

ST. JAMES ORTHODOX CHURCH

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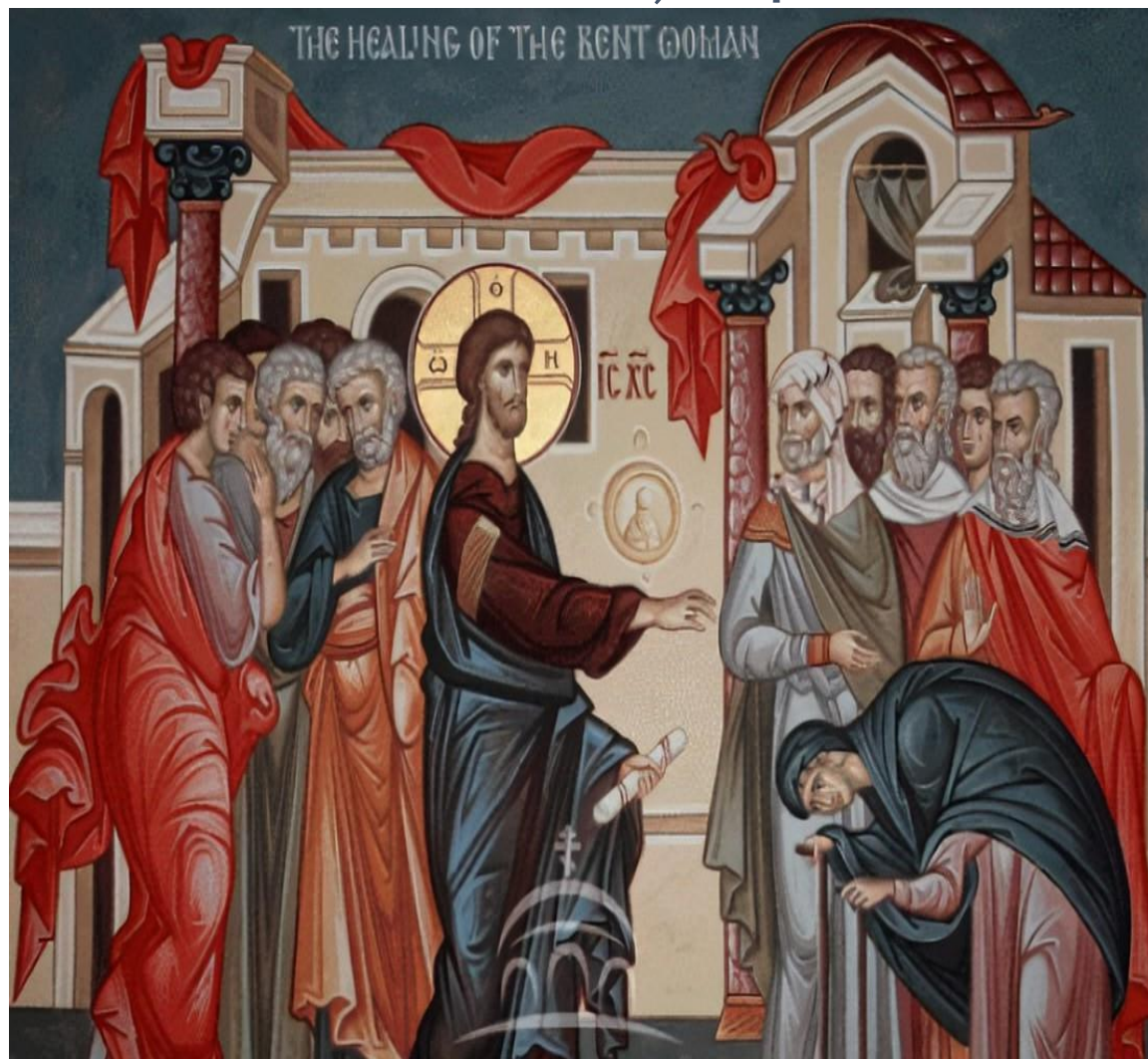
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Saturday Great Vespers @ 4:00 p.m. :: Sunday Orthros @ 9:00 a.m. & Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 a.m.



December 8, 2024





TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & TENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

FOREFEAST OF THE CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS; VENERABLE
PATAPIOS OF THEBES; SOPHRONIOS, BISHOP OF CYPRUS



DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (TONE 7/EOTHINON 2)

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION TONE 7

(p.101)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross,
Thou didst open paradise to the thief;
Thou didst turn the sadness of the
ointment-bearing women into joy. And
didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a
warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ,
granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JAMES TONE 4 (p.26)

As a disciple of the Lord, O righteous one,
thou hast received the Gospel. As a Martyr
thou art never turned away. As the
Brother of God, thou hast boldness. As a
hierarch thou canst intercede. Do thou
intercede with Christ God that He save our
souls.

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY TONE 3

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave
to give birth to God the Word ineffably,
Who was before all the ages. Dance for
joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome
tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds
now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed
on as a young Child Who before the ages
is God.

*As a friendly reminder, only Orthodox
Christians who have properly prepared
themselves through fasting, prayer, and
recent confession may approach the Holy
Chalice to receive Holy Communion.*

*Confession is available after Divine Liturgy,
as well as before or after Vespers on
Saturday evenings. You can also Contact
Fr. Steven to set up an appointment.*

We welcome all our visitors and are eager
to share our faith with you! Please join us
for coffee hour and take a few moments
to fill out the VISITORS INFORMATION
CARD that is found in the narthex



THE EPISTLE READING

(For the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL READING

(For the Tenth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (13:10-17)

At 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 hypocrite! 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 Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

**TODAY – Christmas Play rehearsal after liturgy (PARENTS – Brings your kids!
One rehearsal and dress rehearsal left!)**

**Wed., Dec. 11 @ 6 PM – Advent Paraklesis
@ 7 PM – Catechumen/Inquirer Class**

Thurs., Dec. 12 @ 10:30 AM – St. Maria of Paris Ladies' Prayer Group

Your Prayers are Requested:

REMEMBER, O LORD: The Catechumens: Gabriel, Anthony, Gabriel, Elias, Xenia, Joshua, Alexis, Anthusa, Justin, Olga, Kevin, George, Longinus, Xenia, John, Nectarios, Cassiane, Michael; Constantine, Mary, Madeline, Jeannette, Nectarios, Barbara, Mary, Maria, Alex, Sarah, Sara, Joshua, Shirley, Theodore, Elizabeth; Newly-departed Katherine, Helen, Adam
PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF ST. JAMES

The 2025 Wall Calendars are here! Please allow one copy for each family unit. You may find them at the back of the church.

There are a few Christmas Angels available in the parish hall. All donations go to gifts for the children of the Quinn House.



Christmas poinsettias are here! \$8 apiece or 2 for \$15. Please see Steven Kargatis for more information!

St. James Orthodox Church is a mission of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese under His Eminence SABA, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America. If you have any questions or comments, or if you would like more information about the Orthodox Faith, please contact Fr. Steven (frstevenr@gmail.com).