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### GOD IS ONLY GOOD

St. John of Damascus

Since God is good, He is the Author of all good and is not subject to malice or to any passion. For malice is far removed from the Divine Nature, which is the impassible and only good.

### THERE ARE HELL'S ETERNAL FIRES FOR THE 'UNJUST'!

Fr. John Romanides

In the Orthodox Tradition, both the just and the unjust will have the vision of God in His uncreated glory, with the difference that for the unjust this same uncreated glory of God will be the eternal fires of hell. God is light for those who learn to love Him and a consuming fire for those who will not.

### JAMES THE RIGHTEOUS

Eusebius quoting Hegesippus

Control of the Church passed to the apostles, together with the Lord's brother James, whom everyone from the Lord's time till our own called the Righteous, for there were many Jameses, but this one was holy from his birth: he drank no wine or intoxicating liquor and ate no animal food; no razor came near his head; he did not smear himself with oil, and took no baths. He *alone* (emphasis supplied) was permitted to enter the Holy Place, for his garments were not of wool but of linen. He used to enter the Sanctuary alone, and was often found on his knees beseeching forgiveness for the people. Because of his unsurpassable righteousness he was called the Righteous or Oblias - in our language 'Bulwark of the People, and Righteousness' - fulfilling the declarations of the prophets regarding him.

## JAMES THE RIGHTEOUS TESTIFIES FOR CHRIST AND PRAYS TO OUR FATHER TO FORGIVE THEM

St. James the Just

Why do you question me about the Son of Man? I tell you, He is sitting in Heaven at the right hand of the Great Power, and He will come on the clouds of Heaven.... I beseech Thee, Lord God and Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.

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## JAMES, THE ORIGINAL AUTHOR OF THE DIVINE LITURGY, RECEIVED IT ORALLY FROM CHRIST!

The Rudder (Pedalion)

James the Apostle is the original author of the Divine Liturgy, of the bloodless sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ; and just as he received the mystery of the Divine Eucharist *orally* (emphasis supplied) from Christ he delivered it in writing to be celebrated with leavened bread and wine. To save time St. Basil the Great shortened the Liturgy of St. James; and St. Chrysostom shortened that of St. Basil to that which we Orthodox Christians have kept to this very day.

## HIS SACRIFICE DID TWO THINGS

St. Athanasius the Great

For by the sacrifice of His own Body He did two things: He put an end to the law of death which banned our way; and He made a new beginning of life for us, by giving us the hope of resurrection.

## JOHN THE BAPTIST'S PROFOUNDLY BEAUTIFUL WORDS

St. John the Baptist, Forerunner of Christ

*Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

## IF YOU'RE A FREEMASON, YOU'RE NOT A CHRISTIAN!

The Rudder (Pedalion)

The doctrines of Freemasonry are contrary and opposed to the doctrines of Christianity, and especially to the fundamental dogma of the Faith, which consists *in the belief that Jesus Christ is a Son of God and a Son of man....*

Freemasonry and Christianity are two opposite and contrary systems, of which each annuls the other.

**MASONRY IS COMPLETELY INCOMPATIBLE WITH ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY!**

The Act of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad (1932). The Declaration Against Freemasonry - by Metropolitan Anthony of Kiev

All clergy are duty-bound to question those who come to Confession whether they are members of Masonic Orders, and in case it will appear that they are Masons and believe and share Masonic teachings, they should be informed that membership of the Masonic Organisation is incompatible with Orthodox Christianity, and that such should immediately resign from Masonry, otherwise they will be deemed unworthy to receive Holy Communion, and their future impenitency will bring them to excommunication from the Orthodox Church.