Our venerable father and confessor James, bishop of Catania, who died in the Iconoclastic persecutions. (8th century)

Supplement for The Order of Vespers on Sunday Evening for the Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday) and the Sundays of the Great Fast.

Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 2, p. 26)
Stichera of the Third Sunday of the Fast, p. 72. Then:

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

You desired a good reputation which is eternal and does not pass away.

You disdained glory which is temporary and perishable. You followed after the Lord who was crucified and brought your flesh into submission by fasting. Therefore we celebrate your memory, O James.
Praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

You were crucified to the world and the passions, O father James,

preserving your soul undivided and pure, untainted by base habits

and taking wing to the heavens in mystic visions. You lived your life as a true friend of Christ and his faithful favored son, O venerable father.

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

O ever-memorable father, you were revealed to be innocent, guileless,

merciful and full of brotherly love, of humble mind and meek, full of love,
a-dorned with alms-giving and prayer, gifted with patience, filled with faith and hope, and shining with holy and divine glory.

The faithful STAND.

Theotokion - in the same tone

Take away the defilement of my passionate heart, O glorious Theotokos. Cleanse all its wounds and taints which come from sin, O pure lady. Put an end to the wavering of my mind, that I, your wretched and unprofitable servant, may proclaim the greatness of your

Prokeimenon for the Third Sunday, p.10.

Aposticha of the Third Sunday, p. 75.