

## ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM (Palm Sunday).

### THE FIRST ANTIPHON, Tone 2:

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

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

Verse: Because He inclined His ear to me, / therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. (REFRAIN)

Verse: The snares of death encompassed me; / the pangs of hell laid hold on me. (REFRAIN)

Verse: I suffered distress and anguish; / then I called upon the name of the Lord. (REFRAIN)

*Glory ... / now and ever... Amen. (REFRAIN)*

### THE SECOND ANTIPHON, Tone 2:

Verse: I kept my faith even when I said: / "I am greatly afflicted!"

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

Verse: What shall I render to the Lord / for all the things He has given me? (REFRAIN)

Verse: I will receive the cup of salvation / and call on the name of the Lord. (REFRAIN)

Verse: I will pay my vows to the Lord / in the presence of all His people. (REFRAIN)

*Glory ... / now and ever... Amen. (REFRAIN)*

Only begotten Son and Immortal Word of God... (from the Typika book)

### THE THIRD ANTIPHON, Tone 1:

*Verse: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, / for His mercy endures forever!*

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!

*Verse: Let the house of Israel say: For He is good, / for His mercy endures forever! (TROPARION)*

*Verse: Let the house of Aaron say, For He is good, / for His mercy endures forever!, (TROPARION)*

*Verse: Let all those who fear the Lord say: For He is good, / for His mercy endures forever!(TROPARION)*

*Introit (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 has revealed Himself to us! (TROPARION)*

*Glory...*

**Troparion (Tone 4):** 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!

*Now and ever...*

**Kontakion, Feast (Tone 6):** 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 that comes to recall Adam!

**Prokeimenon (Tone 4):** Blessed is He that 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.*

**Epistle:** Philippians (4:4-9) Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I shall 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, shall keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. \* Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, 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 shall be with you.

### Alleluia (Tone 1):

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

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

**GOSPEL:** St. John 12:1-18

**INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY MEET...", (Tone 4):** 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!

**COMMUNION VERSE:** Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**LET US ATTEND!!! LISTEN TO THE GOSPEL – AND SEE HOW MANY YOU CAN ANSWER!!!**

**WHAT DO YOU THINK (Preschool)?**

1. Jesus heard that His friend had died. What was His friend's name?
2. What did Jesus do when He was shown to the tomb?
3. The next day Jesus was on a journey. Where was He going?
4. Many people wanted to see Jesus. Children were there, too. Can you find the two small figures in the icon? They represent the children.
5. When we celebrate Palm Sunday, what do we hold in our hands?

**WHAT DO YOU THINK (Early Elementary)?**

1. Jesus raised His friend from the dead. What was Jesus' friend's name? 2. What did Mary do to Jesus' feet, after dinner?
3. Did Judas Iscariot like what Mary did? What did he say she should have done with the perfume?
4. Did he really want to give the money to the poor?
5. Many people wanted to see Jesus on His way to Jerusalem. Children were there, too. Can you find the two small figures in the icon? They represent the children.
5. When we celebrate Palm Sunday, what do we hold in our hands?
6. When we celebrate Palm Sunday, we know that we will be in church a lot the next week. It is Holy Week. Holy Week is our time to relive the last days of Jesus before His Crucifixion.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK? (Late Elementary)**

1. What does "hosanna" mean? Would you say hello to one of your friends by saying hosanna? Why or why not? Why do you think the people in this Gospel say hosanna to Jesus?
2. Who is the crowd talking about when they shout: "blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord?"
3. Do you recognize this phrase from the Gospel? Where do you hear us use this saying in the liturgy? Who are we talking about when we say that in the liturgy?
4. What do we do after we sing those words?
5. What do the word "hosanna" and the phrase "blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" say about Jesus?

**WHAT DO YOU THINK? (Middle School)**

1. What does the word, "hosanna," mean? Would we use that word to greet a friend?
2. Who was the first king of Israel? (If you don't know, ask a fellow parishioner this question.) Why would the people in this gospel be calling Jesus the king of Israel?
3. Why is it significant that Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead? What is Jesus revealing about himself by doing that act?
4. What event does the phrase, "when Jesus was glorified," refer to? What did Jesus have to do in order for his disciples to understand who He is?
5. What do all of these sayings and events together tell us about who Jesus is?

**WHAT DO YOU THINK? (High School)**

1. What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "You always have the poor with you but you do not always have me?" Do you think it is true that we always have the poor with us?
2. Does this mean we do not need to care for the poor?
3. Do you think Judas' question is a valid one? Why or why not? Is there any problem with his question? What is it, if any?
4. We have a lot of materials in our churches that we use to carry out our services. Why do you think we spend money on these things when there are poor people in our areas? Do you think that is right? Why or why not?