

October 13th
St. Jacob of Hamatoura
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 8, Plagal Fourth Mode
Special melody: *O strange wonder*

Chadi Karam



O strange won - der! O dread mys - ter - y! The mar - tyr, lov - er of God,
fa - ther Ja - cob, the glo - ri - ous, tri - umphed o - ver death to - day,
through the pow - er of Christ the Lord. He suf - fered his
tor - tures most pa - tient - ly, and prayed with joy - ful and
nev - er - fail - ing songs, chant - ing un - ceas - ing - ly,
like thē An - gels, due prais - es to the Lord, thank - ing Him at
all times for His a - bun - dant good - ness.

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O strange and most sol-lemn hap-pen-ing! for Christ the Lord hath af-firmed
and re - vealed thee, O Ja - cob, tri - um - phant in spir - i - tual wars
and a mar - tyr who hast___ been crowned. For God's own Spir - it
did___ then in - spire___ thee to coun - ter those who hat -
- ed thy wis - dom. Woe_____ to their wretch - ed - ness!
For their hearts were dark - ened with du - plic - i - ty, they be - head - ed
thee, O Saint, with mal - ice and fool - ish - ness.

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D **C** **Un.** **C**
 Ja - cob most be - at - i - fied, thou art an in - ac - ces - si - ble fence.

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 Thou pro - tect - est the faith - ful from all kinds of their ill - ness - es,

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 as they ask for the Vir - gin's help. Thou didst be - come a

might - y in - ter - ces - sor and to thy mon - as - ter -

- y, a strong sup - port. Thou _____ who didst earn the crowns

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 and a - bun - dant bless - ings: con - stant - ly im - plore Christ to be -

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 - stow up - on us His peace and great _____ mer - cy.