

April 30th

The Apostle James, Brother of John the Theologian

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Mode 4

Special Melody: As one valiant

Adapted by Fr. John El Massih

E Un.

1) From the deep sea of van - i - ty didst thou draw mor - tals

E Un.

up a - gain, O all - bless - ed James, with the

E Un.

fish - ing rod of grace in thine o - be - di - ence

E Un.

un - to the com - mands of thy Teach - er, Christ,

E Un.

Who shed His en - light - en - ment in a - bun - dance up -

E Un.

- on thy mind and Who made of thee an A - pos - tle and

E Un.

thē au - gust pro - claim - er of His God - head none may

E Un.

fath - om or com - pre - hend, O praise-wor - thy one.

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Un.

fier - y form, made thee a di - vine____ ves - sel,

O all - bless - ed James; and thou didst might - i - ly

drive a - way the dark____ mist of god - less - ness,

and thou didst il - lu - mi - nate the whole world____ with the

ra - di - ance of thine all - wise words, O eye - wit - ness of

G

Christ and loft - y sum - mit of the Ho - ly Twelve A -

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- pos - tles, di - vine and cho - sen in - i - ti - ate.

E Un.

3) With the glit - ter - ing light - ning-bolts of thy preach-ing to

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them that slept in the dark of ig - no - rance,

O all - laud - ed James, thou didst en - light - en them,

mak - ing them, through faith, sons of God the Lord,

Whose dread Pas - sion and Whose death thou didst zeal - ous - ly

em - u - late; and thou didst be - come a true heir of His

G

glo - ry as a her - ald of di - vine things, as a

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wise man, as a dis - ci - ple most gen - u - ine.