

Hymns and Readings for Sunday 28th April 2024

Palm Sunday ♦ The Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

THE HOURS

TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT BOTH HOURS

Troparia: Glory ... Palm Sunday (1st Troparion); Both now ... From the Horologion

Kontakion: Palm Sunday

BLESSING OF PALMS

After the censuring during the Sixth Hour, palms are placed on a table in front of the Icon of the Feast in the Nave. After the dismissal of the Sixth Hour, the choir sings the Sessional Hymn on page 494 of the Lenten Triodion (twice, as shown) while the priest opens the Royal Doors, and he and the servers come to stand to the West of the table. The priest gives the blessing “Let us attend. Peace be to all.”

After the response “And to thy spirit” we follow the order on page 495f of the Lenten Triodion: i.e. Prokeimenon; Let everything that hath breath; the Gospel (one of the servers will have to hold the Gospel Book for Father Kosmas); Psalm 50 (during which Father Kosmas censes the palms from four sides); the blessing of palms (Holy Water vat needed); and post Gospel stichera –up to and including “Today the grace of the Holy Spirit ...” [Sheet]

The people come to venerate the Gospel Book and to receive a palm branch during the post Gospel stichera. If necessary, the choir sings the Troparion “By raising Lazarus from the dead ...” [Green Book page 45] repeatedly until everyone has received a palm branch. When all have returned to their places, the priest and servers re-enter the Altar, and the Liturgy begins in the usual way.

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

FIRST ANTIPHON

[Music on website / Green Book page 42]

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

Because He inclined His ear to me; therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

I suffered distress and anguish, then I called upon the Name of the Lord.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

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

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

SECOND ANTIPHON

[Music on website / Green Book page 43]

I kept my faith, even when I said, “I am greatly afflicted.”

O Son of God, Who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me?

O Son of God, Who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call on the Name of the Lord.

O Son of God, Who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

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

O Son of God, Who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

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

O only-begotten Son and Word of God. O Thou Who art Immortal, yet for our salvation didst deign to be incarnate of the holy Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary; and without change wast made man; Who also wast crucified for us; and by death didst overcome death: save us, O Christ, our God; one Person of the Holy Trinity, glorified together with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

THIRD ANTIPHON

Reader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever!

Troparion of Palm Sunday in Tone 1

[Music on website / Green Book page 45]

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!//

Blessèd is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

Reader: Let the House of Israel say: For He is good; for His mercy endureth forever!

By raising Lazarus from the dead ...

Reader: Let the house of Aaron say: For He is good, for His mercy endureth forever!

By raising Lazarus from the dead ...

Reader: Let all those who fear the Lord say: For He is good, for His mercy endureth forever!

By raising Lazarus from the dead ...

ENTRANCE HYMN

Reader: Blessèd is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord! The Lord is God and hath revealed Himself to us!

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, **seated on an ass's foal**, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

TROPARIA AND KONTAKION

Troparion of Palm Sunday in Tone 1

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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!//

Blessèd is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

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

Second Troparion of Palm Sunday in Tone 4

[Music on website / Green Book page 46]

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!//

Blessèd is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

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

Kontakion of Palm Sunday in Tone 6

[Music on website / Green Book page 46]

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://

“Blessèd is He that comes to recall Adam!”

THE TRISAGION

PROKEIMENON

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone.

Reader: Blessèd is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! The Lord is God and hath revealed Himself to us!

Choir: Blessèd is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! The Lord is God and hath revealed Himself to us!

Reader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever!

Choir: Blessèd is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! The Lord is God and hath revealed Himself to us!

Reader: Blessèd is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!

Choir: The Lord is God and hath revealed Himself to us!

EPISTLE

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

Ye 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, do; and the God of peace will be with you. [Philippians 4:4-9]

ALLELUIA

Priest: Peace be to thee that readest, and to all the people.

Reader: And to thy spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvellous things!

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

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, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment 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 as he had the money box 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 he 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! Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass'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 him was that they heard he had done this sign. [John 12:1-18]

THE ZADOSTOYNIK

[Music on website / Green Book page 48]

God is the Lord and hath revealed Himself to us!
Celebrate the feast and come with gladness!
Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches,
singing: "Blessèd is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

COMMUNION HYMN

Blessèd is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. The Lord is God and hath revealed Himself to us.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Immediately after the Prayer behind the Ambon, we go in procession around the church, carrying branches, and singing the Troparion "By raising Lazarus from the dead ..." [Green Book page 45] *repeatedly. The procession is led by a server carrying the Cross. Weather permitting, the procession goes outside the church. If the weather is very wet, the procession is made inside, following the long route of the Great Entrance. After the procession, the Liturgy concludes in the usual way from "Blessed be the Name of the Lord ..."*