

April 30

F. + *Holy Apostle James (son of Zebedee), Brother of St. John the Theologian*



One of the twelve, brother of Apostle John the Theologian, and was called with him by Jesus Christ while fishing on the Sea of Galilee. Among the apostles he belonged to the closest circle of the intimate disciples of Christ and was witness to the greatest miracles of the Savior during His life on earth. After the Ascension of the Lord into Heaven, the holy Apostle preached the Gospel in Spain and other countries. Having returned to Jerusalem, he boldly taught the people about Jesus Christ as the Messiah, and strongly accused the Pharisees and Scribes for cruelty and faithlessness. Many believed and were baptized, but the blind leaders of the Jews petitioned Herod Agrippa to sentence him to death (Acts 12:1-2) by the sword (about the year 42). His relics repose in Compostela, Spain.

Troparion, tone 3

**You were a chosen apostle of Christ,
And the only brother of the beloved Theologian, O All-Praised James.
Ask remission of sins for those who hymn you,
And great mercy to our souls.**

Kontakion, tone 2

**You heard the divine voice calling you,
You looked after the love of the Father,
And you flowed to Christ,
O Glorious James and your Brother:
Both of you were granted to see the divine Transfiguration of the Lord.**

Paramoia: See Apr. 25. **Matins Gospel:** Jn. 21:15-25; sel. 67. **Epistle:** Acts 12:1-11; sel. 29. **Gospel:** Lk. 5:1-11; sel. 17.

St. Donatus, Bishop of Euroea, Epirus [Albania]

For steadfastness in faith and continual prayer during his life he received from the Lord the gift to work wonders. So, he was able to cause rain to fall from the sky, healed many of the sick and among them the daughter of Emperor Theodosius the Great. He died about the year 387.

Martyr Maximus died, being pierced by the sword in the belly.

Uncovering the relics of Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea. See April 26.

Uncovering the relics of St. Nicetas, Bishop of Novgorod. See January 31.

Ven. Clement the hymnographer

Hegumen of the Studite Monastery, a highly virtuous man and suffered much for venerating holy icons, he wrote canons for the Mother of God and many of the saints.

Martyr Argyra

Born in the city of Brussa [Bursa], the daughter of pious parents, being a wife of a Christian, for refusing to satisfy the passion of a Turkish neighbor she was slandered by him as desiring to accept Mohammedanism and was cast into prison where she languished for 15 years before her death (in 1725). Within 3 years her relics were found incorrupt and hitherto repose in a Constantinopolitan church.

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