

Saint James, pray for us!



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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Taking a message

Have you ever taken a message for somebody? "She's not here right now. May I take a message?" you might say. Or maybe you've answered the door when your parents weren't home? Then when you have a chance, you spread the news, whatever you heard.



In today's epistle reading, we hear how Saint Paul had a very important message to pass along. Saint Paul writes, "I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ." The message of Jesus Christ wasn't something Saint Paul made up, or just a story. It was a message that God wanted him to spread to anybody who would listen! Saint Paul—like many of the apostles—spent so many years of his life spreading that message that God gave.

God's message is a message that we can pass along too! We know the truth—that Jesus Christ died and rose from the dead. We know that He wants the whole world to be saved and to live with Him in heaven forever. Don't be shy to say what you believe as a good Orthodox Christian! Let's remember that that good news is not man's message. It is a message from God, and we can spread it too!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Apostle
- Bishop
- Brother
- Courage
- Faith
- Good News
- James
- Jerusalem
- Joseph
- Message

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WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

You can find (a much younger) Saint James in this icon too.

This icon tells the story of when Jesus left Bethlehem and went to Egypt. He went with his Mother and Joseph, and also with James.

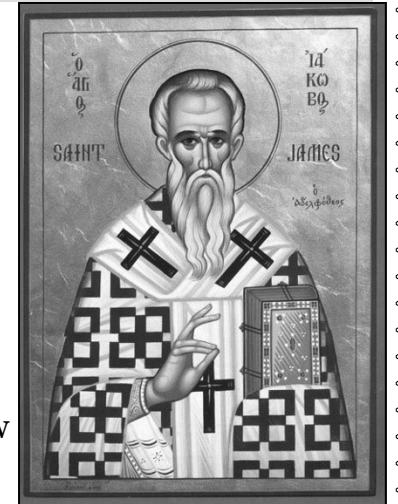


SAINT JAMES

THE BROTHER OF OUR LORD

Sometimes, when we hear about somebody famous, we want to know all about his or her family too. If you hear about a famous athlete or a movie star, you might want to know how he grew up or what his family is like.

We love Jesus Christ very much, so how can we not want to know about his brother too? Well, we call him Jesus' brother, but we know that Mary the Holy Theotokos did not have any more children after Jesus. Saint James, the Brother of the Lord, was actually the son of Joseph, who took care of Jesus and Mary.



Saint James was full of love for God, even before he knew Jesus. Later on, after Christ's holy Resurrection, James went out to spread the news. He was the first bishop of Jerusalem. We can read the letter of Saint James in the Bible. In it, this saint gives us lots of important advice. One of the best bits of advice is about how we should use our mouths. Sometimes we use it for praying to God, and other times we use it to be mean to other people, to put people down. "Out of the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things should not be so," Saint James wrote.

Let's follow Saint James's example, and use our mouths to bless God!

We celebrate St. James today, October 23rd (OC: November 6th).