

Vesper Propers, October 9

The holy apostle James Alpheus was one of the Twelve, a witness of the true words and miracles of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, a witness of his passion, resurrection, and ascension. After the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, it fell to James to preach the Gospel in Eleutheropolis and the surrounding area. He suffered in Egypt in the town of Ostracina, being crucified by the pagans.

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2005
"O Lord, I have cried" is sung in Tone 4, p. 58

Bring my soul out of this prison
and then I shall praise *your* name.

Around me the just will assemble
because of your goodness *to* me.

Psalm 129 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear *my* voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of *my* pleading.

Cantor: (Tone 4) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

Tone 4 samohlasen

As ra-diant as the sun, you shone forth, O a - pos - tle, with the rays
of the Spir - it. You il - lu - mined the whole world with di - vine knowl - edge,
O bless - ed one, driv - ing away the darkness of the man - y gods with your

di-vine preach - ing. There-fore, cel-ebrating your all-splendid and most illus-tri-ous
fes - ti - val to - day, we glo - ri - fy you with pi - e - ty.

Cantor: My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.
All repeat "As radiant as the sun..."

Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

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You thundered forth sacred and sav-ing doc - trines up - on the whole
world, O all-wise one. You cleansed all creation of the madness of i - dol - at - ry,
O di - vine - ly wise one, and en - light-ened the peo - - - ple
with the radiance of the knowl-edge of God. And, de - mol - ishing the
temples of the i-dols through grace, you raised up church-es to the praise
of our God.

not the son of Al - phe-us, but the a - pos - tle of Christ, the her - ald
of his ineffable in-car-na-tion. You ex-ult ceaselessly be-fore the throne of the Lord
with the an-gels, a - pos - tles and mar-tyrs. Has - ten to fervently entreat the
Sav - ior, our God, for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Theotokion, Tone 5, p. 79

Troparion - Tone 3

O ho - ly A - pos - tle James, in - ter-cede with the mer - ci - ful God
that he may grant our souls for-give-ness of sins.

Cantor: Glory...now and ever...

Festal Theotokion, Tone 3, p. 57

Cantor

The heav - ens declare the glory of God, and the firma-ment pro - claims his
han - di - work.

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Hav - ing become an in - stru - ment played harmoniously under the divine ac-tion
of the Spir-it, O ho-ly James, you were com-mis-sioned to call the nations to
the knowl-edge of Christ, and to trans - form the whole world by your words
and deeds. You en - light-ened it that it might confess the true divinity
of Je - sus, the Sav - ior of our souls.

Cantor: *(Tone 5)* Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 5

With faith we celebrate your sacred feast, O illus-tri-ous James, com - mem-orating

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. *(Repeat "You thundered forth...")*

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

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Seat - ed in the heights of di-vine knowl - edge, O James, you received the
grace of the Spir - it, who appeared to you in the form of fire
and man - ifestly consumed all the idolatrous filth of impiety with a tongue of fire.
There - fore, we praise you as an apostle and a her - ald of God,
cel - ebrating today your ho - ly fes - ti - val.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever. *All repeat "Seated in the heights..."*

Cantor: *(Tone 4)* Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 4 samohlasen

Hav-ing received the grace of the divine Spirit, O ho-ly James, you were numbered
among the apostles in their sa - cred band. Filled with the Spirit by the tongues of

fire when the viol - ent wind descended from heav'n on high, you set
 on fire the thorns of the pa - gans. O holy apostle, pray to Christ our God
 for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Dogmatikon, Tone 4, p. 64

Readings: 1 John 1: 1-7
 James 1: 1-12
 Jude 1-7, 17-25

Aposticha

O ho - ly a - pos - tle, you received invincible strength o - ver the de - mons
 and the power to expel the prince of demons in the name of Christ. Like the sun,
 you coursed over the whole earth, il - lu - min - at - ing it. You taught all lands,
 O illus - tri - ous James, as you preached the first com - ing of the

Sav - - - ior.

Cantor

Through all the earth their voice re-sounds, their message reaches to the ends
 of the world.

Im - itating the su - preme Good, that life led by God in hu - man na - ture,
 O a - pos - tle James, by com - mu - nion with your Mas - ter, you were a
 good man, filled with di - vine grace. By the excellence of your life,
 and the pu - rity of your spir - it, it revealed you to be a cho - sen
 dis - ci - ple for Christ.