

Sunday, April 28, 2024 – Palm Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem—Palm Sunday

At Great Vespers

Trisagion, Proemial Psalm, Great Litany, then Antiphon of the First Kathisma; followed by the Small Litany, and then “Lord I call...”

At “Lord I Call...”

Tone 6

(10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy Name.*

The grace of the Holy Spirit • today has assembled us. • Taking up Thy Cross we sing:
• “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. • Hosanna in the highest.”

(9) *The righteous will surround me, for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.*

REPEAT: The grace of the Holy Spirit • today has assembled us. • Taking up Thy Cross we sing: • “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. • Hosanna in the highest.”

(8) *Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.*

Today the Word of God the Father, • the co-eternal Son, • Whose throne is heaven and Whose footstool is earth, • humbles Himself and comes from Bethany, • riding on a dumb beast, the foal of an ass. • The children of the Hebrews hold branches in their hands. • They praise Him crying out: • “Hosanna in the highest. • Blessed is He that comes, the King of Israel.”

(7) *Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.*

REPEAT: Today the Word of God the Father, • the co-eternal Son, • Whose throne is heaven and Whose footstool is earth, • humbles Himself and comes from Bethany, • riding on a dumb beast, the foal of an ass. • The children of the Hebrews hold branches in their hands. • They praise Him crying out: • “Hosanna in the highest. • Blessed is He that comes, the King of Israel.”

(6) *If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.*

O new Israel, church of the Gentiles, • assemble today and sing with the Prophet Zechariah: • “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion. • Shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem. • Behold, thy King is coming to thee. • He is meek, bearing salvation, • riding on the colt of an ass.” • Celebrate with the children, holding palms in thy hands: • “Hosanna in the highest. • Blessed is He that comes, the King of Israel.”

(5) *For Thy Name’s sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

REPEAT: O new Israel, church of the Gentiles, • assemble today and sing with the Prophet Zechariah: • “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion. • Shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem. • Behold, thy King is coming to thee. • He is meek, bearing salvation, • riding on the colt of an ass.” • Celebrate with the children, holding palms in thy hands: • “Hosanna in the highest. • Blessed is He that comes, the King of Israel.”

(4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord.

By Thy command, O loving Lord, • Thou didst raise Lazarus, Thy friend, from death. • His flesh had been given over to corruption, • and he was in the power of death four days. • By this, Thou didst foretell Thy holy Resurrection for us. • Today, Thou dost mount an untamed colt as Thy chariot, • foretelling the conversion of the Gentiles. • Thy beloved Israel offers Thee a hymn of praise • from the mouths of innocent children, • as they see Thee enter the Holy City, O Christ, • six days before the Feast of Passover.

(3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

REPEAT: By Thy command, O loving Lord, • Thou didst raise Lazarus, Thy friend, from death. • His flesh had been given over to corruption, • and he was in the power of death four days. • By this, Thou didst foretell Thy holy Resurrection for us. • Today, Thou dost mount an untamed colt as Thy chariot, • foretelling the conversion of the Gentiles. • Thy beloved Israel offers Thee a hymn of praise • from the mouths of innocent children, • as they see Thee enter the Holy City, O Christ, • six days before the Feast of Passover.

(2) Praise the Lord, all nations. Praise Him, all peoples.

Six days before the Feast of Passover • Jesus entered Bethany. • His disciples asked Him: • “Where should we prepare for Thee to eat the Passover?” • He answered: “When you have entered the city, • a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. • Follow him into the house which he enters, • and tell the master of the house: • ‘The Teacher says to thee: • Here I shall eat the Passover with My disciples.’”

(1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

REPEAT: Six days before the Feast of Passover • Jesus entered Bethany. • His disciples asked Him: • “Where should we prepare for Thee to eat the Passover?” • He answered: “When you have entered the city, • a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. • Follow him into the house which he enters, • and tell the master of the house: • ‘The Teacher says to thee: • Here I shall eat the Passover with My disciples.’”

Tone 6

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

The grace of the Holy Spirit • today has assembled us. • Taking up Thy Cross we sing: • “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. • Hosanna in the highest.”

Tone 6

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

The grace of the Holy Spirit • today has assembled us. • Taking up Thy Cross we sing:
• “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. • Hosanna in the highest.”

Entrance “O gladsome Light,” and Prokeimenon of the day.

Old Testament Readings (should be read from LXX texts)

Genesis 49:1-2, 8-12

PRIEST: Wisdom.

The Reading from Genesis.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

Now Jacob called his sons and said, “Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days. Gather together and hear, you sons of Jacob, and listen to Israel your father. Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father’s sons shall bow down before you. Judah is a lion’s cub; from being a shoot, my son, you have grown up. He bows down, and slept as a lion and a cub; and who shall rouse him? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from his loins, until Shiloh comes; and to Him shall be the expectation of the nations. Binding his colt to a vine, and his donkey’s colt to its branch, he will wash his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes. *His eyes are gladdened from the wine, and his teeth are whiter than milk.*”

Zephaniah 3:14-19

PRIEST: Wisdom.

The Reading from the Prophecy of Zephaniah.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

Thus says the Lord, Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion! Cry aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Be glad and rejoice with all your whole heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away your iniquities and ransomed you from your enemies. The Lord, the King of Israel, is in your midst; you will no longer see any evil. At that time the Lord shall say to Jerusalem, “O Sion, be of good courage; do not let your hands grow slack. The Lord your God is with you. The Mighty One shall save you. He shall bring gladness upon you and will renew you with His love. He will delight over you with joy as in a day of feasting. I shall gather together your broken ones. Alas! who has taken up a reproach against her? Behold, at that time I will act among you for your sake,” says the Lord. “I will save the oppressed and welcome those being rejected. *I will make them a praise and renowned throughout the whole earth.*”

Sunday, April 28, 2024 – Palm Sunday

Zechariah 9:9-15

PRIEST: Wisdom.

The Reading from the Prophecy of Zechariah.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

Thus says the Lord, “Rejoice greatly, O daughter Sion! Proclaim it aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Behold, your King comes to you; He is righteous and saving; He is gentle and mounted upon a donkey, even a young foal. He will utterly destroy the chariots out of Ephraim and the horse out of Jerusalem. The bow of war shall be utterly destroyed, and there shall be abundance and peace among the nations. He shall rule over the waters as far as the sea and over the rivers to the ends of the earth. “And by the blood of your covenant, you freed your prisoners from the pit having no water. You prisoners from the congregation, you shall live in the fortress, and for one day of your exile, I will repay to you double. For I have bent you, O Judah, for Myself as a bow; I have it filled Ephraim. And I will arouse your sons, O Sion, against the sons of the Greeks, and I will handle you as the sword of a warrior.” And the Lord will be over them, and He shall go forth like a lightning bolt. The Lord Almighty shall sound with the trumpet and shall go forth with the tumult of His threat. *The Lord Almighty will shield them.*

Augmented Litany of Fervent Supplication, “Vouchsafe...,” and Completed Litany; then the Aposticha.

Aposticha

Tone 8

Rejoice and be glad, O City of Sion. • Exult and be joyful, O Church of God. • Thy King is coming in righteousness. • He rides on a colt, the foal of an ass. • The children sing His praises: • “Hosanna in the highest. • Blessed art Thou, O greatly merciful One. Have mercy on us.”

Out of the mouths of babes and infants Thou hast fashioned perfect praise. (Psalm 8:2a)

Today the Savior comes to Jerusalem, • fulfilling the Scriptures. • He is greeted with palms and a carpet of clothes. • All know it is He: • the Lord, Whom the Cherubim praise. • Hosanna in the highest. • Blessed art Thou, O greatly merciful One. Have mercy on us.

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Thy Name in all the earth. (Psalm 8:1a)

O gracious Lord, Who ridest upon the Cherubim, • and art praised by the Seraphim, • now Thou ridest like David on the foal of an ass. • The children sing hymns worthy of God, • while the priests and scribes blaspheme against Thee. • By riding an untamed colt, Thou hast prefigured the salvation of the Gentiles, • those wild beasts, who will be brought from unbelief to faith. • Glory to Thee, O merciful Christ, • our King and the Lover of man.

Sunday, April 28, 2024 – Palm Sunday

Tone 6

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

The grace of the Holy Spirit • today has assembled us. • Taking up Thy Cross we sing:
• “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. • Hosanna in the highest.”

Tone 6

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

REPEAT: The grace of the Holy Spirit • today has assembled us. • Taking up Thy Cross
we sing: • “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. • Hosanna in the highest.”

Hymn of Symeon (read or chanted), Trisagion, then the following Troparia.

Troparia

Tone 1, Troparion

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, • Thou didst confirm the
universal resurrection, O Christ God. • Like the children with the palms of victory, • we
cry out to Thee, 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.

REPEAT: By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, • Thou didst confirm the
universal resurrection, O Christ God. • Like the children with the palms of victory, • we
cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: • “Hosanna in the highest. • Blessed is He that
comes in the Name of the Lord.”

Tone 4, Troparion

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

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God, • we were made worthy of
eternal life by Thy Resurrection. • Now we praise Thee and sing: • “Hosanna in the
highest. • Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

Dismissal at Great Vespers

DEACON: Wisdom.

Father, bless.

PRIEST: Blessed is He Who Is (**Ο Ων**), Christ our God, always, now, and ever and unto
ages of ages.

Amen. Confirm, O God, the holy Orthodox faith of Orthodox Christians, together with
His holy Church and this city, unto ages of ages. Amen.

DEACON: Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the
Seraphim. Without corruption thou gavest birth to God the Word: true the Theotokos, we
magnify Thee. *Etc.*

Sunday, April 28, 2024 – Palm Sunday

Troparia at the THIRD and at the SIXTH Hours

Troparia at the Third after Psalm 50, and at the Sixth Hour after Psalm 90:

Tone 1, Troparion of Saint Lazarus

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, • Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. • Like the children with the palms of victory, • we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: • “Hosanna in the highest. • Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

Tone 4, Troparion of the Feast

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

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God, • we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection. • Now we praise Thee and sing: • “Hosanna in the highest. • Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

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

Theotokion at the Third Hour: “O Theotokos; thou art the true vine...”

Theotokion at the Sixth Hour: “As we have no boldness...”



Kontakion at the Third Hour and at the Sixth Hour after the Trisagion Prayers:

Tone 6, Kontakion of the Feast

Amen. **S**itting on Thy throne in Heaven, • carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, • accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing: • “Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam.”

Then: “Lord, have mercy” (40)



Sunday, April 28, 2024 – Palm Sunday

At the Divine Liturgy

The Litany of Peace and then the Festal Antiphons (the Typical Psalms and Beatitudes are not chanted on the Feast):

The First Antiphon

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication. *(Psalm 114:1)*

REFRAIN: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. *(Psalm 114:2)*

REFRAIN: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Hades laid hold on me. *(Psalm 114:3)*

REFRAIN: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

I suffered distress and anguish, then I called on the Name of the Lord. *(Psalm 114:4a)*

REFRAIN: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. *(Psalm 114:9)*

REFRAIN: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

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

REFRAIN: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Small Litany.

The Second Antiphon

I kept my faith, even when I said, “I am greatly afflicted.” *(Psalm 115:1)*

REFRAIN: O Son of God, seated on the colt of an ass, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me? *(Psalm 115:3)*

REFRAIN: O Son of God...

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. *(Psalm 115:4)*

REFRAIN: O Son of God...

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. *(Psalm 115:5)*

REFRAIN: O Son of God...

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

“*Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God... “*

Small Litany.

Sunday, April 28, 2024 – Palm Sunday

The Third Antiphon

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever. *(Psalm 117:1)*

Tone 1, Troparion of the Feast

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, • Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. • Like the children with the palms of victory, • we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: • “Hosanna in the highest. • Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

Let the house of Israel say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever. *(Psalm 117:2)*

Tone 1, Troparion of the Feast

REPEAT: By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, • Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. • Like the children with the palms of victory, • we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: • “Hosanna in the highest. • Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

Let the house of Aaron say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever. *(Psalm 117:3)*

Tone 1, Troparion of the Feast

REPEAT: By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, • Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. • Like the children with the palms of victory, • we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: • “Hosanna in the highest. • Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

Let those who fear the Lord say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever. *(Psalm 117:4)*

Tone 1, Troparion of the Feast

REPEAT: By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, • Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. • Like the children with the palms of victory, • we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: • “Hosanna in the highest. • Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

At the Entrance

PRIEST: Wisdom. Stand upright.

Entrance Verse

PRIEST: Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. God is the Lord and He has revealed Himself to us. *(Psalm 117:25b-26)*

After the Entrance

Tone 1, Troparion of Saint Lazarus

REPEAT: By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, • Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. • Like the children with the palms of victory, • we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: • “Hosanna in the highest. • Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

Sunday, April 28, 2024 – Palm Sunday

Tone 4, Troparion of the Feast

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

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God, • we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection. • Now we praise Thee and sing: • “Hosanna in the highest. • Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

Tone 6, Kontakion of the Feast

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

Sitting on Thy throne in Heaven, • carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, • accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing: • “Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam.”

Trisagion: “Holy God...”



Sunday, April 28, 2024 – Palm Sunday

Epistle

Tone 4, Prokeimenon, Festal

The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone. Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. (*Psalm 117:26b, 27b*)

CHOIR: Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever. (*Psalm 117:1*)

CHOIR: Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

CHOIR: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

Epistle for Palm Sunday, (247) Philippians 4:4-9

PRIEST: Wisdom.

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Philippians.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

Page 289: BRETHERN, Rejoice in the Lord always...

*Alleluarion
Tone 1, Festal*

PRIEST: Peace be with thee that readest.

And to thy spirit. The Alleluia in the First Tone. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. (*Psalm 97:1*)

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. (*Psalm 97:5*)

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel, (41) John 12:1-18

Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:

God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. • Celebrate the feast and come with gladness. • Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, • singing: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord, our Savior."

Communion Hymn

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. (*Psalm 117:26b, 27b*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Sunday, April 28, 2024 – Palm Sunday

As the Faithful receive Holy Communion

PRIEST: In the fear of God, with faith, and love, draw near.

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

Receive the Body of Christ, taste the Fountain of immortality.

Canon from the Triodion:

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou perfected praise, Thou hast overthrown the adversary and by Thy Passion on the Cross avenged Adam's ancient fall; with the Tree Thou hast raised him up, wherefore he singeth unto Thee a hymn of victory O Lord.

The Church of the venerable saints offereth Thee praise, O Christ, Thou Who dwellest in Sion, and Israel rejoiceth in Thee that made her. The mountains, prefiguring the stony-hearted Gentiles, exult exceedingly before Thy countenance, and they sing unto Thee a hymn of victory, O Lord.

Trembling at Thy command, Hades yielded up Lazarus who was four days dead. For Thou, O Christ, art the resurrection and the life; on Thee the Church is founded, and she crieth aloud: "Hosanna, blessed art Thou that hast come."

O ye people, sing in Sion a hymn fitting for God, and offer prayer to Christ in Jerusalem. For He cometh in power and glory: On Him the Church is founded, and she crieth aloud: "Hosanna, blessed art Thou that hast come."

Let the strong and revered mountains and hills burst forth with rejoicing, and let the trees of the forest clap their hands. Give ye praise unto Christ, all ye nations, and magnify Him all ye peoples, crying aloud: "Glory to Thy power, O Lord."

The Lord, the King of the ages, cometh clothed in strength and glory, and splendorous is His beauty in Sion. Wherefore we all cry aloud: "Glory to Thy power, O Lord."

The Lord hath come, He Who measures the heavens, and in Whose hand the earth is held. For He hath chosen Sion, and there hath He been pleased to dwell and rule, and to love His people who cry aloud with faith: "Glory to Thy power, O Lord."

God Who is seated on high upon the cherubim and yet careth for the humble, has Himself come in power and glory, wherefore all things are filled with His divine praise. Peace be upon Israel and salvation unto the Gentiles.

Receive the Body of Christ, taste the Fountain of immortality.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

