

## **The 21<sup>st</sup> Day of March**

**Saint James (Jacob, Iago) the Confessor, Bishop of Catania.**

### **Vespers**

**At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Thou hast given a sign....”***

**H**aving desired the glory that is without beginning and passeth not, /  
Thou didst scorn the glory that is transitory and perishes; /  
Having taken up thy cross, thou didst follow Him Who had been crucified, /  
And thou didst subdue the flesh with ascetic struggles. ///  
Therefore we celebrate thy memory, O James.

**H**aving crucified the worldly passions, O James /  
Thou didst preserve thy soul in purity, untainted by low things, O father; /  
And thou didst soar to the heavens with mystical visions /  
Thou didst foresee thy life in these visions, O ven’rable one ///  
O most faithful and sincere friend of Christ.

**T**hou didst show thyself to be filled with gentleness /  
Chastity, mercy, kindness, wise humility, meekness and love; /  
And thou wast adorned with compassion, enduring patience, faith and hope, /  
O ever-mem’rable one, ///  
Since thou wast enriched by prayers and illumined by the divine radiance.

### **Glory... now and ever..., Theotokion, in Tone 4:**

**W**ash away the filth of the passions of my heart /  
O all-praised Theotokos /  
And cleanse all the wounds which come from my sins and their corruption, /  
O pure one; /  
Set in order my unstable mind /  
So that I who am condemned and am thy worthless servant ///  
May magnify thy power and great protection.

### **Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone:**

**B**eholding Christ, who loveth mankind, crucified, /  
His side pierced by a spear, /  
The all-pure one, cried aloud, lamenting: /  
“What is this, O my Son? /  
How have these thankless people rewarded Thee /  
For all the good things that Thou hast done for them?” /  
Dost Thou hasten to leave me childless, O most belovèd Son? ///  
I marvel, O compassionate One, at Thy voluntary crucifixion!

*Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.*

**The General Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 4:** *(None given in the Menaion)*

In truth thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith,  
A model of humility and teacher of abstinence, /  
So thou didst win the heights of humility, riches by poverty; /  
O holy hierarch, father James, /  
Intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

**Matins**

**The Canon of Saint James, in Tone 2,**

*the composition of Ignatius.  
— incomplete as of 1/2013*

**After the Third Ode, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 4:** *To the melody, “Quickly go before...”*

**R**enouncing the world and subjugating thy flesh with abstinence, /  
Thou didst follow after Christ, O most-blessèd James. /  
And didst receive the holy anointing of priesthood. /  
Now thou art translated to stand with the choirs of bodiless angels ///  
Ceaselessly praying for us all who praise thee.

**Glory... now and ever..., Theotokion, in Tone 4:**

**T**hou alone gavest birth to the Creator of all, /  
And who alone adorned mankind by thy birthgiving, O bride of God, /  
Deliver me from the snares of the deceitful enemy /  
And place me on the firm rock of doing the will of Christ ///  
Ceaselessly beseeching Him Whom thou gavest flesh for us all.

**Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone:**

**W**hen she beheld Thee raised upon the tree, /  
Thy most-pure Mother, O Word of God, cried out lamenting: /  
“What is this new and awesome miracle, my Son? /  
How dost Thou, the Life of all, partake of death ///  
In Thy compassionate desire to enlive the world.

**[No Kontakion of the Saint is given in the Menaion]**

## ST. JAMES (JACOB) THE CONFESSOR, BP. OF CATANIA