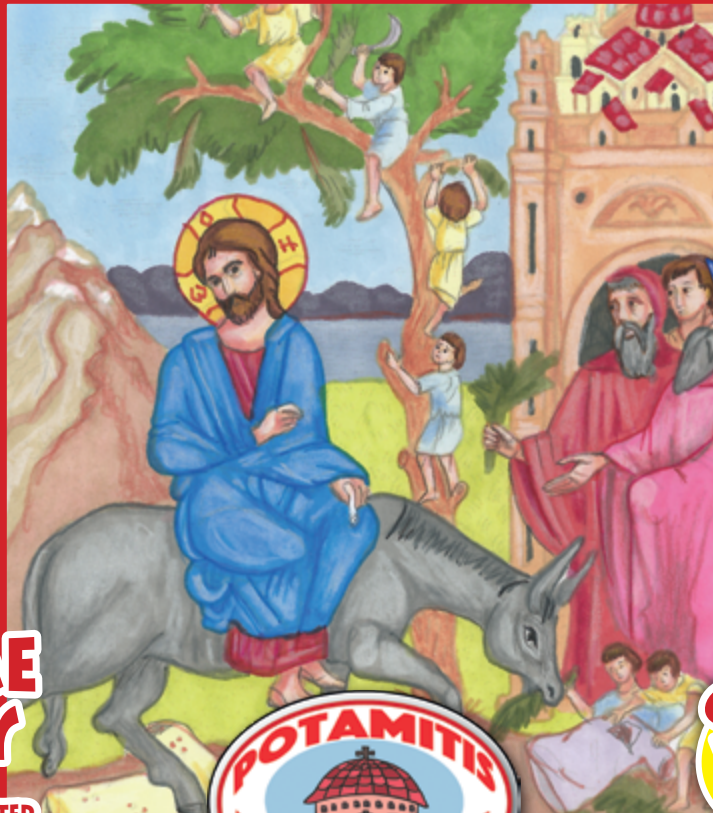


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PALM SUNDAY

HOLY WEEK

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday or the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem. "The King has arrived!" is the main message of the feast as Christ reveals His divine nature to the crowds greeting Him with palm branches and shouting: "Hosanna!"



At Church

Palm Sunday is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. At the Divine Liturgy Scripture readings are: Philippians 4:4-9; John 12:1-18. A basket with simple or intricate, woven palm crosses is placed in front of the icon of the Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem. Palm branches and palm crosses are blessed by the priest and distributed among the faithful.

At home

Listen to the livestream service. Read the Apolytikion and the Gospel of the day. Make palm crosses if you have palm branches; otherwise use other similar plants or paper. Look for the instructions further in the booklet.





Connect the dots,
and use the guide to color the icon below.





APOLYTIKION FOURTH TONE

As by baptism we were buried with Thee,
O Christ our God,
so by Thy Resurrection
we were deemed worthy of immortal life;
and praising Thee, we cry:
Hosanna in the highest;
blessed is He that cometh
in the Name of the Lord.

ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

4:4-9

4:4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

4:5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

4:6 Be anxious for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

4:9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

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GOSPEL OF THE DAY (JOHN 12:1-18)



12 1 Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment.

4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which would betray him,

5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the money bag, and took what was put therein.

7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

8 For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.



9 Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.



10 But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death;

11 Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed in Jesus.

12 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,



13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

14 And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,

15 Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

16 These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him.

17 The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.



18 For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.

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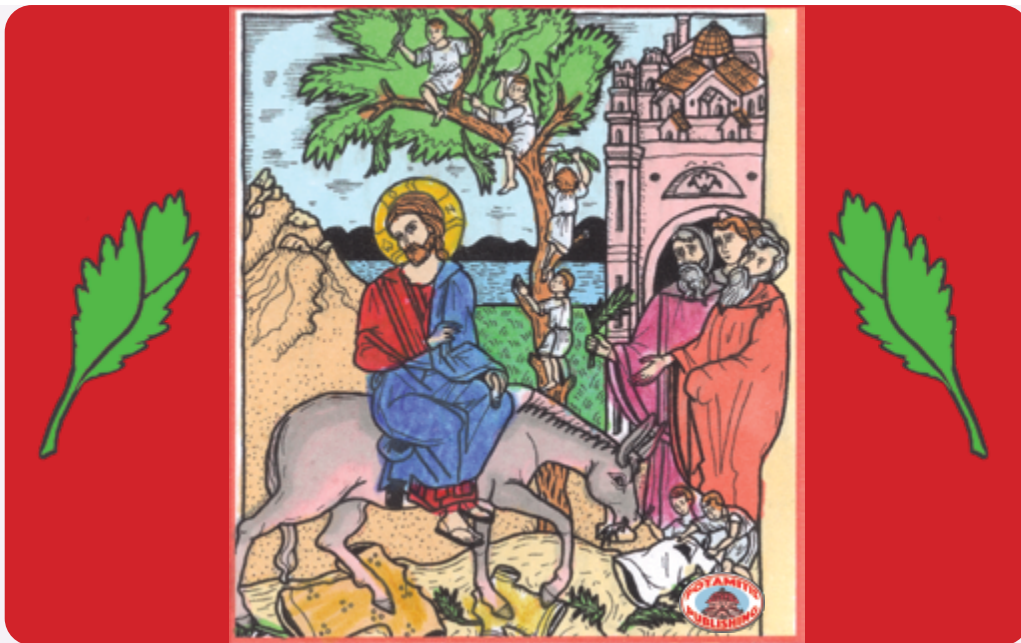


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Discuss the icon of the feast

- Christ is seated upon a donkey in front of the gates of Jerusalem.
- He is blessing the crowds with His right hand.
- His disciples are following Him into Jerusalem.
- Crowds of people are greeting Christ at the entrance and waving palm branches at Him.
- Children are gathering palm branches and laying them as well as their own cloths on the road before Christ to honor Him.





"HOSANNA: BLESSED IS
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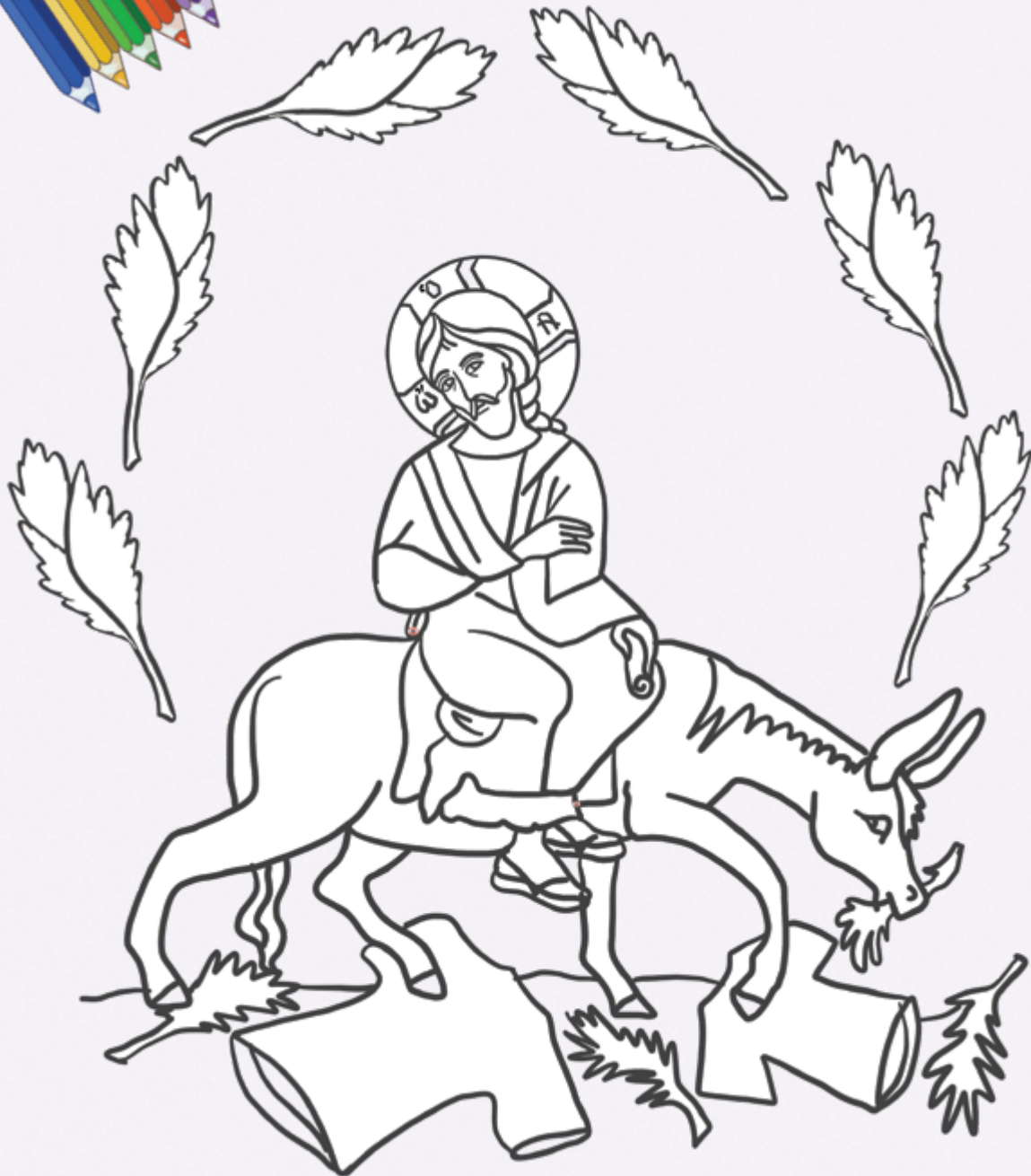


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**Verse worth remembering from
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(Philippians 4:4)**

**"Rejoice in the Lord always,
and again I say,
Rejoice!"**

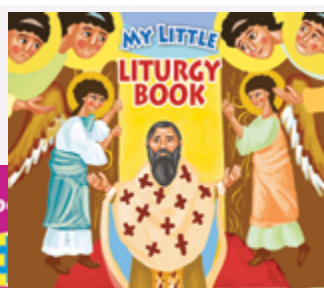
"The Lord entering the Holy city of Jerusalem"



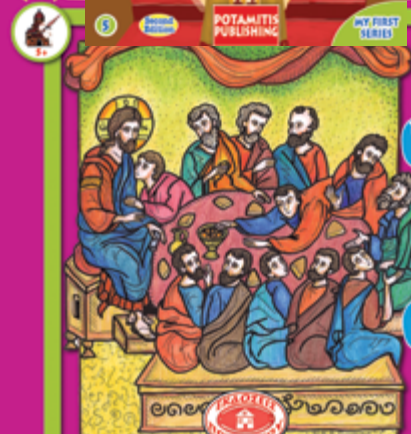
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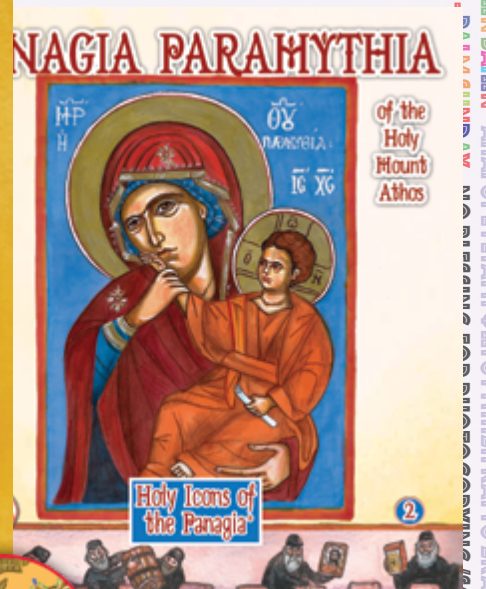
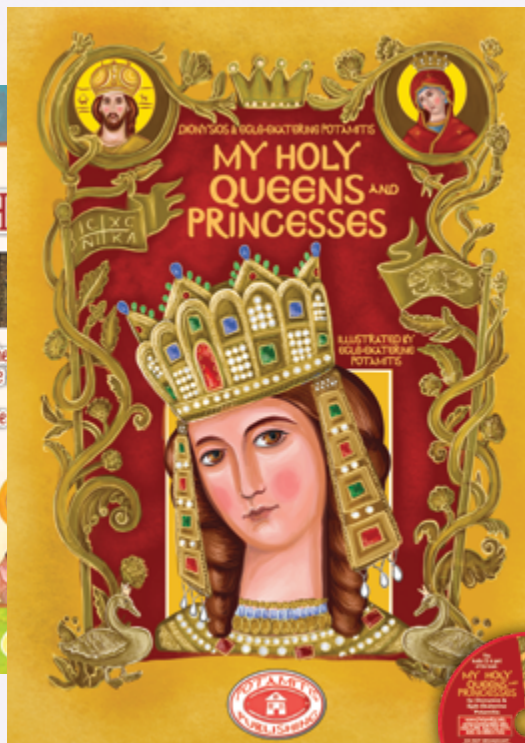
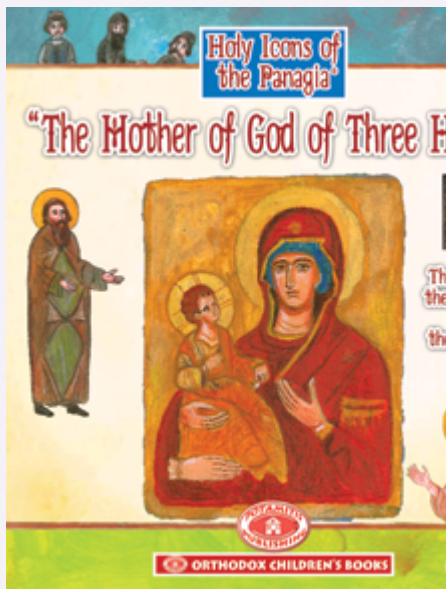


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