

## 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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