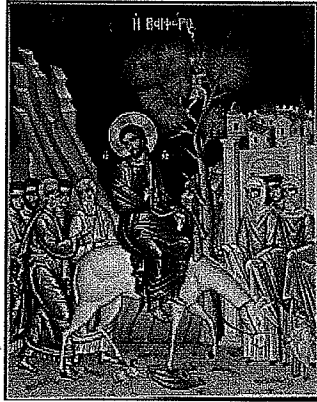




The Olive Shoots  
St. Symeon Orthodox Church  
April 17, 2011

†Entrance into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)†



**“Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that comes in the name  
of the Lord” ~ The Jews in Jerusalem**

Sun., Mon., Tues.,- Bridegroom Matins 6:30 pm  
Wed.-Holy Unction 6:30 pm  
Thurs.-Divine Liturgy 10:00 am The Passion Gospels 6:30  
pm

**One week until Pascha!**

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Troparion Tone 1

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.

Kontakion Tone 6

Sitting on Thy throne in heaven,  
Carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God!  
Accept the praise of angels and the songs of children who sing:  
Blessed is He that comes to recall Adam!

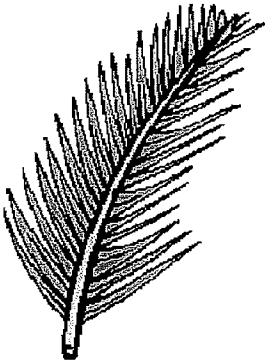
*Today's Bible Verse:*

*"For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say,  
'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"*

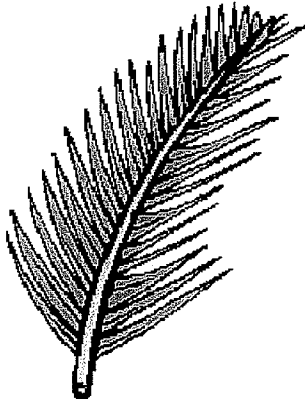
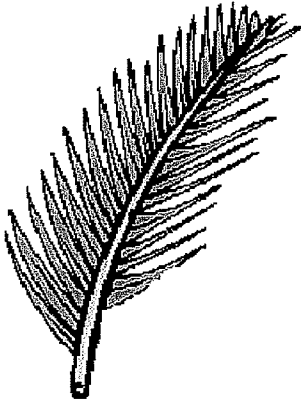
*~ Mathew 23:39*

## Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the end of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week. On Palm Sunday Jesus entered into Jerusalem. Jesus told two of his disciples to run and find him a donkey. When the disciples returned with the donkey, Jesus rode on to Jerusalem. People were so happy and honored to see Christ that they laid their coats and palm branches on the ground for the donkey to walk on. Isn't it strange how one week the people are praising Christ shouting, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!" but then the next week they are asking for his death? We sometimes do the same. One week we will go to church with prayer in our hearts, but the next week we might whine and complain. Going back to Palm Sunday; in places where it is too cold for palms to grow, like Russia, people use pussy willows. Palm Sunday is one of the twelve great feasts of the church, and it's easy to tell why! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!



Which palm leaf matches this one?



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