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**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

## **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024** **Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem** **Palm Sunday**

### **The First Antiphon      Tone 2**

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication. *(Ps. 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. *(Ps. 114:2)*

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

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. *(Ps. 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. *(Ps. 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. *(Ps. 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, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

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

### **The Second Antiphon      Tone 2**

I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." *(Ps. 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? *(Ps. 115:3)*

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

I will receive the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. *(Ps. 115:4)*

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

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

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

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

Amen.

*Only begotten son and immortal Word of God...*

### **The Third Antiphon**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever. *(Ps. 117:1)*

### **Troparion: Tone 1      (Lazarus and Palm Sunday)**

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. (Ps. 117:2)*

**Troparion: Tone 1**      *(Lazarus and Palm Sunday)*

By raising Lazarus from the dead before thy passion, ....

*Let the house of Aaron say that he is good; for his mercy endures forever. (Ps. 117:3)*

**Troparion: Tone 1**      *(Lazarus and Palm Sunday)*

By raising Lazarus from the dead before thy passion, ....

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

**Troparion: Tone 1**      *(Lazarus and Palm Sunday)*

By raising Lazarus from the dead before thy passion, ....

### **Entrance Verse**

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. *(Ps. 117:25b-26)*

**Troparion: Tone 1**      *(Lazarus and Palm Sunday)*

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.

**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!

**Kontakion: Tone 6**      *(Palm Sunday)*

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

*The Trisagion is sung.*

**Prokeimenon: Tone 4**

Blessed is he that comes in the Name of the Lord. / God is the Lord and has revealed himself to us.  
*(Ps. 117:26b, 27b)*

**V.** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever. *(Ps. 117:1)*

**Epistle:**            (247) Philippians 4:4-9

**Tone 1**            Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Gospel**            (41) John 12:1-18

*(Instead of "It is truly meet" we sing the following)*

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.

*(Ps. 117:26b, 27b)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **Announcements**

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

\*Orientation to Orthodoxy at 12 noon, in the Sunday School corner of the Fellowship Hall.

\*Epitaphios Flowers: If you would like to donate for the epitaphios flowers, please see Faten Shihab.

### ***A Lenten Thought***

#### **DO WE HAVE SINS OF IGNORANCE?**

*I Didn't Know! Am I Still Guilty?*

Fr. Alexander

Sins of ignorance are more frequent than sins we recognize. It is easy to say, "I speak as I see things," and imagine that this is natural. In ignorance, we may say unkind words and behave in ungodly ways. In the end, most people ask: Is it a sin, if one does not know and makes a genuine mistake?

There can hardly be a graver sin than gossip. It has the appearance of a harmless chit-chat over a cup of coffee or over the telephone, in the fellowship hall or at home; but its essence is the destruction of the image of God in a brother or sister. It tears down the fabric of unity, which is vital in Christ's body. It takes but a comment to make us believe that we have been lied to. If we, in turn, allow the grapevine to carry this news to other people, we become servants of the Devil, inspiring coldness and suspicion in Christ's body.

Another thread concerns those who, for reasons unknown to us, have stopped attending church. The grapevine finds ways to thrill itching ears with imaginative scenarios and fill the gaps with fictional stories that do not come from God. Rarely does one ask whether the gossip is true. The assumption is that those we trust know the truth and we trust them to convey it accurately.

There is gossip that the priest has tried to correct, but in vain. The grapevine gains its own momentum and follows its own course. It also has resilience, unless God intervenes with a new opportunity and a time for change.

The church can only remind its members that this is the Lent of the Faithful.-- the time to cry out: "Show me thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy commandments. Forgive our trespasses, both voluntary and involuntary. This includes sins committed in knowledge and sins of ignorance – because all sin proclaims us guilty.

May your Lent be blessed.