The Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

STICHERA on the PRAISES

NOTE: In some places it is traditional for the first half of the psalm verse to be chanted by a soloist (canonarch) and for the Choir to complete the psalm verse. In parishes where congregational participation is encouraged, the People may join the Choir.

Verse 1.

CHOIR and PEOPLE:

To execute upon them the judgment written -- This is glory

for all His faithful ones.

Sticheron 1: Tone 4.

A great multitude spread their garments on the road, O Lord.

Others cut branches from the trees and carried them. They cried:
"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes, and will come again, in the name of the Lord!"

Verse 2.

CHOIR and PEOPLE:

Praise God in His sanctuary! Praise Him in His might - y fir - ma - ment! REPEAT: "A great multitude..."

Verse 3.

CHOIR and PEOPLE:

Praise Him for His mighty deeds! Praise Him ac - cording to
His exceeding greatness!

Sticheron 2: In the same Tone.

When You were about to enter the Holy City, O Lord,

the crowd greeted You with palms and songs. They saw

the Master of all riding upon a colt, as though upon the

cherubim! They cried: "Hosanna in the highest!"
Blessed is He who comes, and will come again, in the name of the Lord!

Verse 4.

CHOIR and PEOPLE:

Praise Him with trumpet sound! Praise Him with lute and harp!

REPEAT: "When You..."

Verse 5.

CHOIR and PEOPLE:

Praise Him with timbrel and dance! Praise Him with strings and pipe!
Sticheron 3: In the same Tone.

Come forth, all you nations!  Come forth, you peoples!

Behold, the King of Heaven comes to Jerusalem,
sitting on a humble colt as though upon a throne!

O unbelieving and adulterous generation;

Come and see the One whom Isaiah foretold.  For our sake
He has come in the flesh. He takes the new Zion, chaste and pure as His bride. He will crush the evil council like a vessel of clay. See how the young and innocent children gather, singing praises as at a marriage feast. Let us join them in the
angels' hymn: "Hosanna in the highest!"

Blessed is He who comes, and will come again, in the

name of the Lord!"

Verse 6.

Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing

CHOIR and PEOPLE:

cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Sticheron 4: In the same Tone.

Before Your voluntary passion, O Lord, You foretold the universal resurrection to all: In Bethany

by Your almighty power, You raised Lazarus who was
dead four days! You gave sight to the blind, for You are

the Giver of Light! You entered the Holy City
with Your disciples, seated on the colt of an ass, fulfilling the Scriptures. The children of the Hebrews met You with olive branches and palms. We follow their example, crying to You in thanksgiving:

"Blessed is He who comes, and will come again, in the name
of the Lord!"

"Glory... now and ever" in the Sixth Tone:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

CHoir and PEOPLE:

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Sticheron after "Glory...now and ever": Tone 6 (Major).

Six days before the Feast of Pass- over Jesus entered Beth-

a- ny. His disciples asked Him: "Where should
we prepare for You to eat the Pass-o-ver?" He answered:

"When you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house which he enters, and tell the master of the house:

'The Teacher says to you: Here I shall eat the Pass-
o-ver with my dis-ci-ples.