

March 21st

Venerable Confessor James the New, Bishop of Catania

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 2

Special Melody: *When he took thee*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Flee - ing from the tur - moil of the world, thou didst keep thy
mind in true free - dom from ev - 'ry pas - sion, O James;
and a - midst the tem - pests and com - mo - tions
of this life, thou didst keep it from wan - der - ing
and sense - less - ly roam - ing, but didst raise it
up with long - ing to the Mas - ter on high,
look - ing to the heights with di - vine love
to the Ben - e - fac - tor of all men,
O wor - thi - ly bless - ed Hier - arch of the Lord.

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2) Since, O Fa - ther, thou didst lead a life dis - tant from the world's trou - bled tu - mult, while be - ing guard - ed by grace, thou wast made a free - man from the pas - sions' ser - vi - tude; with as - cet - i - cal dil - i - gence and shafts of di - vine light, thou didst turn back hordes of de - mons in de - feat and shame. Hav - ing lived the life of thē An - gels, with them now thou danc - est in glad - ness round a - bout the Lord, the might - y King of all.

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3) Thou didst live out - side the world and flesh, heed - ing thē in -
 - vis - i - ble glo - ry and how it far doth sur - pass
 all things seen; and thou didst bring to mind the
 heav - en - ly tab - er - na - cle, O Fa - ther James,
 ma - jes - tic and splen - did, and the loft - y
 beau - ty that no mind can com - pre - hend.
 Now as thou art filled with its fair - ness,
 in - ter - cede with Christ God to save us,
 who with faith and long - ing praise and hon - or thee.