

Saintly Notes

Palm Sunday 2010

The celebration of Christ's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem has a very direct correlation to Christ raising Lazarus from the dead. By now, word had spread through most of Jerusalem concerning what Christ had done in Bethany and how He raised Lazarus from the dead.

As you can imagine people were shocked and amazed. Many who had heard Christ preach and believed in Him as Lord came to worship Him. Others, who had heard of His healings and teachings came to see both Jesus and Lazarus with their own eyes – so they too can believe.

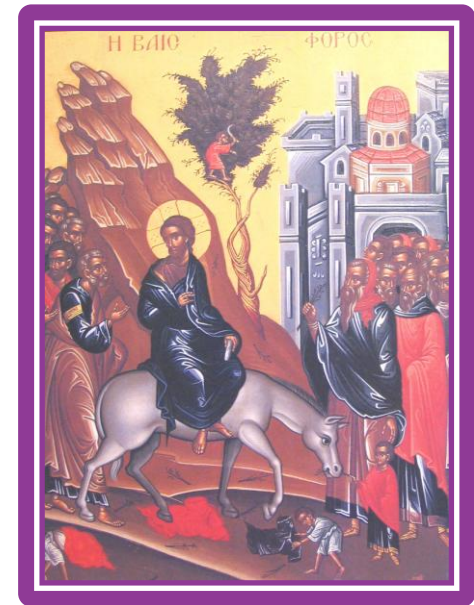
We read in the Gospel of John (12:14) how it is that Christ finds Himself riding on a young donkey and understand how it is to fulfill what was written in the scriptures. (Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt). The people's response was one of spontaneity and reverence. The crowd saw Jesus coming and looking around them picked up palms and branches, some carried them in their arms and waved them, while others placed them on the road He was taking into Jerusalem. Still others spread out their garments while all shouted "Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem is a messianic event, through which His Divine authority is declared. The events of Palm Sunday call each of us to lift up our voices and praise God; and behold our King, the Word of God made flesh. Palm Sunday summons us to accept both the rule and the Kingdom of God as the goal and content of our Christian life.

We are all called to be active participants in this celebration. We are not simply commemorating an event which took place in the past – rather, we are called to open our hearts and our souls and joyfully welcome and praise God shouting "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

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This Week's Schedule

Today: (Palm Sunday) 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy; 5:30p Bridegroom Orthros
Monday: 8:00a Presanctified Liturgy; 6:30p Bridegroom Orthros
Tuesday: 8:00a Presanctified Liturgy; 6:30p Bridegroom Orthros
Wednesday: 8:00a Presanctified Liturgy; 6:30p Holy Unction
Thursday: 8:00a Vesp. Div. Liturgy (St. Basil); 11:30p Rite of Foot Washing; 6:30p 12 Passion Gospels
Friday: 10:00a Royal Hours; 3:00p Vespers; 6:30p Lamentations; 9:00p Vigil
Saturday: 10:00a Vesp. Div. Liturgy (St. Basil); 11:45p Pascha Services
Sunday: 3:00p Easter Egg Hunt; 3:30p Agape Vespers; 4:00p Pascha Picnic (All at North Cary Park)

First Antiphon

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

Second Antiphon

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of a donkey; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Third Antiphon

Tone 1

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

(Troparion for Lazarus Saturday): O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we, like children, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Little Entrance

† *Entrance Hymn:* "Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord: the Lord is God and hath

appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of a donkey; who sing to Thee. Alleluia."

† *Troparion for Lazarus Saturday (Tone 18):* See above.

† *Troparion for Palm Sunday (Tone 4):* O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

† *Kontakion for Palm Sunday (Tone 6):* Upborne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before Thee: Blessed is He that cometh to restore Adam.

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us . . .

Scripture for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday (Pascha):

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8

Gospel: John 1:1-17

Alleluyarion for Palm Sunday

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.

Communion Hymn

Tone 8

Blessed is He Who Cometh in the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

Post-Communion Hymn

Troparion for Lazarus Saturday: See above.

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

Matthew Wynne, Del Dillard, Noah Keim, Micah Keim, Roger Jones.

Special Attention

- **Services This Week.** Please note the schedule of services for Holy Week. A separate schedule is available on the Narthex table.
- **Ground Breaking DVD's.** Copies are available on the Narthex table and can be purchased for \$20. All proceeds will be put in the building fund. If you cannot find a copy of the DVD, please talk to Fr. Nicholas.
- **Building Project Update.** Construction of our new temple and education wing continues rapidly. You may see pictures of the different phases of our project on our website (www.allsaintsnc.org). Please continue to pray for good weather and for the safety of the workmen.
- **Pascha Offering.** This year we have decided to place the special "Pascha Offering" in the "Extraordinary Designated Gifts Fund" to be used for items that will be needed in our new temple and education wing but which are not in our current building budget—items such as small corner domes, icons for interior domes and iconostasis, crosses for exterior domes, class room furniture, etc.
- **The Sacrament of Confession Will not Be Offered During Holy Week and Bright Week**

Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenon:

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

†**Epistle: Phil. 4:4-9 (RSV)**

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.

†**Gospel: John 12:1-18 (RSV)**

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.

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