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Featured Saint: 26 Martyrs of the Zographou Monastery on Mount Athos



In the year 1274, the Byzantine Emperor Michael VIII Paleologos decided to enter into a union with Catholic Rome. The monks at Mount Athos protested this union and sent a letter to the Emperor criticizing the decision and imploring him to, "Reject the unholy and novel teachings of a false knowledge." The opposition of the monks angered the Emperor, and when Crusaders entered the Byzantine Empire, Emperor Michael ordered them to go to Zographou Monastery. The monks were ordered to accept the Union with Rome, and some did. However, twenty-six monks remained in the monastery tower, which was then burned by the Crusaders.

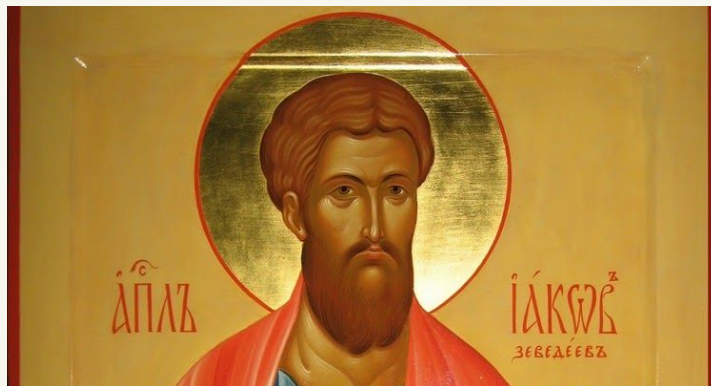
Orthodox churches around the world: The Temple of Archangel Michael in Spain



The Temple of Archangel Michael (Iglesia Ortodoxa Rusa San Miguel Arcangel Altea), was the first temple of the Russian Orthodox Church built in Spain. It is located in Alicante, Spain, and was built in the early 2000s. It was made from materials brought from a region called Ural region in Russia.

More information can be found about this church at this [link](#). The website is in Spanish therefore a translation tool may be necessary.

Holy Day: The Feast Day of The Holy Apostle James



We celebrate the feast day of the Holy Apostle James on October 9th. James was one of the twelve original apostles, and was the brother of

the holy evangelist Matthew. James's ministry included traveling with the Apostle Andrew the First Called throughout Judea, Edessa, Gaza, and Eleutheropolis. During his travels he preached the gospel and healed all kinds of sicknesses and diseases. His earthly ministry ended in the Egyptian city of Ostrachina, where he was crucified by pagans.

Featured Prayers

Prayer before any work:

O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of the eternal Father, Thou hast said, "Without me you can do nothing." In faith I embrace Thy words, O Lord, and bow before Thy goodness. Help me to complete the work I am about to begin for Thine own glory: in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
