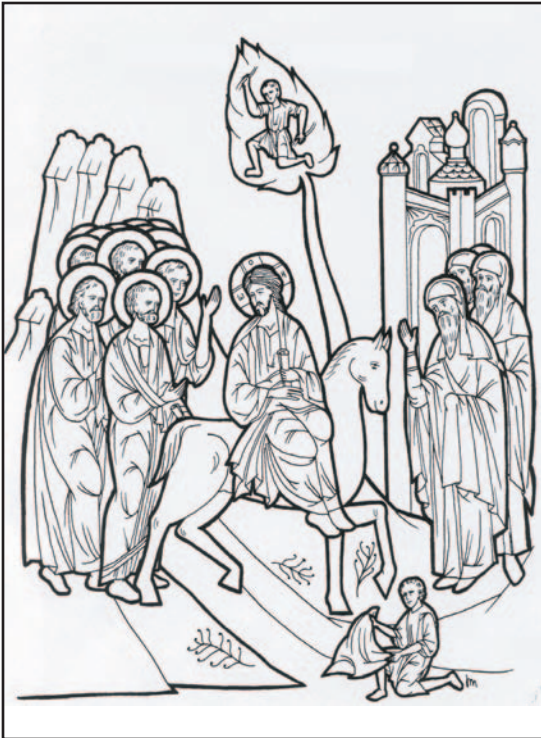


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O Christ God, when thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before thy Passion, thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we, like babes, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to thee, O Vanquisher of death, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Troparion



Entrance into Jerusalem Sunday Before Pascha

The day before Christ's entry into Jerusalem, He raised Lazarus from the dead. The crowds were anxious to see Jesus and lined His route with palm branches and their cloaks. Children are pictured as small adults around the event. The event stands as a symbol of triumph, just before Holy Week.

Palm branches are blessed on this Sunday. In the regions where palms do not grow, pussy willows are blessed. For us, the event is a call to recognize Jesus as our King.

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