



# Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church

CROSSINGVILLE  
10-23-2022

Glory to Jesus Christ!

**19th SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST – Tone 2. Holy Apostle  
James (Jacob), the Brother of the  
Lord (ca. 63). Translation of the**

**Relics of Bl. Jacob (James) of Borovichí,  
Wonderworker of Novgorod (ca. 1540). St. Ignatius,  
Patriarch of Constantinople (877-878).**

## HOLY HYMNS

### Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,  
You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.  
And when from the depths You raised the dead,  
all the powers of heaven cried out://  
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

### Tone 4 Troparion (St. James)

As the Lord’s disciple you received the Gospel, O righteous  
James; as a martyr you have unfailing courage;  
as God’s brother, you have boldness;  
as a hierarch, you have the power to intercede.//  
Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

### Tone 2 Kontakion (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,  
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!  
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and  
rejoiced with You, // and the world, my Savior, praises You  
forever.

### Tone 4 Kontakion (St. James)

When God the Word, the Only-begotten of the Father,  
came to live among us in these last days,  
He declared you, venerable James, to be the first  
shepherd and teacher of Jerusalem  
and a faithful steward of the spiritual Mysteries.//  
Therefore, we all honor you, O Apostle.

### Tone 2 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my  
salvation. (Ps. 117:14)  
V. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not  
given me over to death.  
(Ps. 117:18)

### Tone 8 Prokeimenon (St. James)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and  
their words to the ends of the universe! (Ps. 18:4)

### Tone 2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the  
name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps. 19:1)  
V. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!  
(Ps. 19:9)

### Tone 1

V. The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; and  
Your truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps. 88:5)

## HOLY SCRIPTURE

### 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 (Epistle)

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

### Luke 16:19-31 (Gospel)

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’ Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’”

## Pray with out ceasing...

PLEASE INCLUDE THESE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS: Those in need. Fr. Demitri, Fr. Andrew, Fr. David, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Zachariah, Fr. Dušan, Iguman Patrick, Hieromonk Herman, Hieromonk Philip, Matushka Emily, Mat. Donna, Mat. Pirsilla, Mat. Trudi, John, Susan, Mary B., Bill S., John (Chuck), Nickolas, Timothy, Delani, Jeremiah, Sandy, William, Steve A., Patricia, Anna, Sally, Noah, Paul, Irenia, Tanya, Rachel  
The Homebound Mary G,  
Travelers- Dankos, Rachockis, Urbans  
Catechumen/Inquirers- Dan, Bob, Kathy, Gene, Julie, Lilly, Helena, Prudence  
Special requests... Gilbert, Joanne, Anthony, Paul, James, Sean, Liam, Loren, Janet, Gregory, Donna, Laura, Laken, Bob, Gary, Bill, Stevie, Kristen, Paul, Cletus, Savannah, Vivian, Declan, Holly, Eddy (Add your own requests here)...  
Departed: Newly Departed Metropolitan Herman, Margaret, Fr. John Reeves, Mat. Anne Hopko, Theodore, James, Valentina, Proto-deacon Michael, Priest Anastacy,

## Parish Services and Activities

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**Today, October 23rd- Hours at 9:15a - Divine Liturgy 9:30a - Coffee Hour and Adult Education, Children's Atriums are on break.**

**Wednesday, October 26th -Women's Bible Study -10am at the parish hall- Akathist to St Job of Pochiav -6pm**

**Saturday, October 29th- Great Vespers 4pm - Fall Family Party 5pm-8pm**

**Sunday, October 30th - Hours 9:15a - Divine Liturgy 9:30a- Coffee Hour and Adult Education 11:00a -Children's Atriums are on break**

**Sunday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> - PARISH ANNUAL MEETING**

The Memory of Death Should Flourish in the Soul of a Christian by Elder Ephraim of Philotheou

Elder Ephraim says,

Oh, how much the memory of death should flourish in the soul of the Christian! Since he believes in the real truth, it is impossible for him to ignore death. After my Elder's heart condition had passed, he wept and recited a line from the funeral service: "Alas, what a struggle the soul has as it parts from the body!" Indeed, this is the truth! How beautifully the psalmist expresses what peace a prepared soul has: "I prepared myself and was not troubled." [1] At any moment, every soul can expect the telegram from Heaven to break off all relations with earthly things, to seal the time of this "fair," to render an exact account of his spiritual trading, and to seal his eternal fate either in the heights of Heaven or



the depths of hell. Ah, when I reflect upon this, what can I say! May the all-compassionate God be merciful to my wretched soul, which has nothing but its indifference and un-readiness.

My mind stops when it contemplates this absolute truth about salvation. Eternity — oh, what a great mystery! The world, the flesh, and the devil lead us astray and throw us into forgetfulness — and suddenly a voice is heard: "Behold, the Bridegroom comes!" When we are breathing our last, what preparation can we make then, when our conscience has already been cauterized and can no longer feel anything or cry out to us? Then the voice of truth is heard: "Only when the sun was setting did you remember God; what were you doing all day long when the sun was shining?" "Watch and be ready," [2] cries our Jesus! Blessed are those who have ears to hear, who hear and get ready, for they will be counted worthy of eternal happiness. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord will find ready when He comes, for they will rejoice eternally. Let us patiently endure the sorrows of life, that we may attain the eternal things full of joy. "In vain does every mortal trouble himself; as soon as we conquer the world, we dwell in the tomb." [3] As long as there is light, let us walk towards our great destination, for the hour is coming when there will be darkness, and then we shall no longer be able to work for our soul.

### References

[1] Psalm 118:60

[2] cf Matthew 24:43-44

[3] from the funeral service

- Elder Ephraim (2016). Counsels from the Holy Mountain: Selected from the Letters and Homilies of Elder Ephraim (2nd ed.). Saint Anthony's Greek Orthodox Monastery. p. 148-149.

It is impossible to draw near to God without sorrows, without which human righteousness cannot remain unchanged... If you desire virtue, than give yourself to every affliction, for afflictions produce humility. If someone abides in virtue without afflictions, the door of pride is opened to him.

(St. Isaac the Syrian, Homilies, 34)