and give me their names. Part of our vocation as Christians is to pray for each other, especially when someone is sick or suffering in any way.

Last Week's Collection

Weekly	\$1,223
Candles	\$ 23
Coffee Hr.	\$ 33
Stole	\$ 15
Other	\$ 151
TOTAL	\$ 1,445

God bless you for your generosity!



Welcome to any visitors we may have with us this morning! We are happy to have you worship with us.

Please join us downstairs in the church hall for the coffee hour so that we can get to know each other better and answer any questions you may have about the parish or the Melkite Church.

UPDATED PICNIC REPORT

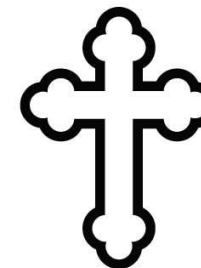
As I stated earlier, the Picnic was a big success! It was a fun afternoon. We worked hard, but it was worth it! People ate, danced, and spent time with each other, which is the point of a family picnic.

The picnic was also a financial success. We had gross receipts (food, raffles, donations) of \$17,848.39. Our expenses were \$4,324.65. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, friends, and the Greater Worcester business community, we had a net profit of \$13,523.74! We will use these funds to offset the cost of work we need to do in and around the church. Again, thank you so much for your generosity of time, talent, treasure, and hard work!

Fr. Bryan

Most Reverend Francois Beyrouti was enthroned as the 6th Eparchial Bishop for the Eparchy of Newton on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. It was a joyous day for the Eparchy. I look forward to Bishop Francois visiting OLPH so that you can all get to know him better.

Bishop Nicholas is now retired. We thank him for his many years of service to the Eparchy and wish him a happy and fruitful retirement!



October 23 – St James, Brother of the Lord Who Is the Brother of the Lord?

THE NEW TESTAMENT MAKES MENTION of three important disciples of Christ named James. The first, James the son of Zebedee, was one of the first called. The Gospel records that, after calling Peter and Andrew, Jesus “...saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and followed Him” (Mt 4:21-22). This James, along with Peter and John, would be the closest of Jesus’ disciples. He chose them to be with Him at His transfiguration and also in the garden after the Last Supper. James the son of Zebedee would be the first apostle to die for Christ (Acts 12:3). He is commemorated on April 30.

The second James among the Twelve would be the son of Alphaeus (Mt 10:3). The Gospels record only his name and nothing more about him is recorded in the Scriptures. St Hippolytus of Rome wrote in the early third century that “James the son of Alphaeus, when preaching in Jerusalem, was stoned to death by the Jews, and was buried there beside the temple.” Here Hippolytus repeats a story from the second-century writer Hegesippus concerning the death of the third James, whom St Paul calls “*the Lord’s brother*” (Gal 1:19). This confusion has persisted in the West and these two disciples are often considered to be the same. In the Byzantine Churches this James is remembered on October 9

This third James was not one of the Twelve, but played a very prominent role among the first Christians because of his family relationship to Jesus (see Mk 6:3). His connection with the Lord has been a subject of much discussion and controversy among Christians of all ages. Some early sects held that James was Jesus’ younger brother, the son of Joseph and Mary. St Jerome, insisting that Mary was ever a virgin, taught that James was Jesus’ cousin, saying that “brother” here meant “relative.” The more common teaching in the East – recorded in the second-century Protoevangelium of James – is that James is the older half-brother of Jesus, Joseph’s son by an earlier marriage. Thus icons often portray a teen-aged James helping Joseph on the flight into Egypt.

The Gospels record that at first Jesus’ family was skeptical when He began His public ministry. They were not among His disciples and Jesus even contrasted them to the spiritual family of His disciples (see Mt 12:46-50). There is no reason to think that James’ reaction to Jesus was any different from that of His other relatives.

St Paul gives us the first indications that things were to change drastically. He reports that the risen Christ appeared to James (1 Cor 15:7), making him, like the Twelve and the women, an eye-witness to the resurrection. Presumably James and the rest of his family now accepted Jesus as the Messiah. Acts 1:14 places them among Jesus’ disciples in the upper room after His ascension. James and Jesus’ other relatives were counted quickly as among the foremost members of the Church (see 1 Cor 9:5).

James as the oldest of his brothers was presumably the head of the family and a logical choice to be the leader of the Jerusalem Church. Peter and the Twelve were “apostles” – sent forth throughout the world – while James remained at the center of the local community. He figures importantly in the Acts of the Apostles as the head of the local Church, the foremost representative of the native Judean believers. For this reason he has come to be known as the first bishop of Jerusalem.

Prokimenon

Reader: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

People: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Reader: All you peoples, clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness!

People: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Reader: Sing praise to our God, sing praise!

People: Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Epistle: Gal. 1:11-19

Alleluia Verses

In You, O Lord, I have hoped: let me never be put to shame. In Your justice, save me and deliver me, lend me Your ear and hasten my deliverance.

Verse: Be for me a protecting God, a sheltering house to save me.

Gospel: Lk. Lk. 8:27-39

St. George’s has invited the men of our parish and their sons to its Fathers & Sons Dinner on October 27 at 6PM. It is open to all men, so plan to come even if you do not have a son(s). I’m sure it will be a wonderful evening! You can reserve your ticket by using the QR code in the RSVP section.


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