

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sat. Nov. 11	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Nov. 12	8am	Divine Liturgy
Sat. Nov. 18	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Nov. 19	8am	Divine Liturgy
Sat. Nov. 25	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Nov. 26	8 am	Divine Liturgy

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PRAY FOR PEACE AND
PRAY FOR EACH OTHER



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GIVING TREE 2023
IS ON!
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And get on our parish text alerts list, and stay up to date via email or text alerts. Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time. There is no charge for this service, but carrier message and data rates may apply.

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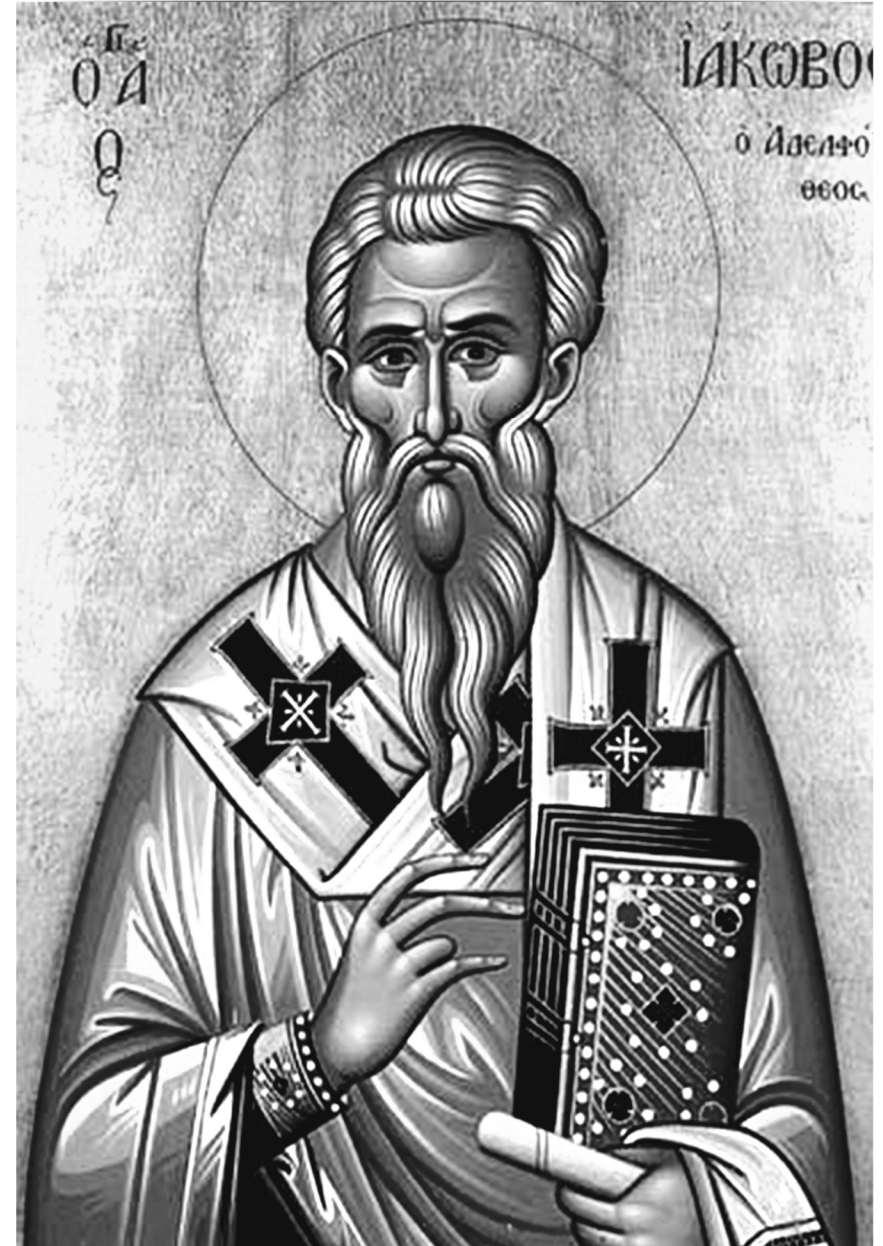


NORTH AMERICA
CHURCH

SUN. NOV. 5, 2023

APOSTLE JAMES THE BROTHER OF THE LORD

TONE 5



Prokeimenon in 5th Tone (Ps 12)

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

In the 8th Tone (Ps 18)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

EPISTLE: GALATIANS 6:11-18; 1:11-19

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

BRETHREN, I would have you know, brethren, 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.+

Alleluia in Tone 5 (Ps 89)

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy Truth from generation to generation.

Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever, and my Truth will be prepared in the heavens.

And in the 1st Tone (Ps 88)

The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints!

GOSPEL: LUKE 16:19-31; MATTHEW 13:54-58

THE LORD SAID THIS PARABLE: "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

AT THAT TIME, when coming to his own country he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?" And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house." And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief!+

MARK THE DATE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

ASONA will have it's Fellowship and Coffee Hour
at

The Home of Doug and Barbara Gill
22342 W. Myers St.
Wittman, AZ 85361

They have much room to play and animals to see!

We will depart immediately from Divine Liturgy
yo the Gill Home for a festal picnic and fellowship.

Please see Barbara Gill to see what dishes
you can bring!



THE ASONA CHRISTMAS PAGE IS UP

arizonaorthodox.com/Christmas

*Time to study up on what we really believe, and we have done the work for you! We often hear it said that Jesus was not “really” born December 25th; that this date is a mere fiction, appropriated by church authorities in an attempt to Christianize the pagan solstice, or festival of the sun. However, such charges are actually recent. **Learn the truth. Defend the faith!***

Census Considerations

On the Dateline NBC’s “The Birth of Jesus” episode, Dr. John Dominic Crossan, co-founder of the wildly popular Jesus Seminar, called into question the historical veracity of Holy Scripture. Said Crossan: “Luke tells us the story that at the time Jesus was born Augustus had decreed a census of the whole earth. Now, every scholar will tell you there was no such census ever.” Is Crossan correct? Is the Canon corrupt?

A Pagan Records the Slaughter of the Holy Innocents by Herod

Matthew says that when Herod realized the magi were not going to return, he ordered the slaughter of all male children two years old and under in Bethlehem and the neighboring towns (Matt. 2:16-18). The witness of Matthew and John is corroborated by a pagan writer named Macrobius.

Christmas Trees: Pagan or Biblical? In Defense of the Christmas Tree

The Christmas Tree? Pagan? The Christmas tree does not date from early Germanic times. Its origins are to be found in a tradition that has virtually disappeared from Christianity, the Liturgical Drama.

*Our Christmas page includes the hilarious
“Horus Ruins Christmas” videos.*

SAINTS ALIVE

The lives and deeds of the heroes of our faith

APOSTLE JAMES, BROTHER OF THE LORD

The Apostle James, Brother of the Lord – was the son of Righteous Joseph the Betrothed (Dec. 26). From his early years James was a Nazarite, a man especially dedicated to God. The Nazarites gave a vow to preserve virginity, to abstain from wine, to refrain from eating meat, and not to cut their hair. The vow of the Nazarites symbolized a life of holiness and purity, commanded formerly by the Lord for all Israel. When the Savior began to teach the nation about the Kingdom of God, Saint James believed in Christ and became His apostle. For his God-pleasing life he was chosen first bishop in the Church at Jerusalem.



Saint James presided over the Council of the Apostles at Jerusalem, and his word was decisive (Acts 15). In his thirty years as bishop the Apostle James converted many of the Jews to Christianity. Annoyed by this, the Pharisees and the Scribes plotted together to kill Saint James. Having led the saint up on the roof of the Jerusalem Temple, they demanded that he renounce the Savior of the world. But the holy Apostle James instead began to bear witness, that Christ is the True Messiah. Then the Jewish teachers shoved him off downwards. The saint did not die immediately, but gathering his final strength, he prayed to the Lord for his enemies, who at this while were stoning him. The martyr's death of Saint James occurred in about AD 63.

The holy Apostle James composed a Divine Liturgy, which has formed the basis of the liturgies, composed by Saints Basil the Great and John Chrysostomos. The Church has preserved an Epistle of the Apostle James, which under his name is included among the books of the New Testament of Holy Scripture. In the year 1853 the Alexandria Patriarch Hierotheos sent to Moscow a portion of the relics of the holy Apostle James. The Church makes a distinction between the holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord, from James the son of Zebedee (Apr 30) and James Alphaeus (Oct 9).



BENEFITTING THOSE IN THE ARIZONA FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

2023 ASONA Giving Tree!

It's that time of year again.

As most of you know, every year ASONA sponsors a Giving Tree for children and adults who are in the Arizona Foster Care system. The holidays are a terrible time for those in the system, and we want to do EVERYTHING we can do to make sure they are not forgotten.

Here's how it works:

1. Take a tag from the 'tree'.
2. Purchase the corresponding gift(s).
3. Bring it, new and unwrapped, to Church (Gift bags are best!)
4. Make sure it's in church by Sun. December 3 at the latest.

Now, don't forget this is a HARD DEADLINE. We are not in charge of this program, so everything must be collected by Dec. 3rd.

Last year, someone brought a gift a week late, and was angry that it could not be delivered. We are not making the rules here, so let's make it easy on everyone. Once again, this is a HARD DEADLINE for us, and time is short. We can do NOTHING to deliver late gifts.

The Christmas Giving Tree starts TODAY. ASONA has participated in the program for years now. Help us continue this important spiritual tradition. This is the way of Life in Christ!