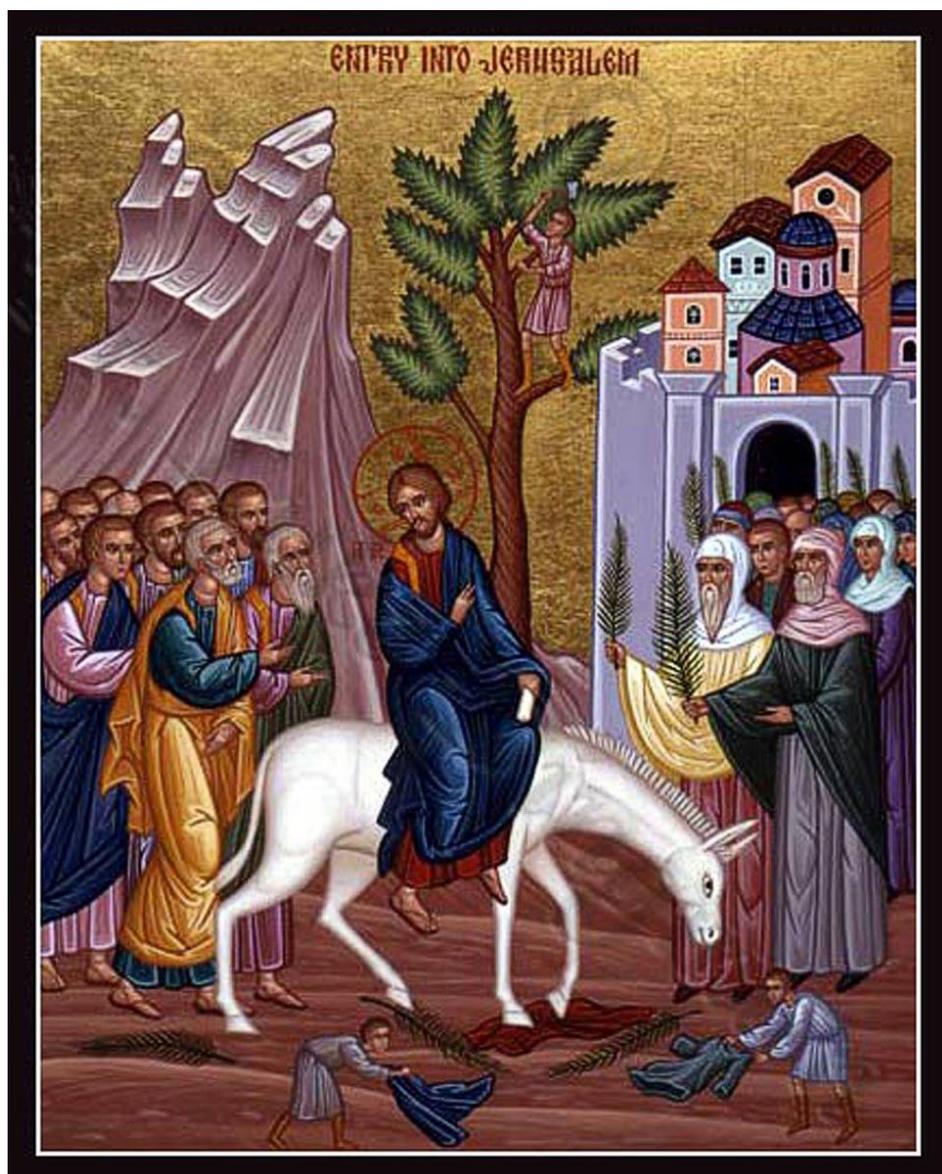


# Palm Sunday

## Entrance of our Lord, Jesus Christ in Jerusalem





## Festal Orthros for Palm Sunday

**Priest:** Blessed is our God always, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (x 3).

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God visit and heal our infirmities for your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (x 3).

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**Priest: For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.**

**People:** Amen.

### **Troparion of the Holy Cross**

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance; granting to the Your people victory over all adversaries. And by the power of Your Cross preserve Your Estate.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

### **Kontakion of the Holy Cross**

O Christ our God, Who of Your own good will was lifted up on the Cross, bestow Your bounties upon the new nation which is called by Your Name. Make glad in Your might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Your aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

**Now, and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

### **Kontakion to the Theotokos**

O Champion dread, who cannot be put to confusion, despise not our petitions, O good and all-praised Theotokos. Establish the way of the Orthodox, save those who have been called upon to govern us, leading us all to that victory which is from Heaven, for you are she who gave birth to God and alone are blessed.

**Priest:** Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Your great goodness, we pray to You: hear us and have mercy.

**People:** Lord, have mercy. (x 3).

**Priest:** Again we pray for all Orthodox Christians.

**People:** Lord, have mercy. (x 3).

**Priest:** Again we pray for our Father and Metropolitan (*Name*), and all out brethren in Christ.

**People:** Lord, have mercy. (x 3).

**Priest:** For You are a merciful God and love mankind, and to You we ascribe glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

**People:** Amen. Bless, Father, in the Name of the Lord.

**Priest:** Glory to the Holy, Consubstantial, Life-giving and Undivided Trinity, always, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

### **Six Psalms**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards all people. (x3) .

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim Your praise. (x2).

### **Psalm 3**

Lord, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me. Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God." But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head. I cried to the Lord with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill.

I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustained me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me all around. Arise, O Lord; Save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly. Salvation belongs to the Lord. Your blessing is upon Your people.

I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustained me.

### **Psalm 37**

O Lord do not rebuke me in Your wrath, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure! For Your arrows pierce me deeply, And Your hand presses me down. There is no soundness in my flesh Because of Your anger, Nor any health in my bones Because of my sin. For my iniquities have gone over my head.

Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me. My wounds are foul and festering Because of my foolishness. I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. For my loins are full of inflammation, And there is no soundness in my flesh. I am feeble and severely broken; I groan because of the turmoil of my heart.

Lord, all my desire is before You; And my sighing is not hidden from You. My heart pants, my strength fails me; As for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me. My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague, And my relatives stand afar off. Those also who seek my life lay snares for me; Those who seek my hurt speak of destruction, And plan deception all the day long. But I, like a deaf man, do not hear; And I am like a mute who does not open his mouth. Thus, I am like a man who does not hear, And in whose mouth is no response.

For in You, O Lord, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God. For I said, "Hear me, lest they rejoice over me, lest, when my foot slips, they exalt themselves against me." For I am ready to fall, And my sorrow is continually before me. For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sin. But my enemies are vigorous, and they are strong; And those who hate me wrongfully have multiplied. Those

also who render evil for good, they are my adversaries, because I follow what is good.

Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation! Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

## **Psalm 62**

O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water. So, I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory. Because Your loving kindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You. Thus, I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.

When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches. Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me. But those who seek my life, to destroy it, Shall go into the lower parts of the earth. They shall fall by the sword; They shall be a portion for jackals.

But the king shall rejoice in God; Everyone who swears by Him shall glory; But the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped. I meditate on You in the night watches. Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadows of Your wings I will rejoice. My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

***(We do not cross ourselves)***

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (x3).

Lord, have mercy. (x3).

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

**Now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

### **Psalm 87**

O Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You. Let my prayer come before You; Incline Your ear to my cry. For my soul is full of troubles, And my life draws near to the grave. I am counted with those who go down to the pit; I am like a man who has no strength, Adrift among the dead, Like the slain who lie in the grave, Whom You remember no more, And who are cut off from Your hand.

You have laid me in the lowest pit, In darkness, in the depths. Your wrath lies heavy upon me, And You have afflicted me with all Your waves. You have put away my acquaintances far from me; You have made me an abomination to them; I am shut up, and I cannot get out; My eye wastes away because of affliction. Lord, I have called daily upon You; I have stretched out my hands to You. Will You work wonders for the dead? Shall the dead arise and praise You? Shall Your lovingkindness be declared in the grave? Or Your faithfulness in the place of destruction? Shall Your wonders be known in the dark? And Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

But to You I have cried out, O Lord, And in the morning my prayer comes before You. Lord, why do You cast off my soul? Why do You hide Your face from me?

I have been afflicted and ready to die from my youth; I suffer Your terrors; I am distraught. Your fierce wrath has gone over me; Your terrors have cut me off. They came around me all day long like water; They engulfed me altogether. Loved one and friend You have put far from me, And my acquaintances into darkness.

O Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You. Let my prayer come before You; Incline Your ear to my cry.

## **Psalm 102**

Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord executes righteousness And justice for all who are oppressed. He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities.

For as the Heavens are high above the Earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, So the Lord pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, And its place remembers it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children, To such as keep

His covenant, And to those who remember His commandments to do them.

The Lord has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules overall. Bless the Lord, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word. Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, You ministers of His, who do His pleasure. Bless the Lord, all His works, In all places of His dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul! In all places of His dominion.

### **Psalm 142**

Hear my prayer, O Lord, Give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, And in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous. For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in darkness, Like those who have long been dead. Therefore, my spirit is overwhelmed within me; My heart within me is distressed.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands. I spread out my hands to You; My soul longs for You like a thirsty land. Answer me speedily, O Lord; My spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, Lest I be like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You.

Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; In You I take shelter. Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness. Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. In Your

mercy cut off my enemies and destroy all those who afflict my soul;  
For I am Your servant.

O Lord give to my supplications: Do not enter into Judgement with  
your servant. O Lord give to my supplications: Do not enter into  
Judgement with your servant.

Your spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now  
and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (x3).

O our God and our Hope, glory to You.

### **The Great Litany**

**Priest:** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For the peace, from on high, and for the salvation of our souls,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy  
churches of God, and for the union of all people, let us pray to the  
Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For this holy House, and for those who enter it with faith,  
reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For our Father and Metropolitan (*Name*), for the venerable Priesthood, for the Diaconate in Christ, for all the Clergy, Monks, Nuns and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For those who govern this country, for all civil authorities and for our armed forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For this blessed city, for every monastery, city, land, and for the faithful, who dwell in them; let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For favourable weather, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times; let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For those who travel by sea, by land, by air, for the sick and suffering; for those in captivity; and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and necessity; let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, (*Most Holy Mother of God, save us*), with all the saints; let us entrust ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

**People:** To You, O Lord.

**Priest:** For to You belong all glory, honour, and adoration: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

### **God is the Lord (Tone 1)**

**People:** God is the Lord, and has appeared unto us. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

*O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Holy Name.*

**God is the Lord, and has appeared unto us. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.**

*All the nations compassed me round about, and by the Name of the Lord I warded them off.*

**God is the Lord, and has appeared unto us. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.**

*This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

**God is the Lord, and has appeared unto us. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Troparion of Lazarus Saturday (Tone 1)**

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion, you confirmed the universal Resurrection, O Christ our God. Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to you O Vanquisher of death. Hosanna in the highest blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

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**Now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

**Troparion of Palm Sunday (Tone 4)**

As by baptism we were buried with you O Christ Our God. So, by Your Resurrection we were deemed worthy of Immortal life. And praising you we cry Hosanna on the highest. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

**The Little Litany**

**Priest:** Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, (*Most Holy Mother of God, save us*), with all the saints; let us entrust ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

**People:** To You, O Lord.

**Priest:** **For Yours is the majesty, and Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; now, and forever, and to the ages of ages.**

**People:** Amen.

### **Kathismata of Palm Sunday (Plain Reading)**

#### **First Kathismata**

With our souls cleansed and in spirit carrying branches, with faith let us sing Christ's praises like the children, crying with a loud voice to the Master; Blessed are You, O Saviour, Who came into the World to save Adam from the ancient curse; and in Your love for mankind You have been pleased to become spiritually the new Adam. O Word, who ordered all things for our good, glory be to You.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

O Lord, You have raised from the tomb Lazarus who was four days dead, and then You have taught us all to cry to You with palms and branches; Blessed are You who comes.

### **Second Kathismata**

O Christ, You shed tears mystically over Your friend, and You raised from the dead Lazarus who lay without life; and You showed tender compassion for him in Your love towards mankind. Learning of Your coming, O Saviour, a multitude of children went out today, bearing palms in their hands and crying to You: "Hosanna: blessed are You, for You have come to save the world."

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

Give praise with one accord, O people and nations; for the King of the angels rides now upon a foal, and He comes to smite His enemies with the Cross in His almighty power. Therefore the children sing to Him with palms in their hands: Glory to You who has come as Conqueror! Glory to You, O Christ the Saviour! Glory to You, our God, for You alone are blessed!

### **Third Kathismata**

He Who sits upon the throne of the Cherubim, for our sake sits upon a foal; and coming to His voluntary Passion, today He hears the children cry "Hosanna!" while the crowd replies, "O Son of David, make haste to save those whom You have created, blessed Jesus, since for this cause You have come, that we may know Your glory."

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make haste to save those whom You have created, blessed Jesus, since for this cause You have come, that we may know Your glory.”

### **The Polyeleon, Part I: Psalm 134**

1. O you servants Alleluia. Praise you the name of the Lord; O you servants, praise the Lord. Alleluia.
2. You that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God. Alleluia.
3. Praise you the Lord; for the Lord is good. Alleluia.
4. Chant unto His name, for it is good. Alleluia.
5. For the Lord has chosen Jacob unto Himself, Alleluia.
6. Israel for His own possession. Alleluia.
7. For I know that the Lord is great. Alleluia.
8. And that our Lord is above all gods. Alleluia.
9. All that the Lord has willed He has done. Alleluia.
10. In Heaven and on the earth. Alleluia.
11. In the seas, and in all the abysses. Alleluia..
12. Bringing clouds up from the utter most parts of the earth. Alleluia.
13. Lightnings for the rain has He made. Alleluia.
14. He brings the wind out of His treasuries. Alleluia.

15. He smote the firstborn of Egypt. Alleluia.

16. From man unto beast. Alleluia.

17. He sent forth signs and marvels in the midst of you O Egypt. Alleluia.

18. On Pharaoh and on all his servants. Alleluia.

19. He smote many nations. Alleluia.

20. And slew mighty kings. Alleluia.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (x3)

O our God and our Hope, glory to You!

### **The Little Litany**

**Priest:** Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

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**Priest:** Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, (*Most Holy Mother of God, save us*), with all the saints; let us entrust ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

**People:** To You, O Lord.

**Priest:** For blessed is Your Name, and glorified is Your kingdom: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; now, and forever, and to the ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

### **Festal Anabathmoi (Tone 4)**

From my youth do many passions war against me, But do You Yourself defend and save me, O my Savior. (x2)

You haters of Zion shall be shamed by the Lord; for like grass, by the fire shall you be withered. (x2)

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

By the Holy Spirit every soul is quickened and through cleansing is exalted and made radiant by the Triple Unity, in a hidden manner.

**Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.**

By the Holy Spirit, the streams of grace gush forth, watering all creation unto the begetting of life.

### **Prokeimenon of Palm Sunday (Tone 4)**

Out of the mouths of babes and children, You have perfected Praise. (x2)

*Stichos: O Lord, our Lord, how wonderful is Your Name, in all the earth.*

Out of the mouths of babes and children, You have perfected Praise.

**Priest:** Let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For Holy are You, O our God, You Who rest in the Saints, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and forever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

**Let every breath (Tone 2)**

Let every breath praise the Lord. (x2)

*Praise God in His saints; praise Him in the firm foundation of His power.*

Let every breath praise the Lord.

**The Gospel**

**Priest:** And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

**People:** Lord, have mercy. (x3)

**Priest:** Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Peace be to all.

**People:** And to your spirit.

**Priest:** The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to *Saint Matthew (21:1-11, 15-17)*

**People:** Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

**Priest:** Let us attend!

Priest: At that time, when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two Disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your King is coming to you, meek, and mounted on a ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.” The Disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and Jesus sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before and that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” And when He entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.” But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant; and they said to Jesus, “Do you hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings Thou hast brought perfect praise’?” And leaving them, He went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

**People:** Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

### **Psalm 50**

Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness;  
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my

transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight - That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.

Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart These, O God, You will not despise. Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, With burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

### **Palm Sunday Troparia after Psalm 50 (Tone 2)**

**People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

Today Christ enters the Holy City, riding on a foal, and destroys the wicked and barren folly of the Gentiles.

**Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

Today Christ enters the Holy City, riding on a foal, and destroys the wicked and barren folly of the Gentiles.

**(Tone 6) Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness: according to the multitude of Your tender mercies blot out my transgressions.**

Today the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us together, and we all take up Your Cross and say: “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.”

**Priest:** O God, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance. Visit Your world with mercies and bounties. Exalt the estate of Orthodox Christians and send down upon us Your rich mercies. through the intercessions of our most pure Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary; by the might of the precious and life-giving Cross; by the supplications of the honourable Bodiless Powers of heaven; of the honourable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious, and praise worthy Apostles; of our holy fathers, great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom; of our holy fathers Athanasios, Cyril, and John the Merciful, Patriarchs of Alexandria; our holy fathers Malatios and Peter, Patriarchs of Antioch; our holy fathers Nicholas Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, Spiridon Bishop of Trimythos, the Wonder Workers; of our father among the saints Raphael, bishop of Brooklyn; of the holy, glorious and right victorious Martyrs, George the victorious, and

Demetrios the myrrh-streaming, Theodore the soldier, Theodore the General; of the hieromartyrs Ignatius of Antioch, Polycarp and Joseph of Damascus, of the holy glorious right-victorious martyrs, of our righteous fathers Ephraim and Isaac the Syrians, and John of Damascus; of the great women martyrs, Thekla the protomartyr and equal to the Apostles, Barbara, Anastasia, Katherine, Kyriaki, Photini, Marina, Paraskevi and Irene; of our venerable and God-bearing fathers, who shone in the ascetic life; of Saint (name) patron of this holy church; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of Saint (name) whose memory we celebrate today and of all Your saints, we beseech You, O most merciful Lord, hear to our petitions, we sinners who make our supplications unto You, and have mercy upon us

**People:** Lord have mercy. (x12)

**Priest:** Through the mercies and bounties and compassion of Your Only-begotten Son, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit, now, and for ever, and to the ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

### **Kontakion and Oikos for Palm Sunday (Plain Reading)**

Seated in Heaven upon Your throne and on earth upon a foal, O Christ our God, You have accepted the praise of the angels and the songs of the children who cried out unto You: Blessed are You who comes to call back Adam. *Who comes to call back Adam.*

O Immortal Lord, You have bound Hell, slain Death, and raised the world: therefore the children, carrying palms, sing praise to You as Victor, O Christ, and they cry aloud to You this day: "Hosanna to the Son of David! For no more," say they, "shall the little children be slain because of Mary's Child; but You alone are crucified for all, both

young and old. No more shall the sword be drawn against us, for Your side is pierced by a spear.” With great rejoicing, then, we cry: Blessed are You who comes to call back Adam. *Who comes to call back Adam.*

### **The Synaxarion (Plain reading)**

On this day of Palm Sunday, we celebrate the glorious and brilliant feast of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. He Who stretched out the earth’s pole by His Divine Word is seated upon a donkey as he seeks to free the human race and to liberate it from bestial passion. Through Your undescribable mercy make us victorious over all carnal passion and enable us to perceive Your manifest Victory over Death and Your glorious and Life-giving Resurrection and have mercy on us.

### **Katavasias of Palm Sunday (Tone 4)**

#### **Ode 1**

The springs of the deep were seen bereft of water and the foundations of the storm-tossed sea were laid bare; for in Your power You rebuked its fury and saved Your chosen people, as they sang to You, O Lord, a hymn of victory.

#### **Ode 3**

The people of Israel drew water from the stony rock, for it became at Your command a flowing stream, O Christ, You are Yourself our rock and life; on You the Church is founded, and she cries aloud; Hosanna, blessed are You that comes.

#### **Ode 4**

“Christ comes”, the Prophet said of old, “Revealing Himself as our God; He shall come and shall not tarry, from the mountain overshadowed by the forest, born of a maiden who has not known man.” Therefore we all cry aloud: Glory to Your power, O Lord.

### **Ode 5**

Go up the mountain, you that bring good tidings to Zion; and you that preach to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with strength. Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God: peace be upon Israel and salvation to the Gentiles.

### **Ode 6**

The spirits of the righteous cried aloud in joy: “Now is a new covenant granted to the world: let the people be renewed through sprinkling with the Blood of God.”

### **Ode 7**

You saved the children of Abraham in the fire and slew the Chaldeans who plotted unrighteously against the righteous. Blessed are You, O Lord God our fathers and praised above all.

**We praise, we bless, and we worship the Lord.**

### **Ode 8**

Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and you that love Zion, keep feast, for He Who rules unto all ages, the Lord of Hosts, is come. Let all the earth stand in reverence before His face and cry aloud” O all you works of the Lord, praise the Lord.

**Priest: The Theotokos and Mother of the Light let us honour and magnify in Hymn.**

## **Ninth Ode of the Palm Sunday Canon (Tone 4)**

**People:** The Lord is God and has appeared to us: let us keep the feast together. Come, and with great rejoicing let us magnify Christ

with palms and branches and let us cry aloud: “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord our Saviour.”

Why do the heathen rage? Why do the scribes and priests imagine vain things, saying: “Who is this to Whom the children cry aloud with palms and branches, “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord our Saviour.”

This is our God, and there is none other like Him; He has found out every righteous way and given it to Israel His beloved; and afterward He has shown Himself upon earth and lived among men. Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord our Saviour.

O disobedient nation, why do you set stumbling-blocks upon our path? Your feet are swift to shed the blood of the Master, but He shall rise again, to save all those who cry: “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord our Saviour.”

### **Ode 9**

The Lord is God and has appeared to us: let us keep the feast together. Come, and with great rejoicing let us magnify Christ with palms and branches and let us cry aloud: “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord our Saviour.”

### **The Little Litany**

**Priest:** Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, (*Most Holy Mother of God, save us*), with all the saints; let us entrust ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

**People:** To You, O Lord.

**Priest:** For all the powers of heaven praise You, and to You we ascribe glory: to the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now, and forever, and to the ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

*There is no special exapostilarion, but we sing (as usual on Sundays)*

**People:** Holy is the Lord our God. (x3) in tone 4.

### **The Praises (Ainoi) (Tone 4)**

**People:** Let every breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the Heavens, praise Him in the highest. To You, is due praise, O God.

**Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His host. To You is due praise, O God.**

***Verse 1: This glory shall be to all His saints. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power.***

A very great multitude spread their garments in the way, O Lord; others cut down branches from the trees and carried them. Walking before and after You, they cried: "Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed are You who has come and shall come again in the Name of the Lord."

***Verse 2: Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet. Praise Him with the psaltery and harp.***

When you were about to enter the Holy City, O Lord, the multitude carried branches from the trees, and sang to You, the Master of all. They saw You riding on a foal as though upon the Cherubim, and they cried "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You Who has come and shall come again in the Name of the Lord.

***Verse 3. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and organs.***

Come forth, all you nations, and come forth, all you people: look today upon the King of Heaven, who enters Jerusalem seated upon a humble colt as though upon a lofty throne, O unbelieving and adulterous generation of the Jews, draw near and look on Him whom once Isaiah saw: He is come for our sakes in the flesh. See how He weds the New Zion, for she is chaste, and rejects the synagogue that is condemned. As at a marriage feast and undefiled, the pure and innocent children gather and sing praises. Let us also sing with them the hymn of the angels: Hosanna in the highest to Him that has great mercy.

***Verse 4. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: praise Him upon the high-sounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.***

Before your voluntary Passion, Christ our God, You have given to all men assurance of the general resurrection; for at Bethany You have raised by Your almighty power Lazarus who was four days dead, and as Giver of Light, O Saviour, You have made the blind to see. With Your disciples You have entered the Holy City, seated upon the foal

of a donkey as though upon the Cherubim, and so You have fulfilled the preaching of the prophets. The children of the Hebrews came to meet You with palms and branches. Therefore, we also, bearing palms and olive branches, cry aloud to You in thanksgiving: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

### **The Doxastica of Palm Sunday (Tone 6)**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus entered Bethany, and His Disciples came to Him, saying: "Lord, where would You have us prepare for You to eat the Passover? Then He sent them, saying: "Go into the village opposite, and you will find a man bearing a pitcher of water; follow him and tell the master of the house: The Teacher says: "in your house shall I eat the Passover with My Disciples."

### **The Great Doxology (Tone 6)**

Glory be to You Who showed the light. Glory in the highest to God, and on earth peace, goodwill among men.

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

O Lord, King, heavenly God, the Father Almighty, O Lord the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

O Lord, God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us, You Who take away the sins of the world.

Receive our prayer, You Who sit at the right hand of the Father; and have mercy on us.

For You alone are Holy, You only are Lord, Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

Everyday will I bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and unto the ages of ages.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name unto the ages. Amen.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, even as we have hoped in You.

Blessed are You O Lord, teach me Your Statutes. (x3)

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Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: O Lord have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

O Lord, to You have I fled for refuge, teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

For in You is the fountain of Life, in Your light we shall see light.

Continue Your mercy unto those that know You.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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### **Troparion of Palm Sunday (Tone 1)**

As by baptism we were buried with you O Christ Our God. So, by Your Resurrection we were deemed worthy of Immortal life. And praising you we cry Hosanna on the highest. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

### **Variations for the Divine Liturgy for the Entrance of our Lord, Jesus Christ in Jerusalem**

#### **The First Antiphon (Tone 2)**

I am well pleased for the Lord will hear the voice of my prayer.  
***Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.***

The sorrows of death encompassed me, and the pains of hell took hold of me.

***Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.***  
I found trouble and sorrow, and I called upon the Name of the Lord.

***Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.***

I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

***Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.***

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

***Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.***

### **The Second Antiphon (Tone 2)**

I believed, and therefore I have spoken but I was sore troubled.

***Save us, O Son of God, Who sat upon the foal of a donkey; we sing to You. Alleluia.***

What reward shall I give unto the Lord, for all the benefits He did to me.

***Save us, O Son of God, Who sat upon the foal of a donkey; we sing to You. Alleluia.***

I will receive the cup of salvation, and I called upon the Name of the Lord.

***Save us, O Son of God, Who sat upon the foal of a donkey; we sing to You. Alleluia.***

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

***Save us, O Son of God, Who sat upon the foal of a donkey; we sing to You. Alleluia.***

### **The Third Antiphon (Tone 1) (Small Entrance)**

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel now confess that He is good: Let the

house of Aaron now confess that He is good: Let them now that fear the Lord confess that He is good: for His mercy endures forever.

### **Troparion of Lazarus Saturday (Tone 1)**

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion, you confirmed the universal Resurrection, O Christ our God. Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to you O Vanquisher of death. Hosanna in the highest blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

*(After the small entrance)*

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### **Troparion of Palm Sunday (Tone 4)**

As by baptism we were buried with you O Christ Our God. So by Your Resurrection we were deemed worthy of Immortal life. And praising you we cry Hosanna on the highest. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

### **Kontakion of Palm Sunday (Tone 6)**

Seated in heaven upon Your throne and on earth upon a foal O Christ our God, You have accepted the praise of the angels and the songs of the children who carried out to You: Blessed are You who has come to call back Adam.

### **The Epistle**

***Prokeimenon:*** *Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)**

**Brethren** rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these do; and the God of peace will be with you.

### **The Gospel**

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (12:1-18)**

**Six days** before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox, he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." When the great crowd of the

Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So, the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So, they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His Disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

#### **Megalynarion for Palm Sunday (Tone 4)**

The Lord is God and has appeared to us: let us keep the feast together. Come, and with great rejoicing let us magnify Christ with palms and branches and let us cry aloud: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord our Saviour."

#### **Koinonikon (Communion Hymn) of Nativity of Christ (Tone 8)**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

*(During Communion, the choir will sing "Rejoice, O Bethany".)*

*(After Communion, instead of singing "We have seen the true light", sing the Apolytikion of Lazarus Saturday.)*

#### **Troparion of Lazarus Saturday (Tone 1)**

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion, you confirmed the universal Resurrection, O Christ our God. Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to you O Vanquisher of death. Hosanna in the highest blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

### **The Great Dismissal**

**Priest:** May He Who accepted to make the foal of a donkey His throne for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honourable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honourable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, whose Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; of Saint *(Name)*, the patron and protector of this holy community; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loves mankind.

**Priest:** Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

**People:** Amen.

### **Palm Sunday Procession**

*(It is customary to participate in a procession around the exterior of the church holding candles and palm branches. The choir will chant the Apolytikia of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, "Rejoice, O Bethany" and the Trisagion Hymn.)*

## **Prayer and blessing of the Palms with Holy Water**

**Priest:** Let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** O Lord our God, Who sits upon the Cherubim, Who has raised up the might of Your Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that through His Cross, Grave and Resurrection He might save the world; and at Whose coming today to Jerusalem, unto His voluntary Passion, the people that sat in darkness and in the shadow of Death taking the symbols of victory, the boughs of trees and the branches of palms, go forth and proclaim the Resurrection, by anticipation. Do You, the same Lord, preserve and keep us also who in imitation of them do bear in our hands palms and boughs of trees, on this day of the feast. And like unto those multitudes and children who offered unto You “Hosanna,” may we also in hymns and spiritual songs, attain unto the Life-giving Resurrection on the third day, in the same Christ Jesus our Lord, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, good and Life-giving Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

*(The priest now sprinkles the palms with Holy Water three times.)*

**Priest:** These palms are blessed by the Grace of the All-holy Spirit, through the sprinkling with this Holy Water, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.



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