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Holy Apostle James, the Son of Zebedee

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At the appointed time we begin:

O God cleanse me a sinner and have mercy on me (3).

Blessed is our God, always now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (3)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy. (3)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy (12) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship God our King! (metania)

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! (metania)

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Psalm 104

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great! Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment, Who hast stretched out the heavens like a tent, Who hast laid the beams of Thy chambers on the waters. Who makest the clouds Thy chariot, Who ridest on the wings of the wind, Who makest the winds Thy messengers; fire and flame Thy ministers. Thou didst set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be shaken. Thou didst cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At Thy rebuke they fled; at the sound of Thy thunder they took to flight. The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place which Thou didst appoint for them. Thou didst set a bound which they should not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. Thou makest springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, they give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst. By them the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches. From Thy lofty abode Thou waterest the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Thy work. Thou dost cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread to strengthen man's heart. The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon which he planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the badgers. Thou hast made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. Thou makest darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep forth. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they get them away and lie down in their dens. Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until the evening. O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is full of Thy creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, which teems with things innumerable, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan which Thou didst form to sport in it. These all look to Thee, to give them their food in due season. When Thou givest to them, they gather it up; when Thou openest Thy hand, they are filled with good things. When Thou hidest Thy face, they are dismayed; when Thou takest away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created; and Thou renewest the face of the ground. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever, may the Lord rejoice in His works, Who looks on the earth and it trembles, Who touches the mountains and they smoke! I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: both now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God! (3)
Great Litany

The regular petitions are not intoned, instead:

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Lord, I Call

Tone 2

Lord I call upon Thee, hear me! Hear me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! Receive the voice of my prayer, when I call upon Thee, hear me O Lord! Let my prayer arise, in Thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands, be an evening sacrifice, hear me O Lord!

(8) Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Without leaving the Father’s bosom, O Christ, Thou didst appear on earth in the flesh in Thy compassion, accepting the Passion and death to rise again on the third day! Thou camest through closed doors, as Almighty. Thomas rejoiced when he felt Thy divine side,// and glorified Thee as Lord and Creator!

(7) Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Nailed upon the Cross, Thy side was pierced by a lance. Thou didst taste gall, O Christ, and didst endure death, and Thou wast placed in the tomb as a dead man. But as God, Thou didst destroy the bonds of hell, resurrecting those dead from all ages! Therefore Thou didst appear to Thy disciples,// by Thy wounds confirming Thy Resurrection!

(6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

Pascha is the present feast! Pascha is mystical, Pascha is divine! Pascha is salvation! Pascha leads us to immortal life! Pascha dispels all sorrow! Pascha is the gift of joy to the faithful!
Therefore, Thomas cried aloud:
“Thou art my Lord God,/
who hast carried off the spoils of the realms of hell!”

(5) For Thy name’s sake have I waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Thou didst draw men up from the depths of vanity
with a fisherman’s rod of grace.
Thou didst obey the commands of the Teacher, O worthy James,
Who enlightened all thy thoughts
and revealed thee as an Apostle and holy preacher,/
for thou didst expound His incomprehensible divinity, O most blessed one.

(4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

Repeat: “Thou didst draw men up…”

(3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

The illumination of the Spirit descended on thee in the form of fire
and made thee a divine vessel, O blessed one,
dispelling with power the darkness of godlessness;
enlightening the world with the brightness of thy all-wise words,
O preacher of mysteries, O leader of the Apostles,/
James, the eye-witness of Christ.

(2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

Repeat: “The illumination of the Spirit descended on thee…”

(1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

Thou didst illumine those lying in the darkness of ignorance
with the lightning flash of thy preaching, O glorious James.
Thou didst reveal them to be sons through faith of the Master and God
Whose passion and death thou didst imitate with zeal.
Thou didst become an heir of glory, O wise one,/
as one speaking from God, and a most faithful disciple.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Come, let us praise James with hymns of psalms:
the preacher of heavenly mysteries and expounder of the Gospel;
for he was revealed as a river of the mystical Paradise,
watering spiritual furrows with heavenly streams,
revealing them to bear fruit to Christ God,/
Who, by his prayers, grants cleansing, enlightenment and great mercy.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O most glorious wonder!
Doubt bore certain faith!
Thomas said: “Unless I see, I shall not believe!”
By touching His side, he blessed the incarnate Son of God, Who had suffered in the flesh,
and he proclaimed the resurrected God,/
crying out with joy: “My Lord and my God, glory to Thee!”

(Wisdom! Let us attend!)

Gladsome Light

Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal Father, heavenly, holy, blessed: Jesus Christ! Having come to the setting of the sun, and beheld the light of evening, we praise the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: God! At all times Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy of praise in songs as Son of God, and Giver of Life. Therefore, the world glorifies Thee!

Evening Prokeimenon

Wisdom! Let us Attend! The Prokeimenon in the 5th tone: Save me, O God, by Thy name * and judge me by Thy strength!

Verse: Hear my prayer, O God, hearken to the words of my mouth!
Vouchsafe, O Lord

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever. Amen. Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes! Blessed art Thou, O Master, make me to understand Thy statutes! Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me with Thy statutes! Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever. O despise not the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Litany of Supplication

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Aposticha

O blessed God-seer James,
after listening to the voice of the Word,
Thou didst pay no heed to the service and customs of thy father,
for thou didst leave behind the life of earthly cares
and didst pass over the spiritual sea.
Thou didst stir its depths with the precepts of godliness
and with thy heavenly thunder,/
O Apostle most blessed of God.

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (Ps 18/19:4).

All-blessed James, by thy deeds thou didst serve the Word,
the Cause of life and of the future age.
Truly thou didst deprive Israel of its first-born privilege,
when it forsook the worship of the true God,/
while recalling it to sonship as the new Israel.

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps 18/19:1)

Thou art now appointed a prince over all the earth,
as it is written of thee, O glorious one,
since thou didst become a disciple of the Creator of all.
In fervent zeal, thou didst suffer murder by the transgressor’s sword,/
which took thee from the revered company of the twelve Apostles.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Thou didst follow Christ and despise the world,
keeping His teachings in thy treasury, O godly James.
Thou wast revealed to be His Apostle.
Therefore, going to the nations with the commandments of the Savior,
thou didst enlighten the souls in the darkness of delusion and passion,://
that they might believe in the consubstantial Trinity.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O most glorious wonder!
Thomas placed his hand on the fiery side of Jesus Christ our God!
He was not scorched by this,
but his doubt changed to certain faith, and he cried fervently:
“Thou art my Master and my God.://
Glory to Thee, Who art risen from the dead!”

St. Symeon’s Prayer

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before
the face of all people: a light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy
people, Israel.

Trisagion (Thrice Holy)

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**Tone 8  Troparion  (Apostle James)**

Thou wast called to be a disciple and warrior of Christ, one of the exalted choir of Apostles.

With thy brother John, thou didst abandon all to follow the Master, O James; thou wast filled with the Holy Spirit and didst proclaim Him to all.

Thou didst bow thy head to the sword, the first of the twelve to shed thy blood! //

We celebrate thy memory, O blessed one!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Tone 7  Troparion  (from the Pentecostarion)**

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life!

Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy Disciples, O Christ God.

Renew in us through them an upright spirit, //

by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

**Dismissal**

Wisdom! Blessed be He Who Is, Christ our God, always now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Preserve O God, the Holy Orthodox faith of Orthodox Christians, unto ages of ages.

Most holy Theotokos, save us! More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim: without defilement thou gavest birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify thee!

Glory to Thee, O Christ our God, and our only sure hope, glory to Thee! Christ is Risen from the Dead, trampling down death by death. And upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (3)
May Christ who is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life, our True God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother, of the glorious and all-laudable Apostles, of Nicholas the Wonderworker of Myra in Lycia, and of the Holy Apostle James, the son of Zebedee, who we commemorate today, and of all those Saints who have shone forth in this North America land, and of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, have mercy on us and save us, for as much as He is good and loves mankind. Amen.

Amen. Christ is Risen from the Dead, trampling down death by death. And upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (3) And unto us He has given eternal life. Let us worship His Resurrection on the Third Day!