

Sunday, April 25, 2021
Palm Sunday
Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

Commemorated today: St. Basil the Confessor, Bp. of Parium (after 754). St. Zeno, Bp. of Verona (ca. 260). St. Isaac the Syrian, abbot of Spoleto, Italy (ca. 550). Monk-martyrs Menas, David, and John of Palestine (after 636). Virgin Anthusa of Constantinople (801). St. Athanasia, Abbess of Aegina (860).

***First Antiphon wording change**
Instead of “Bless the Lord ...”

Verse 1: I am filled with love, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication.

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

Verse 2: The anguish of death encompassed me; the perils of Hades beset me. *(Repeat Refrain)*

Verse 3: I found tribulation and anguish and I called upon the Name of the Lord. *(Repeat Refrain)*

Verse 4: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. *(Repeat Refrain)*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen. *(Repeat Refrain)*

***Second Antiphon wording change**
Instead of “Praise the Lord...”

Verse 1: I believed wherefore I spoke; I was humbled exceedingly.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who was carried on the colt of a donkey, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Verse 2: What shall I render unto the Lord, for all that He has rendered unto me? *(Repeat Refrain)*

Verse 3: I will take the cup of salvation and I will call upon the Name of the Lord. *(Repeat Refrain)*

Verse 4: My vows unto the Lord will I pay in the presence of all His people. *(Repeat Refrain)*

***Third Antiphon wording change
Instead of "In Your Kingdom ..."**

Verse 1: (Tone 1) O give thanks to the Lord, for He is Good: / For His mercy endures forever.

Tropar (Tone 1): Giving us before Your Passion an assurance of the general Resurrection, You raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore, like the children, we also carry symbols of victory and cry out to You the Conqueror of Death: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Verse 2: Let the House of Israel now say that He is Good, for His mercy endures forever. *(Repeat Tropar)*

Verse 3: Let the House of Aaron now say that He is Good: For His mercy endures forever. *(Repeat Tropar)*

Verse 4: Let all who fear the Lord now say that He is Good: For His mercy endures forever. *(Repeat Tropar)*

***Entrance Hymn wording change
Instead of "O Come, let us worship..."**

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. We have blessed you from the House of the Lord. God is the Lord and has appeared unto us.

Tropar of Lazarus

(Tone 1) Giving us before Your Passion an assurance of the general Resurrection, You raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore, like the children, we also carry symbols of victory and cry out to You the Conqueror of Death: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Glory...

Tropar of Palm Sunday

(Tone 4) Christ our God, we have been buried with You through Baptism. Therefore, we have become worthy of immortal Life through Your Resurrection. We cry out to You chanting a hymn of praise: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Both now and ever...

Kondak of Palm Sunday

(Tone 6) Seated in heaven upon Your throne and on earth upon a colt, O Christ our God, You have accepted the praise of the angels and the songs of the children who cried out to You: Blessed is the One Who comes to restore Adam.

Prokimen – Tone 4

Reader: Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and has appeared unto 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 will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia Verses

Verse 1: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.

Verse 2: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Gospel

John 12:1-18 – Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary

took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarij and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on 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 these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

***Instead of “It is Truly Worthy...”**

Magnify my soul, the Lord Who sat upon a colt.

Irmos, Tone 4: God is the Lord, and has appeared to us, let us keep the feast together. Come with great rejoicing, let us magnify Christ with palms and branches. Let us cry aloud: Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord, our Saviour.

Communion Verse

***Instead of “Praise the Lord...”**

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has appeared to us.