

April 30th

# The Apostle James, Brother of John the Theologian

## Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried

Byzantine Chant Tone 8  
Special melody: *O strange wonder*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih  
from various sources



D C

1) Thou, bless - ed James, didst re - ceive straight-way the bless - ed

voice of the Word and, O God - seer, didst

G↓ C G↓

set at nought both thy fa - ther's ties with thee

C

and thy ser - vice to him as son. Thou didst a -

G↓

- ban - don the trou - bled cares of life,

C

and pass - ing on to the spir - i - tu - al sea,

sore didst thou trou - ble it with thy god - ly doc - trines,

Un. G↓

O most blest of God, and thy might - y thun - der -

C

- bolts from far be - yond this world.

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D C

2) Serv - ing with thy deeds the Word of God, Who is the

Au - thor of life and the Prince of the

G↓ C G↓

age to come, thou didst rob the birth - right from

C

the all - un - hal - lowed Is - ra - el, who held his

G↓

bel - ly to be his lord and god;

C

and on con - vict - ing him, O all - bless - ed James,

thou didst then show him forth left with - out a por - tion

Un. G↓

and stripped na - ked of the pa - ter - nal bless - ing

C

and pro - tec - tion and em - brace.

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3) O bless - ed James, thou art made a prince now o - ver

all of thē earth, as is writ - ten con -

G↓ C G↓

-cern - ing thee, as a wise dis - ci - ple of

C

Him that made all cre - a - ted things; and thou be -

G↓

- cause of thy ver - y fer - vent zeal

C

wast put to death with the sword of law - less men

and wast the first to die of the famed dis - ci - ples'

Un. G↓

hal - lowed Band of Twelve, O all - wise and glo - ri -

C

- ous A - pos - tle of Christ God.