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Greatmartyr James the Persian

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Troparion – Tone 7

By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen,// granting the world great mercy.

Troparion – Tone 4

Long-suffering James, you astounded all by enduring horrible tortures with great patience. As the evil assembly performed the slaughter, you uttered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord. Through your sufferings you received your crown, and came to the throne of the heavenly King, Christ God.// Entreat Him to save our souls!

Kontakion – Tone 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: “The Savior has come to those in faith;// enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Kontakion – Tone 2

You listened to your faithful wife and contemplated the judgment of God, holy James; you despised the threats and commands of the Persians, accepting the cutting of your body as though you were a vine.// Therefore you were revealed as a martyr worthy of honor.

Prokeimenon – Tone 7

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

V. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

Greatmartyr James the Persian

The Holy Great Martyr James the Persian (the Sawn-Asunder) was born in the fourth century into a pious Christian family, both wealthy and illustrious. His wife was also a Christian, and the couple raised their children in piety, inspiring in them a love for prayer and the Holy Scriptures. James occupied a high position at the court of the Persian emperor Izdegerd (399-420) and his successor Barakhranes (420-438). But on one of the military campaigns James, seduced by the emperor’s beneficence, was afraid to acknowledge himself a Christian, and so he offered sacrifice to idols with the emperor.

Learning of this, James’ mother and wife wrote him a letter, in which they rebuked him and urged him to repent. Receiving the letter, James realized the gravity of his sin. Faced with the horror of being cut off not only from his family, but also from God Himself, he began to weep loudly, imploring the Lord for forgiveness.

His fellow-soldiers, hearing him pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, reported this to the emperor. Under interrogation, Saint James bravely confessed his faith in the one True God. No amount of urging by the emperor could make him renounce Christ. The emperor then ordered the saint to be put to death.

They began to cut off his fingers and his toes one by one, then his hands and his feet, and then his arms and legs. During the prolonged torture Saint James offered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord, Who had granted him the possibility of redemption from his sins by enduring these terrible torments. Finally, the martyr was beheaded. Christians gathered up the pieces of his body and buried them with great reverence.

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Service Schedule for the week of November 27

Sunday November 27 – 9:45 AM Hours; 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall in honor of Father Paul and Matushka Mary's 75th wedding anniversary

Saturday December 3 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday December 4 – 9:45 AM Hours; 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Upcoming Holy Day Service Schedule for 2022

Monday December 5 – **ST. NICHOLAS** Vespers with Litya 7:00 PM

Tuesday December 6 – **ST. NICHOLAS** Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Saturday December 24 – 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Supper (potluck Lenten) in Daria Hall followed by Great Compline with Litya at 7:00 PM. ***A sign-up sheet for the Supper is on the table in the back of the church.***

Sunday December 25 – **NATIVITY** 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday December 26 – **SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS** 9:30 Divine Liturgy

Saturday December 31 – **FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION** 5:00 PM Vespers with Litya

Sunday January 1 – **FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION** 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Thursday January 5 – **FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY** 7:00 PM Great Compline with Litya

Friday January 6 – **THEOPHANY** 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Great Blessing of Water

Saturday January 7 – **SYNAXIS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST** 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy; 5:00 PM Vesper

Weekly Giving

November 20 – 60 adults, 14 youth, \$2,722

Parish Announcements

There will be a FOCA Club meeting today during Coffee Hour.

The Ladies Altar Society will be raffling the following items. Chances are \$1.00 each.

Today – Two Christmas baskets and a Child's Christmas basket

December 4 – Adult Christmas basket

December 11 – "The Lemonade Stand", part of the Lenox collection; an original work of art by renowned artist Lynn Bywaters – includes certification.

December 18 – Platter of delicious homemade cookies and fudge...just in time for Christmas!

Next Sunday December 4, the parish children will decorate the Christmas tree in Daria Hall.

Yolka rehearsals with the children will take place every Sunday during Sunday School. Parents, please bring your children so they become familiar with the program.

The Sunday School Yolka will be held in Daria Hall on Sunday, December 18 during Coffee Hour. Please plan on attending to support the youth of our parish!

Please remember to partake of the Sacraments of Confession and Communion prior to the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Contact Father Volodymyr if you need to set up a time for Confession other than after Saturday evening Vespers.

The FOCA Club is participating in the National FOCA Seminarian Christmas Wish Project once again this year. We have participated for many years in this project by providing Christmas gifts for Seminarian families. As you know, most Seminarians attend Seminary full time and are unable to work, and require assistance throughout the school year to support their families. **We will once again collect Target, Amazon, Walmart, Barnes & Noble, and Kohls gift cards in any denomination, or cash/check (checks payable to Trenton Senior R Club).** Please give your gift to a member of the FOCA Club – **today is the last day to collect the gifts.** Thank you for your generosity!

Today is the 75th milestone anniversary of Father Paul and Matushka Mary! (Yes, November 27th is the actual wedding date. In 1947, it was Thanksgiving Day, pre-fast under the Julian calendar.) Please join us in prayer for them today during Divine Liturgy, and then please join us at Daria Hall for coffee hour in their honor, hosted by their family.

Last December the parish donated non-perishable food items to the local neighborhood. **We will have another food giveaway on Saturday, December 10.** The following items are needed – please no items contained in glass. **Please bring all items to Daria Hall by next Sunday December 4** – they may be placed on the stage. On Sunday, December 4 we will ask the Sunday School children to help organize the food. Bags will be packed at 9:30 AM Saturday, December 10 prior to the food give-away. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Parish Council or Father Volodymyr. Thank you for your generosity in helping support our neighbors, who may be in a time of need.

1 lb. boxes of pasta

Spaghetti sauce in plastic jars

Canned vegetables

Canned beans

Rice-A-Roni type food items

Small packages of rice

Canned tuna

Canned chicken

Ramen noodle soup or Cup of Soup

Juice boxes (no sugar)

Applesauce in plastic jars

Fruit cups

Canned fruit

Cereal

Canned soup

Small packages of diapers

Toothbrush & toothpaste

Individually packaged bars of soap

Hand sanitizing wipes

\$5 - \$10 grocery store gift cards

Parishioners who are interested in becoming a member of the Parish Council should speak with Father Volodymyr prior to December 31. Elections will be held during the Annual Parish Meeting on January 29, 2023.

Please remember to sign-up for on-line giving, if you are interested. See a member of the Parish Council if you have any questions!

Youth and adults of the parish are invited to Bible Study classes during Coffee Hour. The classes are taught by Alan Berck.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Nahom Tsegay – November 28

Alex Medina – December 1

Germain Ortiz – December 2

Have a blessed birthday and may God grant you many years!

If you do not see your birthday listed above during your birthday week, please let Darice know and she will add it to the schedule!

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE – Coffee Hour Preparation Instructions are available in the Daria Hall kitchen

Nov. 27 **FAST DAY** Paula & Ludwig Koerte, Nina Shafran, Nina Laushell

Dec. 4 **FAST DAY** Paul Denko, Francine Brady, Herman Meyer

Dec. 11 **FAST DAY** Olga & James Bates, Awet Tesfa

Dec. 18 **FAST DAY** Father Volodymyr & Matushka Oksana, Awet Tesfa

Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS – no Coffee Hour

Jan. 1 Matthew & Kris Bohush, Darice Keyes

Jan. 8 Sami Bachir, Nancy Mitsos

Jan. 15 Matthew & Nana Barrett, Nina Laushell

Jan. 22 Sophie Dumas, Melissa Braun, Darice Keyes

Jan. 29 Blake & Jessica Kilgore, Alla Strauss

Feb. 5 Anna Brasowski, Francine Brady

Feb. 12 FOCA Club - Breakfast Fundraiser

Feb. 19 Carmen & Cezar Mateiescu, Darice Keyes

Feb. 26 **NO MEAT** Manuel & Lourdes Montiel, Awet Tesfa

March 5 **FAST** Melody Stavisky, Darice Keyes

March 12 **FAST** Awet Tesfa, Nebiat Tesfa

March 19 **FAST** Alan & Mimi Berck, Francine & Herman

March 26 **FAST** John Cassar, Nina Laushell

April 2 **FAST** Anne Cheslock, Nancy Mitsos

April 9 **FAST** Francine Brady, Herman Meyer, Alla Strauss

April 16 **PASCHA** – No Coffee Hour

April 23 Madeleine Sekulich, Mark McDevitt, Nancy Mitsos

April 30 Fiyori Habtesilasse, Awet Tesfa