ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sat. Dec. 16	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Dec. 17	8 am	Divine Liturgy
Sat. Dec. 23	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Dec. 24	8 am	Divine Liturgy
Sat. Dec. 30	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Dec. 31	8 am	Divine Liturgy
Fri. Jan 5	TBD	Royal Hours for Nativity
Sat. Jan 6	5 pm	Festal Vigil
Sun. Jan 7	8 am	Festal Nativity Liturgy



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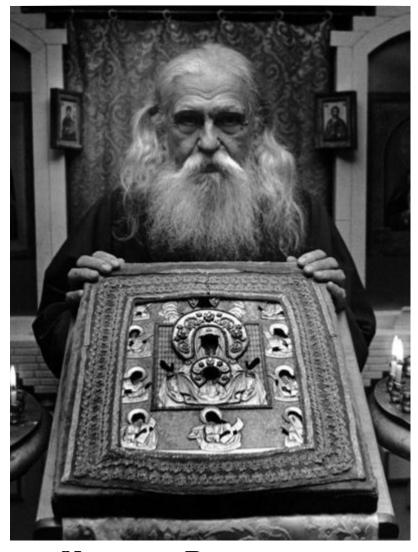
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SUN. DEC. 10, 2023

GREATMARTYR JAMES THE PERSIAN

TONE 2



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Prokeimenon in Tone 2 (Ps 118)

The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation. The Lord has chastened my sorely, but He has not given me over to death!

In the 3rd Tone

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 6:10-17: HEBREWS 9:1-7

RETHREN, finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

RETHREN, now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.+

Alleluia in Tone 2 (Ps 20)

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The Name of the God of Jacob protect you!

Save the king, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

And in the 8th Tone (Ps 45)

Hear, O daughter, and listen and incline your ear!

GOSPEL: LUKE 13:10-17; 10:38-42; 11:27-28

T THAT TIME, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

N THOSE DAYS, as they went on their way, he entered a village; and a woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that nursed you!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"+