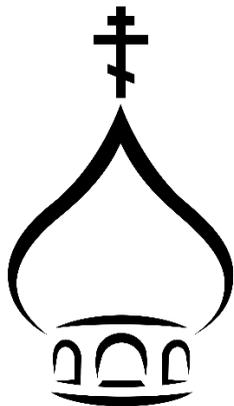


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(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)

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Lord, I Call

(Tone 6) Lord I call upon Thee, hear me! Hear me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! Receive the voice of my prayer, when I call upon Thee, hear me O Lord! Let my prayer arise, in Thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands, be an evening sacrifice, hear me O Lord!

(10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy Name.*

Tone 6

The grace of the Holy Spirit today has assembled us. Taking up Thy Cross we sing: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

(9) *The righteous will surround me, for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.*

(Repeat: "The grace of the Holy Spirit...")

(8) *Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

Today the Word of God the Father, the co-eternal Son, Whose throne is heaven and Whose footstool is earth, humbles Himself and comes from Bethany, riding on a dumb beast, the foal of an ass. The children of the Hebrews hold branches in their hands. They praise Him crying out: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes, the King of Israel!"

(7) *Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

(Repeat: "Today the Word of God the Father...")

(6) *If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.*

O new Israel, church of the Gentiles, assemble today and sing with the Prophet Zechariah: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, thy King is coming to thee! He is meek, bearing salvation, riding on the colt of an ass." Celebrate with the children, holding palms in thy hands: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes, the King of Israel!"

(5) For Thy Name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

(Repeat: "O new Israel, church of the Gentiles...")

(4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

By Thy command, O loving Lord, Thou didst raise Lazarus Thy friend from death. His flesh had been given over to corruption, and he was in the power of death four days. By this, Thou didst foretell Thy holy Resurrection for us. Today, Thou dost mount an untamed colt as Thy chariot, foretelling the conversion of the Gentiles. Thy beloved Israel offers Thee a hymn of praise from the mouths of innocent children, as they see Thee enter the Holy City, O Christ, six days before the Feast of Passover.

(3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

(Repeat: "By Thy command, O loving Lord...")

(2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

Six days before the Feast of Passover Jesus entered Bethany. His disciples asked Him: "Where should we prepare for Thee to eat the Passover?" He answered: "When you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house which he enters, and tell the master of the house: 'The Teacher says to thee: Here I shall eat the Passover with My disciples.'"

(1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

(Repeat: "Six days before the Feast of Passover...")

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 6

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now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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Old Testament Readings

Genesis 49:1-2, 8-12

And Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days: "Gather together and hear, you sons of Jacob, And listen to Israel your father. "Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's children shall bow down before you. Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people. Binding his donkey to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine, He washed his garments in wine, And his clothes in the blood of grapes. His eyes are darker than wine, And his teeth whiter than milk.

Zephaniah 3:14-19

Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; You shall see disaster no more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." "I will gather those who sorrow over the

appointed assembly, Who are among you, To whom its reproach is a burden. Behold, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you; I will save the lame, And gather those who were driven out; I will appoint them for praise and fame In every land where they were put to shame.

Zechariah 9:9-15

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. And he shall destroy the chariots out of Ephraim, and the horse out of Jerusalem, and the bow of war shall be utterly destroyed; and there shall be abundance and peace out of the nations. And he shall rule over the waters from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. And you, by the blood of your covenant, have sent forth your prisoners out of the pit that has no water. You shall sit in strongholds, you prisoners of the assembly; and for one day of your sojourning I will recompense you double. For I have bent you for Myself like a bow, O Judah, I have filled it with Ephraim; and I will raise up your children, O Zion, against the children of the Greeks, and handle you like the sword of a warrior. And the Lord shall be over them, and His arrow shall go forth like lightning. And the Lord God Almighty shall sound the trumpet and go forth in the noise of His threatening. The Lord Almighty shall defend them!

Aposticha

Tone 8

Rejoice and be glad, O City of Zion! Exult and be joyful, O Church of God! Thy King is coming in righteousness. He rides on a colt, the foal of an ass. The children sing His praises: “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed art Thou, O greatly merciful One! Have mercy on us!”

Out of the mouths of babes and infants Thou hast fashioned perfect praise!
(Ps. 8:2a)

Today the Savior comes to Jerusalem, fulfilling the Scriptures. He is greeted with palms and a carpet of clothes. All know it is He: the Lord, Whom the Cherubim praise. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed art Thou, O greatly merciful One! Have mercy on us!

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Thy Name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1a)

O gracious Lord, Who ridest upon the Cherubim, and art praised by the Seraphim, now Thou ridest like David on the foal of an ass. The children sing hymns worthy of God, while the priests and scribes blaspheme against Thee. By riding an untamed colt, Thou hast prefigured the salvation of the Gentiles, those wild beasts, who will be brought from unbelief to faith. Glory to Thee, O merciful Christ, our King and the Lover of man!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

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Troparia

Tone 1 Troparion

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."

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

Tone 4 Troparion

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!"

Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers for the Health of the Servants of God:

Metropolitan Herman

Igumen David Lewis

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Child of God: Emily Estrin

Handmaidens of God: Corinne Gahles Stuckey, Amanda Riley, Natalie Stepanoff and their unborn children

Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.