

The 21st Day of March

Commemoration of St James (Jacob) the Confessor, Bishop of Catania.

Evening Service

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stikhera, in Tone 4: *Special melody: “Thou hast given a sign...”*

Having desired the Glory that is without beginning and passeth not, /
Thou didst scorn the glory that is transitory and perishes; /
Having taken up thy cross, thou didst follow Him Who had been crucified, /
And thou didst subdue the flesh with ascetic struggles. ///
Therefore we *celebrate* thy memory, O James.

Having crucified the worldly passions, O James /
Thou didst preserve thy soul in purity, untainted by low things, O Father; /
And thou didst soar to the heavens with mystical visions /
Thou didst foresee thy life in these visions, O venerable one ///
O most faithful and *sincere* friend of Christ.

Thou didst show thyself to be filled with gentleness /
Chastity, mercy, kindness, wise humility, meekness and love; /
And thou wast adorned with compassion, enduring patience, faith and hope, /
O ever-memorable one, ///
Since thou wast enriched by prayers and illumined by the *divine* radiance.

Glory... now and ever..., in Tone 4:

Wash away the filth of the passions of my heart /
O all-praised Theotokos /
And cleanse all the wounds which come from my sins and their corruption, /
O pure one; /
Set in order my unstable mind /
So that I who am condemned and am thy worthless servant ///
May magnify thy power and *great* protection.

Or the Stavrotheotokion:

Beholding Christ, Who loveth mankind, crucified, /
His side pierced by a spear, /
The all-pure one, cried aloud, lamenting: /
'What is this, O my Son? /
How have these thankless people rewarded Thee /
For all the good things that Thou hast done for them? /
Dost Thou hasten to leave me childless, O most Belovèd? ///
I marvel, O Compassionate One, at Thy voluntary crucifixion!

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service;

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[No Troparion to the saint is given in the Menaion]

Morning Service

[The Canon for the Martyr ... *incomplete as of 1/2013*

[No Kontakion to the saint is given in the Menaion]