

Greatmartyr James the Persian (Nov 27)

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.

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November 27, 2022

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

COMMEMORATIONS:

GREAT-MARTYR JAMES THE PERSIAN
VENERABLE PALLADIOS OF THESSALONICA
NATHANIEL OF NITRIA & PINOUPHRIOS OF EGYPT,
THE RIGHTEOUS
GREGORY OF SINAI AND HIS DISCIPLE GERASIMOS
ARSENIOS OF RHAXOS
JAMES THE WONDERWORKER, BISHOP OF ROSTOV

Tone 7 - Eothinon 2

Orthros Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 18:18-27

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 7 - Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross, thou didst open Paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim a warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy!

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JAMES THE PERSIAN - Tone 4 - Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For, since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

Coffee Hour

Choir Rehearsal 12:45 p.m.

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Dec 4):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	John Child	Kristi Moore
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	Chebeleu Family—Travel Blessings
USHERS:	Steve K. & Rdr Nick	Todd M. & Sdn. John N.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
CLEANING TEAM:	Nathan, Rebecca & Teens	George & Lily; Zaria
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Myriam; Conor; Jekels/Teens	Chris H.; Mariya S.; Dale

Mark Your Calendar:

Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 11, 12:30 p.m.

Christmas Choir Concert

Sunday, December 18, 1:30 p.m.

Feast of Christmas/Nativity

Saturday, Dec 24—Sunday, Dec 25

Divine Liturgy 9 a.m.

Vespers 10:30 a.m.

Festal Orthros 10:30 p.m.

Festal Liturgy 12 a.m.

Vespers 12 p.m.

Feast of Circumcision & St. Basil —

New Years

Saturday, Dec 31

Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan 1

Divine Liturgy & New Years Prayers

Theophany

Thursday, Jan 5

Royal Hours 10 a.m.

Vesperal Liturgy 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan 6

Orthros 9am & Divine Liturgy 10am

Great Blessing of Waters

HOME BLESSINGS:

Reach out to Fr. Noah or Fr. James directly to schedule.

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	(November Parish)
Kh. Joyce	Diptychs
Linda	+Joseph
Tadessa	+Peter
Nicole	+Ellen
Raymond	+Evelyn
Patrick	+Ksenia
Doris	+William
John	+Elizabeth
John	
James	
James	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Tatiana	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Anesia	
Mary	
Mary	
Priest Thomas, Bill, Jesse, Nathan, Hannah & all Missionaries	<u>Catechumens</u>
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Christian
For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity	Christina
The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends — George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric	Peter, Sarah, Alina, William, & Elsa
	Kate
	Joseph & Alana
	Ryan
	Zachary, Brandy,
	Nora, Gavinn, Lorelei, & Otto
	Taylor & Bethany
	Joanne
	Denis
	Nicholas, Rachel, Luka, Leo
	David, Helen, Elianna
	Michael
	Evan
	Lucretia

NOVEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Turkeys & Hams

CHALLENGE FOR 2022:

“You are the Light of the World”

40 Days of Growth in Stewardship has concluded!
Theme: “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”
--Please Submit Your 2023 Pledge!--

This Week:

Nativity Fast continues!! (Nov 15-Dec 24)

(**There are times for Confessions before and after most services.)

- Mon, Nov 28:** Advent Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
Confessions 7:30 p.m.
- Tues, Nov 29:** 6th Hour, 12 noon
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, Nov 30:** Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, Dec 1:** Jesus Prayer 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study (Genesis) 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Dec 2:** Holy Unction (fast) 6:30 p.m.
Akathist Softener of Hearts 7:30 p.m.
Refreshments 8 p.m.
- Sat, Dec 3:** Catechism & Inquirer Class 5 p.m.
Youth Choir practice 5:30 p.m.
Great **VESPERS 6:30 p.m.**
Confessions 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec 4:** **ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.**
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Teens
Coffee Hour
Women of St. Mariamne
Choir Rehearsal 12:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers Nov 19: 83 Divine services on Nov 20: 179
OFFERINGS 11/20: Candles, \$270. Collections, \$698.51. Youth, \$1.
 Book Shelf Ministry, \$20. Hospitality/Coffee Hr., \$50. Mission Chapel, \$255.
 Twelve Baskets, \$50. Stewardship, \$9,629. Total received: \$10,973.51.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)