

November 27th

# The Holy Great Martyr James the Persian

## Stichera on "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 2  
Special Melody: *When he took thee*

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1) Thou\_\_ for - sook - est all the world's de-lights, with the high no -

- bil - i - ty of\_\_ thy de - scent and beau - ty and wealth;

ev' - ry feel - ing and the things of sense didst

thou\_\_ de - ny; and with joy\_\_ thou didst fol - low Christ,

O James, im - i - tat - ing His dread Pas - sion when thy bod - y

was cut limb\_\_ from\_\_ limb. Where - fore,

hav - ing shared in His suff' - rings, thou art al - so

now a par - tak - er of His

King - dom and His glo - ry\_\_ in the heights.

The musical score is written on ten staves of five-line systems. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is marked with 'G' (G-clef) and 'F' (F-clef) dynamics. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by hyphens. The score ends with a double bar line.

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2) When thy flesh - ly mem - bers were hewn off, and thou didst en -

-dure the un - bear - a - ble pains of tor - tures and wounds,

O all - bless - ed James, thou won - der - wor - thy

Mar - tyr of Christ, then thou brave - ly didst tram - ple down

the ty - rants' great cru - el - ty, and thou didst re - ceive the pre - cious

crown of vic - to - ry; wear - ing

thy bright crown as a - dorn - ment, with thy fel - low

ath - letes thou stand - est now at

the di - vine throne of the Mas - ter, Christ.

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3) O all - cel - e - brat - ed Mar - tyr James, since thou hast great  
 bold - ness be - fore Christ, fer - vent - ly help and pro - tect  
 all who keep with faith thy high and sol - emn  
 fes - ti - val; from all dan - gers de - liv - er us,  
 and free us from suff' - rings; res - cue us from ev' - ry on - set  
 of ad - ver - si - ties; grant our  
 souls e - ter - nal sal - va - tion by thy ho - ly  
 prayers, that we all might glo - ri -  
 fy thy splen - did con - tests filled with light.