

The 27th Day of November



Commemoration of the Holy Greatmartyr James (Jacob) the Persian; and the Commemoration of our Venerable Father Palladius — incomplete as of 10/31/2016

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera of the Saint, in Tone 2: To the melody, “When from the tree....”

Having forsaken all the beautiful things of this world /
The wealth and glory of thine inheritance, /
And casting aside the yearnings of the flesh /
And taming thy body by imitating the passions of Christ, /
Thou didst truly become a partaker of his glory, O greatmartyr James, ///
And now art a communicant of the heavenly kingdom. (twice)

Suffering the dismemberment of thy body, /
Enduring unbearable wounds and pain, /
Thou didst courageously defeat the savagery of thy tormentors, /
And didst receive the priceless crown of victory. /
Now being thus adorned, O blessed martyr James ///
Thou standest with those who suffered with thee before the throne of thy Master.

(twice)

Having great boldness before Christ the Lord, /
Thou art a fervent intercessor for all who honor thy memory with faith, /
Delivering them from dangers and misfortunes /
And freeing them from all their passions, /
Rescuing them from every evil by thy divine prayers ///
That we may glorify thy magnificent and splendid deeds. (twice)

Glory..., in Tone 5:

Thou didst astonish all by thy courageous suffering /
Bearing the severing of thy fingers, hands and feet, /
And as thou didst pray, they cut off thy precious head. /
O greatly-suffering martyr James, /
Cease not to pray to Christ for us, ///
That He may be merciful to our souls.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: To the melody, “Rejoice....”

Seeing her Lamb being led to the slaughter, /

The ewe-lamb followed after Him, crying out: /
 ‘Where dost Thou go, O Christ, my sweetest child? /
 For whose sake, dost thou run this course so swiftly? /
 O most-desired Jesus, the only sinless and most-merciful Lord, /
 Grant me a moment that I might speak to Thee: /
 O my compassionate] and belovèd Son /
 Do not disdain in silence her who ineffably bore Thee, without seed, /
 O Long-suffering and All-bountiful God, ///
 Who grants the world great mercy.’

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.

The Aposticha from the Octoechos, and

Glory..., of the Martyr, in Tone 8: (by George Syncellus)

Coming together with faith today /
 Let us behold the awesome and fearsome struggle of the martyr James /
 Who shone like the star of Persia /
 Which led us, like the Magi, to the knowledge of the Truth; /
 For when he fell, he destroyed his tormentors /
 And when his members were severed, he defeated those who slew him. /
 And being strengthened by providence from on high, he cried aloud: /
 ‘Though you sever my limbs I have Christ, who is all to me!’ /
 Thus foreseeing the life which is to come, which lies to all through death /
 He hastened to pass over to it. /
 And abiding there now, he prays to God, the bestower of crowns, /
 That He grant to us who celebrate his memory today ///
 Enlightenment, cleansing, and great mercy.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, or the Stavrotheotokion, in Tone 8: To the melody, “O most glorious wonder....”

“What is this sight that I see, /
 What do mine eyes behold, O Master? /
 Thou, who sustainest all creation, lifted up on the Tree, /
 Dost die granting life to all,” /
 Cried the Theotokos, weeping, when she beheld upon the Cross ///
 The God-man who had ineffably shone forth from her.

The General Troparion of a Martyr, in Tone 4:

Thy holy martyr James, O Lord, /

GREATMARTYR JACOB (JAMES) THE PERSIAN;
AND OUR VENERABLE FATHER PALLADIUS

Through his sufferings received his incorruptible crown from Thee, our God /
For having Thy strength he laid low his enemies /
And shattered the powerless boldness of demons ///
Through his intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

Or this Troparion to the Martyr, in the same Tone:

Thou didst astonish all by thy terrible suffering /
And by the valor of thine endurance; /
Thou didst wondrously offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God /
As each of thy limbs was severed from thy body. /
Therefore, thou didst receive a crown for thy sufferings, /
And didst ascend to the throne of Christ God, the King of heaven. ///
Entreat Him now, O James, that He may save our souls.

Note: The Service to St. Palladius is sung at Compline. — *incomplete as of 10/31/2016*

Matins

Both Canons from the Octoechos, and this Canon of Saint James
with 6 Troparia, in Tone 4,
having the acrostic: *“I honor thy life, O most-blessèd father,” the composition of Joseph.*
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**After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of the Saint James, in Tone 2: To the melody,
“Seeking the highest....”**

Thou didst heed the advice of thy good wife /
And didst meditate upon the judgment of God. /
Thou didst despise the Persians’ threats and commands /
And didst accept thy body to be cut into pieces as a vine. ///
Thus becoming a martyr worthy of all praise.