

ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM – PALM SUNDAY

First Antiphon (Ps 114/115)

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

*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. *(Refrain)*

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. *(Refrain)*

I suffered distress and anguish, so I called on the Name of the Lord. *(Refrain)*

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

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

Amen. *(Refrain)*

Second Antiphon (Ps 115/116)

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 You: "Alleluia!"***

What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me? *(Refrain)*

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call on the Name of the Lord. *(Refrain)*

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

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

Amen. *(Refrain)*

Only Begotten Son and immortal Word of God,

who for our salvation willed to be incarnate

of the Holy Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary,

who without change became man and was crucified.

Oh Christ our God, trampling down death by death,

who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit save us.

Third Antiphon (Ps 117/118)

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

Refrain - **Troparion** (Tone 1)

**By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion,
You confirmed the universal resurrection, O Christ God.**

**Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to You, 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! *(Refrain)*

Let the house of Aaron say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever! *(Refrain)*

Let those who fear the Lord say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever! *(Refrain)*

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)

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Troparion (Tone 4)

When we were buried with You in baptism, O Christ God,
we were made worthy of eternal life by your Resurrection.

Now we praise You and sing:

“Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

Glory . . . Now and ever . . . Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 6)

Sitting on Your 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!”

Prokeimenon (Tone 4)

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 to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

Epistle (Philippians 4:4-9)

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 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 will be with you.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Tone 1)

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

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

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 denarii 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.

Hymn to the Theotokos (*Hirmos of the 9th Ode of the Kanon*)

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!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!