

PALM SUNDAY VESPERS – APOSTIKHA

Tone 8

Rejoice and be glad, O city of Zion;
exult and be exceeding joyful, O Church of God.
For behold, thy King has come in righteousness,
seated on a foal,
and the children sing His praises:
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed art Thou who showest great compassion:
have mercy upon us.

V. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast Thou
appointed praise (*Psalm 8: 3*).

The Saviour has come today to the city of Jerusalem,
to fulfil the Scriptures;
and all have taken palms into their hands
and spread their garments before Him,
knowing that He is our God,
to whom the cherubim sing without ceasing:
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed art Thou who showest great compassion:
have mercy upon us.

V. O Lord, our Lord, how wonderful is Thy Name in all the
earth (*Psalm 8:2*).

O Thou who ridest on the cherubim
and art praised by the seraphim,
Thou hast sat, O gracious Lord, like David on a foal,
and the children honoured Thee
with praise fitting for God;
but the Jews blasphemed unlawfully against Thee.
Thy riding on a foal prefigured how the Gentiles,
as yet untamed and uninstructed,
were to pass from unbelief to faith.
Glory be to Thee, O Christ,
who alone art merciful and lovest mankind.”

Glory be to the Father...

TONE SIX

Today the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us together,
and we all take up Thy Cross and say:

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest.

Both now...

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