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**APRIL 25, 2021 / PALM SUNDAY: THE ENTRY OF  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM**

FESTAL ANTIPHONS

**THE FIRST ANTIPHON**

I am filled with joy, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication.

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

The anguish of death encompassed me, the perils of hell beset me. (*Refrain*)

I found tribulation and anguish, and I called upon the Name of the Lord. (*Refrain*)

I will walk acceptably before the Lord in the land of the living. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

**THE SECOND ANTIPHON**

I believed, and therefore have I spoken: but I was deeply humiliated.

*Refrain:* O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass; save us who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

What shall I render unto the Lord, for all His benefits unto me? (*Refrain*)

I will take the cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. (*Refrain*)

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all His people. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

**THE THIRD ANTIPHON**

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endures forever. (*Refrain: Troparion of Lazarus Saturday*<sup>1</sup>)

Let the house of Israel now say that He is good: for His mercy endures forever. (*Refrain*)

Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good: for His mercy endures forever. (*Refrain*)

Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good: for His mercy endures forever. (*Refrain*)

Glory ... Both now ... (*Refrain*)

<sup>1</sup> 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 One)

ENTRANCE HYMN OF PALM SUNDAY

*Priest:* Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord: The Lord is God and hath appeared unto us.

FESTAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

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!

- *Do not sing the troparion of Apostles Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

### FESTAL KONTAKION IN TONE SIX

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!

### FESTAL PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!  
*v. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.*

### THE EPISTLE

#### **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 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, these do; and the God of peace will be with you.

### ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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

### 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 cometh 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.

## FESTAL MEGALYNARION IN TONE FOUR

*[Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing the following]*

God the Lord hath appeared unto us; let us celebrate the Feast, and let us rejoice and magnify Christ. With palms and branches let us raise our voices unto Him with praise, saying: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, our Savior.

## FESTAL COMMUNION HYMN

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## UPCOMING SERVICES

9:30 AM (Thursday) – Vespers & Divine Liturgy  
6:00 PM (Thursday) – Matins w. 12 Passion Gospels  
4:00 PM (Friday) – Vespers & Matins w. Lamentations  
9:30 AM (Saturday) – Vespers & Divine Liturgy  
11:30 PM (Saturday) – Midnight Office & Paschal Matins  
9:20 AM (Sunday) – Paschal Hours & Divine Liturgy

## TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Sanctuary Lamp** offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Rose Brelinsky (anniversary of birth). **Triple Candelabra** offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Rt. Rev. Bishop Daniel (Alexandrow). **St. John’s Cross** offered by Loraine & John in memory of James Ridgik.

## TODAY’S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on April 25th: Apostle Mark the Evangelist; St. Ananias, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bishop of Alexandria; Martyrs Evodius, Hermogenes, and Callista of Syracuse; St. Rusticus, Archbishop of Lyon; St. Heribaldus, Bishop of Auxerre; St. Robert of Syracuse; St. Sylvester, Abbot of Obnora

## BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS

The blessing of Easter food baskets will be at 4:00 PM on Saturday, May 1, 2021 in the church hall, subject to social distancing protocols: each person (or couple) is to stand with his/her Easter basket at opposite ends of the tables in the church hall and all are to wear facial masks while inside, even if you have already received the COVID-19 vaccine.

*“Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children’s holy song: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel.”*

~ St. Andrew of Crete (c. 650-726), Oratio 9 in ramos palmarum