

Palm Sunday

(Entry into Jerusalem)

(Sunday before Pascha)

MATINS

The Trisagion Prayers

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

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto 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. (3x)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto 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 Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory: of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Troparion and Kontakion of the Cross and Theotokion

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance, granting to the faithful victory over their enemies, and by the power of Your Cross preserving Your habitation.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

O Lord, Who of Your own goodwill were lifted up on the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Your generous gifts on 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 enemies, having in Your aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O fearsome Champion, 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.

Litany and Blessing

PRIEST: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, hear us we pray, and have mercy.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

PRIEST: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

PRIEST: Again we pray our father, (*metropolitan, archbishop, or bishop*) N., and all our brotherhood in Christ.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

PEOPLE: Amen.

READER/PEOPLE: Bless, father, in the name of the Lord.

PRIEST: Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life-giving, and undivided Trinity always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Six Psalms

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 38 (LXX 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 63 (LXX 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 shadow 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 ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (3x)

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

Psalm 88 (LXX 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 loving-kindness 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 103 (LXX 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 loving-kindness 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 but 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 over all. 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, bless the Lord, O my soul!

Psalm 143 (LXX 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 loving-kindness 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 ear to my supplications and do not enter into judgment with Your servant. (2x)

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 ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (3x)

O our God and our Hope, glory to You.

The Great Litany

DEACON: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For the peace from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For this holy house, and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For our father, (*metropolitan, archbishop, or bishop*) N., the honorable presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For our president, all civil authorities, and for our armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For this city, every city and countryside, and for the faithful living in them, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For healthful seasons, an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For travelers by sea, by land, and by air; the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Calling to remembrance our most-holy, most-pure, most-blessed, and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

PEOPLE: To You, O Lord.

Exclamation of the First Morning Prayer

PRIEST: For unto You are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

“God is the Lord...”

God is the Lord Who has shown the light to us! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!

Verse: O give thanks to the Lord and call upon His holy name.

Verse: All nations surrounded me; but in the name of the Lord will I destroy them.

Verse: The stone which the builders refused has become the head cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Lazarus Saturday Troparion: Tone 1 (Obikhod)

Giving us before Your Passion, / an assurance of the general resurrection, / You have raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. / Therefore, like the children, / we also carry tokens of victory, / And cry to You, the Conqueror of death: / “Hosanna in the highest; Blessed is He / Who comes in the name of the Lord.” (1x)

Palm Sunday Troparion: Tone 4 (Carpatho-Russian)

Buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God, / we have been granted immortal life by Your Resurrection, / and we sing Your praises, saying: “Hosanna in the highest!” / “Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!”

The Little Litany - omitted

First Kathisma

Tone 4

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 Savior, Who have come 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 have ordered all things for our good, glory to You.

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

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

Second Kathisma

O Christ, mystically You have shed tears over Your friend, and have raised Lazarus from the dead who lay without life; and You have shown tender compassion for him in Your love towards mankind. Learning of Your coming, O Savior, 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, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 1

Give praise with one accord, O peoples 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 have come as Conqueror; glory to You, O Christ the Savior; glory to You, our God, for You alone are blessed.’

Third Kathisma

Tone 8

*He Who sits upon the throne of the cherubim, for our sakes 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, O blessed Jesus, since for this cause You have come, that we may know Your glory.’ **GNE... Repeat above***

Polyeleos - Psalm 135 (LXX 134) (Glinsk)

All you servants of the Lord, praise the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise the name of the Lord, O you servants of the Lord. Alleluia.

You who stand in the house of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

In the courts of the house of our God. Alleluia.

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Sing praises to His name, for it is good. Alleluia.

For the Lord has chosen Jacob for Himself, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Israel for His special treasure. Alleluia.

For I know that the Lord is great. Alleluia, Alleluia.

And our Lord is above all gods. Alleluia.

All that the Lord has willed He has done in heaven and earth, Alleluia, Alleluia.

In the seas and in the abyss. Alleluia.

Bringing clouds from the uttermost parts of the earth, Alleluia, Alleluia.

He makes lightening for the rain. Alleluia.

He destroyed the first born of Egypt, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Both from man and beast. Alleluia.

*He sent signs and wonders **into** your midst, O Egypt, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Upon Pharaoh and all his servants. Alleluia.

He defeated many nations, Alleluia, Alleluia.

And slew mighty kings. Alleluia.

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

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, glory to You, O God! (3x)

O our God and our hope, glory to You! Alleluia.

The Little Litany

Anavathmoi: Tone 4

From my youth up many passions have warred against me; but help me and save me, O my Savior. You who hate Zion shall be put to confusion by the Lord; like grass in the fire you shall be withered up. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: Through the Holy Spirit is every soul enlivened and exalted in purity, and made resplendent by the Triune Unity in mystic holiness. Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Through the Holy Spirit the channels and streams of grace overflow, watering all creation with invigorating life.

Prokeimenon: Tone 4 - Psalm 8

Out of the mouths of babes and infants You have appointed perfect praise.

Verse: O Lord, our Lord, how wonderful is Your name in all the earth.

“Let every breath...”

Matins Gospel Reading - Matthew 21:1-11, 15-17

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.” All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ” So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Hosanna in the highest!” And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?” So the multitudes said, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.” But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant and said to Him, “Do You hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise’?” Then He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and He lodged there.

Psalm 51 (LXX 50)

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; 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 sins 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.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

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

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies blot out my transgression.

(Tone 6 - Kievan)

Today the grace of the Holy Spirit / has gathered us together, / and we all take up Your Cross and say: / Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord; / Hosanna in the highest!

The Intercession

Palm Sunday Kontakion: Tone 6 (Kievan)

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

Ikos

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 come to call back Adam."

Synaxarion of the Feast

On this day in the Holy Orthodox Church, the Sunday of Palms, we celebrate the radiant and glorious festival of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

Verses

*He Who stretches out the firmament and sat on the foal,
Seeks to release mortals from their sinful passions.*

Jesus came to Bethany on the Sunday before the six days of the Mosaic Passover. On the following day He sent out two of His Disciples, who brought Him a donkey on which He sat to enter the city. And when the great multitude heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they immediately took palm branches in their hands and went out to meet Him. They all cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" The branches of palm trees were a symbol of Christ's victory over Satan and Death. And "Hosanna" means "We pray You, save us!" The donkey's colt, which was still an untamed animal and impure according to the law, as well as Christ's sitting on it, symbolizes the former barbarity and impurity of the Gentiles; and the subsequent taming of them and their obedience to the holy law of the Gospel.

By Your ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us victors over the worldly passions, and make us worthy to see Your glorious victory over death, and Your radiant and life-bearing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.

Matins Canon – Palm Sunday: Tone 4 Katavasia Odes 1-8

Verses may be added by the cantor

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 have 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 a flowing stream at Your command. O Christ, You are Yourself our rock and life; on You the Church is founded, and she cries aloud: Hosanna, blessed are You Who come.

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 who bring good tidings to Zion; and You who 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 of the Blood of God.’

Ode 7: You have saved the children of Abraham in the fire and slain the Chaldeans, who plotted unrighteously against the righteous. Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised above all.

We praise, bless and worship the Lord, singing and exalting Him above all forever.

Ode 8: Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and keep feast you who love Zion. 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.

DEACON: The Theotokos and Mother of the Light, let us honor and magnify in song.

Matins Canon – 9th Ode:

Irmos: 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 Who comes in the name of the Lord our Savior.’

Refrain Glory to You, our God, Glory to You.

Why do you rage, you heathen? You scribes and priests, why do you imagine vain things, saying: ‘Who is this to Whom children cry aloud with palms and branches, Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord our Savior?’

Refrain Glory to You, our God, Glory to You.

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 Who comes in the name of the Lord our Savior.

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

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 Who comes in the name of the Lord our Savior.’

Katavasia: The Lord is God and has appeared to us...

The Lord is God and has ap-peared to us; let us keep the feast to-geth-er

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Come and with great re - joi - cing let us mag - ni - fy

5
Christ with palms and branch - es, and let us cry a-loud:

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Bless - ed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord our Sa - vior.



Entry into Jerusalem

The Little Litany

“Holy is the Lord our God...” sing 3x

Praises: Tone 4 (Znamenny)

Psalm 148

Let every breath praise the Lord. To You, O God, is due a song. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest! To You, O God, is due a song.

Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! To You, O God, is due a song.

Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created. He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away.

Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty firmament!

Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

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 have come and shall come again in the name of the Lord.'

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the lute 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 have come and shall come again in the name of the Lord.'

Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!

Come forth, you nations, and come forth, you peoples: 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 pure 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 Who has great mercy.

Praise Him with loud cymbals; praise Him with clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Before Your voluntary Passion, O Christ our God, You have given to all men an 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 Savior, You have made the blind to see. With Your disciples, You have entered the Holy City, seated upon the foal of an ass as though upon the cherubim, and so You have fulfilled the preaching of the prophets. The children of the Hebrews with palms and branches came to meet You. Therefore, we also, bearing palms and olive branches, cry aloud to You in thanksgiving: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

(Tone 6)

Six days before the Passover Jesus entered Bethany, and His disciples came to Him, saying: 'Lord, where do You wish that we prepare for You to eat the Passover?' Then He sent them, saying: 'Go into the village opposite, and you shall 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

Glory to You, Who have shown us the light. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will 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, Father Almighty; O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and O 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 only are holy, You only are the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever; yes, forever and ever.

Grant, 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 forever. Amen.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on You.

Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes.

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Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: "Be merciful unto me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."

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

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light.

Continue Your mercy to those who know You.

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

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

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

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

Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

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

Palm Sunday Troparion: Tone 4 (Carpatho-Russian)

Buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God, / we have been granted immortal life by Your Resurrection, / and we sing Your praises, saying: “Hosanna in the highest!” / “Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Blessing of the Palms & Branches

After the Troparion the people should hold their palm and willow branches up high while the priest prays the prayer for the blessing of palms:

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O Lord our God, Who sit upon the cherubim, You have reaffirmed Your power and sent out Your Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to save the world through His Cross, Burial and Resurrection. When He drew near to Jerusalem for His voluntary Passion, the people that sat in darkness and the shadow of death took, as tokens of victory, boughs of trees and branches of palms, thus foretelling His Resurrection. Do You Yourself, O Master, keep and preserve us also, who, following their example, on this day of the Feast carry in our hands palms and branches, and who like the crowds and the children cry to You, “Hosanna!” With hymns and spiritual songs may we attain the life-giving Resurrection on the third day.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your most Holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The priest(s) then recites this prayer 3x while sprinkling the palms:

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. Amen. (3x)

After the Prayer of blessing the people continue to hold the palms up high and the priest(s) processes around the church sprinkling the palms with holy water, while the people sing the following Troparion in Tone 6.

To-day the grace of the Ho-ly Spi - rit has gathered us to - geth - er
 and we all take up Your Cross and say:
 "Bless-ed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san-na in the high - est!"

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

The Second Antiphon - Psalm 20 (LXX 19)

O Son of God Who **rode on a colt**, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

The Third Antiphon - Psalm 21 (LXX 20)

Sing Troparion of Lazarus Saturday with verses by cantor.

Giving us before Your Passion, / an assurance of the general resurrection, / You have raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. / Therefore, like the children, / we also carry tokens of victory, / And cry to You, the Conqueror of death: / "Hosanna in the highest; Blessed is He / Who comes in the name of the Lord."

Entrance Hymn

Verse: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has appeared to us.

O Son of God, Who **rode on a colt**, save us who sing to You: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lazarus Saturday Troparion: Tone 1 (Obikhod)

Giving us before Your Pas-sion an assurance of the gen-'ral res-ur-rec-tion,
4 You have raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ, our God.
5 Therefore, like the chil-dren, we al-so carry to-kens of vic-to-ry, and
7 cry to You, the Conqueror of death: "Ho-san-na in the high-est;
9 Bless-ed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

Palm Sunday Troparion: Tone 4 (Carpatho-Russian)

Bur-ied with You through baptism, O Christ our God, we have been
5 granted immortal life by Your Res-ur-rec-tion, and we
9 sing Your praises, say-ing: "Ho-san-na in the high-est!
12 Bless-ed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord."

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Palm Sunday Kontakion: Tone 6 (Kievan)

Seated in heaven up-on Your throne, and on earth upon a colt, O Christ our God,
You have ac-cept-ed the praise of the an-gels
and the songs of the children who cried out to You:
"Bless-ed are You Who come to call back Ad-am."

Trisagion

Prokeimenon - Psalm 19 (LXX 18)

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

Verse: O give thanks to the Lord for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

The Epistle Reading - Philippians 4:4-9

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Alleluia before the Gospel - Psalm 98 (LXX 97)

Verse: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.

Verse: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

The Gospel Reading - John 12:1-18

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then

Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna 'Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on 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 these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

Magnification Hymn: Tone 4 (Kievan) - 9th Ode Matins

The Lord is God and has ap-peared to us; let us keep the feast to-geth-er
 3 Come and with great re - joi - cing let us mag - ni - fy
 5 Christ with palms and branch - es, and let us cry a-loud:
 7 Bless - ed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord our Sa - vior.

Communion Hymn - Psalm 118 (LXX 117)

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

Post-Communion Hymn

Instead of “We have seen the true Light...” we sing the Troparion for Lazarus Saturday.

Giving us before Your Passion, / an assurance of the general resurrection, / You have raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. / Therefore, like the children, / we also carry tokens of victory, / And cry to You, the Conqueror of death: / “Hosanna in the highest; Blessed is He / Who comes in the name of the Lord.”

The Dismissal

PRIEST: Glory to You, O Christ, our God and our hope, glory to You.

PEOPLE: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Father, bless.

PRIEST: May Christ our true God, *Who consented to ride on the colt of a donkey for our salvation...* and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Palm Sunday Kontakion: Tone 6 (Kievan)

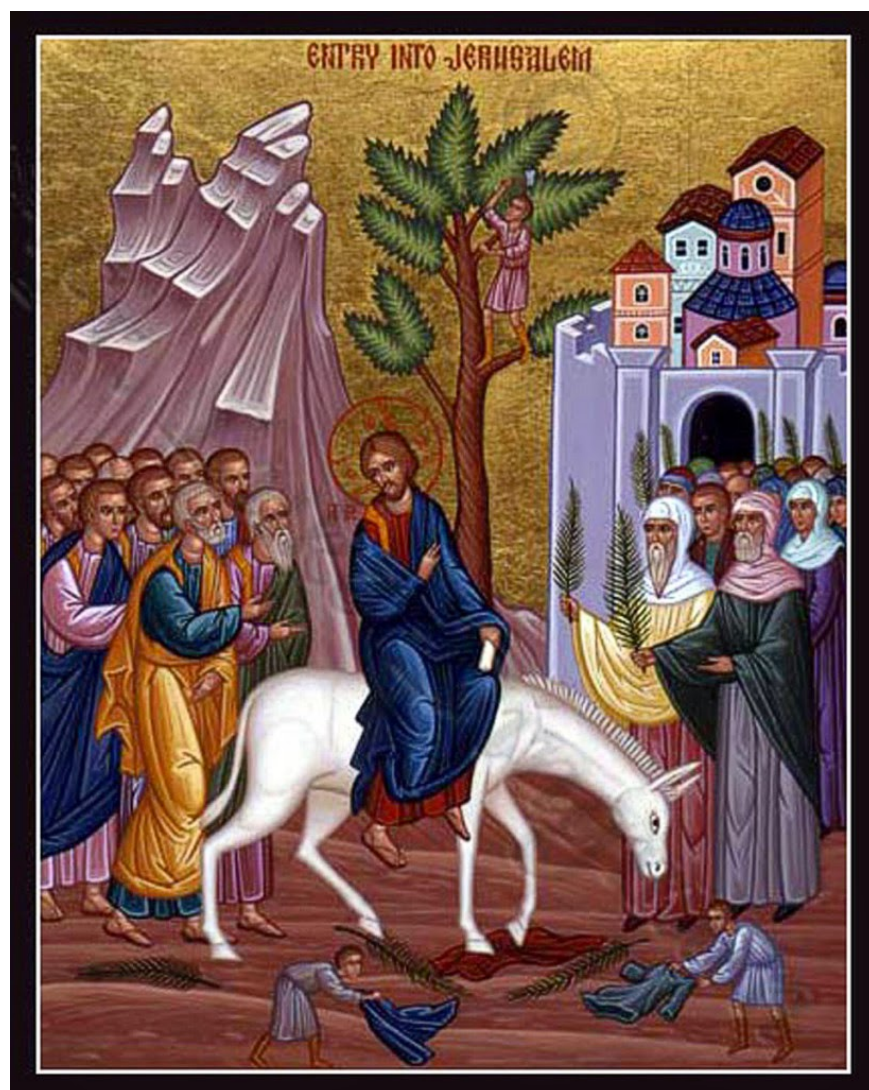
Seated in heaven upon Your throne / and on earth upon a colt O, Christ our God, / You have accepted the praise of the angels / and the songs of the children who cried ot to You: / "Blessed are You Who come to call back Adam.

Ikos

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 come to call back Adam.”

Palm Sunday Doxastikon: Tone 6 (Kievan)

To-day the grace of the Ho-ly Spi - rit has gathered us to - geth - er
and we all take up Your Cross and say:
"Bless-ed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na in the high - est!"



Palm Sunday - Entry into Jerusalem

Rejoice, O Bethany!

Rejoice, rejoice, O Bethany! On this day God came to thee, God came to thee; and in Him the dead are made alive, as is right for He is the Life! He is the Life! He is the Life! And in Him the dead are made alive, as is right for He is the Life!

When Martha went to receive Him, grieving loudly with bitter tears, bitter tears, she poured out the sorrow of her heart to Him, with great sadness, wailing her lament. Wailing her lament, wailing her lament. She poured out the sorrow of her heart to Him, with great sadness, wailing her lament.

She at once cried out unto Him, “My most compassionate Lord! My Lord! At the great loss of my brother Lazarus my heart is broken, help me! Help me! Help me! At the great loss of my brother Lazarus my heart is broken, help me!

Jesus said to her, “Cease thy weeping, cease thy grieving and sad lament, sad lament; for thy brother, My most beloved friend Lazarus, very soon will live again! He will live again! He will live again! For thy brother, My most beloved friend Lazarus, very soon will live again!”

Then He, the faithful Redeemer, made His way unto the tomb, unto the tomb, where He cried unto him who was buried four days, calling him forth, saying, “Lazarus, arise! Lazarus, arise! Lazarus, arise!” Where He cried unto him who was buried four days, calling him forth, saying, “Lazarus, arise!

Come with haste, ye two sisters, and behold a wondrous thing, wondrous thing, for thy brother from the tomb has returned to life. To the beloved Redeemer now give thanks! Now give thanks! Now give thanks! For thy brother from the tomb has returned to life. To the beloved Redeemer now give thanks!

To Thee, O Lord of creation, we kneel down in reverence profound, reverence profound; for all we who are dead in sin; in Thee, O Jesus, are made alive! We are made alive! We are made alive! For all we who are dead in sin; in Thee, O Jesus, are made alive!

Rejoice, rejoice, O Bethany! On this day God came to thee, God came to thee; and in Him the dead are made alive, as is right for He is the Life! He is the Life! He is the Life! And in Him the dead are made alive, as is right for He is the Life!