October 9th

The Holy Apostle James, Son of Alphaeus

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: As one valiant

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) From the deep sea of vanity didst thou draw mortals

up again, O all-blessed James, with the

fishing rod of grace in thine obedience

unto the commands of thy Teacher, Christ,

Who shed His enlightenment in abundance upon thy mind and Who made of thee an Apostle and

the august proclaimer of His Godhead none may

fathom or comprehend, O praise-worthy one.

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2) The Good Spirit's enlightenment, coming on thee in fiery form, made thee a divine vessel,

O all blessed James; and thou didst mightily

drive away the dark mist of godlessness,

and thou didst illuminate the whole world with the radiance of thine all-wise words, O eye-witness of Christ and lofty summit of the Holy Twelve Apostles, divine and chosen initiate.
3) With the glittering lightning-bolts of thy preaching to
them that slept in the dark of ignorance,

O all-lauded James, thou didst enlighten them,
making them, through faith, sons of God the Lord,
Whose dread Passion and Whose death thou didst zealously emulate; and thou didst become a true heir of His
glory as a wise and godly herald of divine things and a disciple most genuine.