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& 360 virtual tour and 4-part welcome

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31  
Epistle:2Cor 11:31-12:9

October 23, 2022, The Holy Apostle  
James (Jacob), the brother of the Lord.

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday, October 23,** Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

**Saturday, October 29,** Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, October 30,** Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. - Parastas (40<sup>th</sup> Day) offered lovingly, by his children, Alexander, Melanie & Karen.

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**Monthly Church Committee Meeting** will be held on Monday, October 31 at 5:30 p.m. and we will be planning our fall/winter schedule of events. **Please make every effort to attend!**

**Adult Education Weekly Class will be held on Wednesday, October 26, at 6:00 p.m.** We will continue to review **“Igniting the Flames of Renewal in your heart & in your parish”** by Bill Marianes and try to incorporate this new Orthodox Christian concept into our tool box vocabulary when dealing with Effective leadership. **We will review our newly adopted Vision Statement.**

**Parish Festival Final Report** is in back of the Church and has the breakdown of gross and net profit. A special thank you to Dorothy Allen for compiling this financial statement and to everyone who contributed in making our festival successful.

**Church School will be held this Sunday, October 23,** following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. A Special thank you to the parents who made a commitment to Orthodox Christian Education and provide a spiritual and religious dynamic for their children.

**A Special Thank You to Vladimir Kitchura** in offering Altar Wine donation in loving memory of Robert Furiosi. **May his memory be eternal!**

**An Akathist to the Theotokos** will be held on Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. and this will be the official start of the Advent Fast. **Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend!**

**Coffee Hour: October 23**, Vicky Kravetsky & Charrette Rodionoff, **October 30**, Maryann Dubee & Susanne Schlasta.

**Please remember in your prayers; Irene Leschak** who is home receiving rehab; 229 Lackawanna Ave, Jermyn, Pa. 18433. **John Drutarosky**, who is a patient at the Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center 10 Heart Place, Carbondale, Pa. 18407 **Peter Senio** is a guest at The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. **Dave Krenitsky** who is recovering at home: RR 1, Box 1, Carbondale, Pa. 18407. **Please send them a get-well card!**

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**Vision Statement:** "We seek to rededicate ourselves to the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church. We are here to provide a loving and caring community, by participating in the worship services, so we may reach-out to those who are lost and witness the love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

- **Adopted on October 17, 2022.**

**The Holy Apostle James:** "James" is the English form of the name "Iakovos," in the Greek New Testament, which is the Greek form of the Hebrew name "Yakov", or "Jacob". This being the name of the Father of the Israelites, it was a very common name among Jews during the time of Christ's earthly ministry.

There is no doubt at all, that St. James, the brother of the Lord, was a central figure in the early Church. He was the first of the Apostles that the Lord appeared to after His Resurrection ([1 Corinthians 15:7](#)); he presided over the Council of Jerusalem, in [Acts 15](#); and he was spoken of as being among the chief apostles ([Galatians 1:19](#); [Galatians 2:9](#)). So, whether he was one of the twelve or not, he occupied a very unique place in the early Church, and was more prominent than most of those who certainly were numbered among the twelve.

**Troparion** — **Tone 3 - Holy Apostle James, / entreat the merciful God / to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions.**

**Kontakion** — **Tone 2 - Let us bless James, praising him as the messenger of God, / for he filled the souls of the pious with wise dogmas. / Standing at the throne of glory before the Master, / he rejoices with all the angels unceasingly praying for us all.**

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