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Monday in the Sixth Week - At the Sixth Hour

Reader: The Troparion of the Prophecy, in the 6th Tone:

This is the terrible day, O God, the evening of which we did not hope to attain; but in Thy love for mankind Thou hast vouchsafed us to behold it, O Thrice-Holy One, glory to Thee.

choir: Glory.... Both Now... *And the choir repeats the Troparion*

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 104, in the 6th Tone:

Let the heart of them be glad that seek the Lord

Stichos: O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His name.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Is 48:17-49:4

¹⁷. Thus saith the Lord that delivered thee, the Holy One of Israel; I am thy God, I have shewn thee how thou shouldest find the way wherein thou shouldest walk.

¹⁸. And if thou hadst hearkened to my commandments, [then] would thy peace have been like a river, and thy

righteousness as a wave of the sea. ¹⁹. Thy seed also would have been as the sand, and the offspring of thy belly as the dust of the ground: neither now shalt thou by any means be utterly destroyed, neither shall thy name perish before me. ²⁰. Go forth of Babylon, thou that fleest from the

Chaldeans: utter aloud a voice of joy, and let this be made known, proclaim it to the end of the earth; say ye, The Lord hath delivered his servant Jacob. ^{21.} And if they shall thirst, he shall lead them through the desert; he shall bring forth water to them out of the rock: the rock shall be cloven, and the water shall flow forth, and my people shall drink. ^{22.} There is no joy, saith the Lord, to the ungodly. ^{1.} Hearken to me, ye islands; and attend, ye Gentiles; after a long time it shall come to pass, saith the

Lord: from my mother's womb he has called my name: ^{2.} and he has made my mouth as a sharp sword, and he has hid me under the shadow of his hand; he has made me as a choice shaft, and he has hid me in his quiver; ^{3.} and said to me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, and in thee I will be glorified. ^{4.} Then I said, I have labored in vain, I have given my strength for vanity and for nothing: therefore is my judgment with the Lord, and my labor before my God.

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 105, in the 6th Tone:

Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Stichos: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever.

Monday in the Sixth Week - At Vespers

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 106, in the 4th Tone:

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever.

Stichos: So let them say that have been redeemed by the hand of the Lord, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from Genesis.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Gen 27:1-41

¹. And it came to pass after Isaac was old, that his eyes were dimmed so that he could not see; and he called Esau, his elder son, and said to him, My son; and he said, Behold, I am here. ². And he said, Behold, I am grown old, and know not the day of my death. ³. Now then take thy weapons, both thy quiver and thy bow, and go into the plain, and get me venison, ⁴. and make me meats, as I like them, and bring them to me that I may eat, that my

soul may bless thee, before I die. ⁵. And Rebecca heard Isaac speaking to Esau his son; and Esau went to the plain to procure venison for his father. ⁶. And Rebecca said to Jacob her younger son, Behold, I heard thy father speaking to Esau thy brother, saying, ⁷. Bring me venison, and prepare me meats, that I may eat and bless thee before the Lord before I die. ⁸. Now then my son, hearken to me, as I command thee. ⁹. And go to the cattle and take for

me thence two kids, tender and good, and I will make them meats for thy father, as he likes. ¹⁰. And thou shalt bring them in to thy father, and he shall eat, that thy father may bless thee before he dies. ¹¹. And Jacob said to his mother Rebecca, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I a smooth man. ¹². Peradventure my father may feel me, and I shall be before him as one ill intentioned, and I shall bring upon me a curse, and not a blessing. ¹³. And his mother said to him, On me be thy curse, son; only hearken to my voice, and go and bring them me. ¹⁴. So he went and took and brought them to his mother; and his mother made meats, as his father liked them. ¹⁵. And Rebecca having taken the fine raiment of her elder son Esau which was with her in the house, put it on Jacob her younger son. ¹⁶. And she put on his arms the skins of the kids, and on the bare parts of his neck. ¹⁷. And she gave the meats, and the loaves which she had prepared, into the hands of Jacob her son. ¹⁸. And he brought them to his father, and said, Father; and he said, Behold I am here; who art thou, son?. ¹⁹. And Jacob said to his father, I, Esau thy first-born, have done as thou toldest me; rise, sit,

and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me. ²⁰. And Isaac said to his son, What is this which thou hast quickly found? And he said, That which the Lord thy God presented before me. ²¹. And Isaac said to Jacob, Draw nigh to me, and I will feel thee, son, if thou art my son Esau or not. ²². And Jacob drew nigh to his father Isaac, and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. ²³. And he knew him not, for his hands were as the hands of his brother Esau, hairy; and he blessed him, ²⁴. and he said, Art thou my son Esau? and he said, I am. ²⁵. And he said, Bring hither, and I will eat of thy venison, son, that my soul may bless thee; and he brought it near to him, and he ate, and he brought him wine, and he drank. ²⁶. And Isaac his father said to him, Draw nigh to me, and kiss me, son. ²⁷. And he drew nigh and kissed him, and smelled the smell of his garments, and blessed him, and said, Behold, the smell of my son is as the smell of an abundant field, which the Lord has blessed. ²⁸. And may God give thee of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth and abundance of corn and wine. ²⁹. And let nations serve thee, and princes bow down

to thee, and be thou lord of thy brother, and the sons of thy father shall do thee reverence; accursed is he that curses thee, and blessed is he that blesses thee. ³⁰. And it came to pass after Isaac had ceased blessing his son Jacob, it even came to pass, just when Jacob had gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. ³¹. And he also had made meats and brought them to his father; and he said to his father, Let my father arise and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me. ³². And Isaac his father said to him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy first-born son Esau. ³³. And Isaac was amazed with very great amazement, and said, Who then is it that has procured venison for me and brought it to me? and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and I have blessed him, and he shall be blessed. ³⁴. And it came to pass when Esau heard the words of his father Isaac, he cried out with a great and very bitter cry, and said, Bless, I pray thee, me also, father. ³⁵. And he said to him, Thy brother has come with subtlety, and taken thy blessing. ³⁶. And he

said, Rightly was his name called Jacob, for lo! this second time has he supplanted me; he has both taken my birthright and now he has taken my blessing; and Esau said to his father, Hast thou not left a blessing for me, father? ³⁷. And Isaac answered and said to Esau, If I have made him thy lord, and have made all his brethren his servants, and have strengthened him with corn and wine, what then shall I do for thee, son? ³⁸. And Esau said to his father, Hast thou only one blessing father? Bless, I pray thee, me also, father. And Isaac being troubled, Esau cried aloud and wept. ³⁹. And Isaac his father answered and said to him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be of the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above. ⁴⁰. And thou shalt live by thy sword, and shalt serve thy brother; and there shall be a time when thou shalt break and loosen his yoke from off thy neck. ⁴¹. And Esau was angry with Jacob because of the blessing, with which his father blessed him; and Esau said in his mind, Let the days of my father's mourning draw nigh, that I may slay my brother Jacob.

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 107, in the 7th Tone:

Be Thou exalted above the heavens, O God, and Thy glory above all the earth.

Stichos: Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from Proverbs.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Proverbs 19:16-25

^{16.} He that keeps the commandments keeps his own soul; but he that despises his ways shall perish. ^{17.} He that has pity on the poor lends to the Lord; and he will recompense to him according to his gift. ^{18.} Chasten thy son, for so he shall be hopeful; and be not exalted in thy soul to haughtiness. ^{19.} A malicious man shall be severely punished, and if he commit injury, he shall also lose his life. ^{20.} Hear, son, the instruction of thy father, that thou mayest be wise at thy latter end. ^{21.}

There are many thoughts in a man's heart; but the counsel of the Lord abides for ever. ^{22.} Mercy is a fruit to a man: and a poor man is better than a rich liar. ^{23.} The fear of the Lord is life to a man: and he shall lodge without fear in places where knowledge is not seen. ^{24.} He that unjustly hides his hands in his bosom, will not even bring them up to his mouth. ^{25.} When a pestilent character is scourged, a simple man is made wiser: and if thou reprove a wise man, he will understand discretion.

Tuesday in the Sixth Week - At the Sixth Hour

Reader: The Troparion of the Prophecy, in the 5th Tone:

An invincible wall hast Thou given to our city, the Virgin who bore Thee; through her, O Savior, do Thou rescue our souls from the evils that surround us, we pray.

choir: Glory.... Both Now... *And the choir repeats the Troparion*

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 108, in the 4th Tone:

Help me, O Lord my God, and save me according to Thy mercy.

Stichos: O God, my praise do not pass over in silence.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Is. 49:6-10

⁶ And he said to me, [It is] a great thing for thee to be called my servant, to establish the tribes of Jacob, and to recover the dispersion of Israel: behold I have given thee for the covenant of a

race, for a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation to the end of the earth. ⁷ Thus saith the Lord that delivered thee, the God of Israel, Sanctify him that despises his life, him that is

abhorred by the nations that are the servants of princes shall arise, and shall worship him, for the Lord's sake: for the Holy One of Israel is faithful, and I have chosen thee. ⁸ Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I succored thee: and I have formed thee, and given thee for a covenant of the nations, to establish the earth, and to cause to inherit the

desert heritages: ⁹ saying to them that are in bonds, Go forth; and [bidding] them that are in darkness shew themselves. They shall be fed in all the ways, and in all the paths [shall be] their pasture. ¹⁰ They shall not hunger, neither shall they thirst; neither shall the heat nor the sun smite them; but he that has mercy on them shall comfort [them], and by fountains of waters shall he lead them.

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 109, in the 4th Tone:

Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchisedek.

Stichos: The Lord said unto my Lord: Set Thou at my right hand.

Tuesday in the Sixth Week - At Vespers

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 110, in the 4th Tone:

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Stichos: I will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from Genesis.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Gen 31:3-16

³. And the Lord said to Jacob, Return to the land of thy father, and to thy family, and I will be with thee. ⁴. And Jacob sent and called Lea and Rachel to the plain where the flocks were. ⁵. And he said to them, I see the face of your father, that it is not toward me as before but the God of my father was with me. ⁶. And ye too know that with all my might I have served your father. ⁷. But your father deceived me, and changed my wages for the ten lambs, yet God gave him lion power to hurt me. ⁸. If

lie should say thus, The speckled shall be thy reward, then the cattle would bear speckled; and if he should say The white shall be thy reward, then would all the cattle bear white. ⁹. So God has taken away all the cattle of your father, and given them to me. ¹⁰. And it came to pass when the cattle conceived and were with young that beheld with mine eyes in sleep, and behold the he-goats and the rams leaping on the sheep and the she-goats, speckled and variegated and

spotted with ash-coloured spots. ¹¹. And the angel of God said to me in a dream, Jacob; and I said, What is it? ¹². And he said, Look up with thine eyes, and behold the he-goats and the rams leaping on the sheep and the she-goats, speckled and variegated and spotted with ash-coloured spots; I have seen all things that Laban does to thee. ¹³. I am God that appeared to thee in the place of God, where thou anointedst a pillar to me, and vowedst to me there a vow; now then arise and

depart out of this land, depart into the land of thy nativity, and I will be with thee. ¹⁴. And Rachel and Lea answered and said to him Have we yet a part of inheritance in the house of our father? ¹⁵. Are we not considered strangers by him? for he has sold us, and quite devoured our money. ¹⁶. All the wealth and the glory which God has taken from our father, it shall be ours and our children's; now then do whatsoever God has said to thee.

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 111, in the 4th Tone:

He is merciful and compassionate and righteous.

Stichos: Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from Proverbs.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Proverbs 21:3-21

³. To do justly and to speak truth, are more pleasing to God than the blood of sacrifices. ⁴. A high minded man is stout-

hearted in his pride; and the lamp of the wicked is sin. ⁶. He that gathers treasures with a lying tongue pursues vanity on to the snares of death. ⁷. Destruction shall

lodge with the ungodly; for they refuse to do justly. ⁸ To the forward God sends forward ways; for his works are pure and right. ⁹ It is better to dwell in a corner on the house-top, than in plastered rooms with unrighteousness, and in an open house. ¹⁰ The soul of the ungodly shall not be pitied by any man. ¹¹ When an intemperate man is punished the simple becomes wiser: and a wise man understanding will receive knowledge. ¹² A righteous man understands the hearts of the ungodly: and despises the ungodly for their wickedness. ¹³ He that stops his ears from hearing the poor, himself also shall cry, and there shall be none to hear him. ¹⁴ A secret gift calms anger: but he that

forbears to give stirs up strong wrath. ¹⁵ It is the joy of the righteous to do judgment: but a holy man is abominable with evil-doers. ¹⁶ A man that wanders out of the way of righteousness, shall rest in the congregation of giants. ¹⁷ A poor man loves mirth, loving wine and oil in abundance; ¹⁸ and a transgressor is the abomination of a righteous man. ¹⁹ It is better to dwell in a wilderness than with a quarrelsome and talkative and passionate woman. ²⁰ A desirable treasure will rest on the mouth of the wise; but foolish men will swallow it up. ²¹ The way of righteousness and mercy will find life and glory.

Wednesday in the Sixth Week - At the Sixth Hour

Reader: The Troparion of the Prophecy, in the 5th Tone:

Deal with us according to Thy mercy, O Lord, and deliver us not up with our sins, O holy Master Almighty, we pray Thee.

choir: Glory.... Both Now... *And the choir repeats the Troparion*

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 112, in the 4th Tone:

Praise the Lord, O ye servants, praise ye the name of the Lord

Stichos: Blessed be the name of the Lord from henceforth and for evermore.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Is 58:1-11

¹. Cry aloud, and spare not; lift up thy voice as with a trumpet, and declare to my people their sins, and to the house of Jacob their iniquities. ². They seek me day by day, and desire to know my ways, as a

people that had done righteousness, and had not forsaken the judgment of their God: they now ask of me righteous judgment, and desire to draw nigh to God, ³. saying, Why have we fasted, and thou

regardest not? [why] have we afflicted our souls, and thou didst not know it? Nay, in the days of your fasts ye find your pleasures, and all them that are under your power ye wound. ⁴ If ye fast for quarrels and strifes, and smite the lowly with [your] fists, wherefore do ye fast to me as [ye do] this day, so that your voice may be heard in crying? ⁵ I have not chosen this fast, nor [such] a day for a man to afflict his soul; neither though thou shouldest bend down thy neck as a ring, and spread under thee sackcloth and ashes, neither thus shall ye call fast acceptable. ⁶ I have not chosen such a fast, saith the Lord; but do thou loose every burden of iniquity, do thou untie the knots of hard bargains, set the bruised free, and cancel every unjust account. ⁷ Break thy bread to the hungry, and lead the unsheltered poor to thy house: if thou seest one naked, clothe [him], and thou

shalt not disregard the relations of thine own seed. ⁸ Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thy health shall speedily spring forth: and thy righteousness shall go before thee, and the glory of God shall compass thee. ⁹ Then shalt thou cry, and God shall hearken to thee; while thou art yet speaking he will say, Behold, I am here. If thou remove from thee the band, and the stretching forth of the hands, and murmuring speech; ¹⁰ and [if] thou give bread to the hungry from thy heart, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light spring up in darkness, and thy darkness [shall be] as noon-day: ¹¹ and thy God shall be with thee continually, and thou shalt be satisfied according as thy soul desires; and thy bones shall be made fat, and shall be as a well watered garden, and as a fountain [from] which the water has failed.

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 113, in the 6th Tone:

Ye are blessed of the Lord, Who made heaven and the earth.

Stichos: The heaven of heaven belongeth to the Lord, but the earth He gave unto the sons of men.

Wednesday in the Sixth Week - At Vespers

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 114, in the 4th Tone:

I will be well-pleasing before the Lord in the land of the living.

Stichos: I am filled with love, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from Genesis.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Gen 43:26-31, 45:1-16

^{26.} And Joseph entered into the house, and they brought him the gifts which they had in their bands, into the house; and they did him reverence with their face to the ground. ^{27.} And he asked them, How are ye? and he said to them, Is your father, the old man of whom ye spoke, well? Does he yet live? ^{28.} And they said, Thy servant our father is well; he is yet alive. And he said Blessed be that man by God; and they bowed, and did him reverence. ^{29.} And Joseph lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, born

of the same mother; and he said, Is this your younger brother, whom ye spoke of bringing to me? and he said, God have mercy on thee, my son. ^{30.} And Joseph was troubled, for his bowels yearned over his brother, and he sought to weep; and he went into his chamber, and wept there. ³¹ And he washed his face and came out, and refrained himself and said, Set on bread. ^{1.} And Joseph could not refrain himself when all were standing by him, but said, Dismiss all from me; and no one stood near Joseph, when he made himself

known to his brethren. ² And he uttered his voice with weeping; and all the Egyptians heard, and it was reported to the house of Pharaoh. ³ And Joseph said to his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him, for they were troubled. ⁴ And Joseph said to his brethren, Draw nigh to me; and they drew nigh; and he said, I am your brother Joseph, whom ye sold into Egypt. ⁵ Now then be not grieved and let it not seem hard to you that ye sold me hither, for God sent me before you for life. ⁶ For this second year there is famine on the earth, and there are yet five years remaining, in which there is to be neither ploughing, nor mowing. ⁷ For God sent me before you, that there might be left to you a remnant upon the earth even to nourish a great remnant of you. ⁸ Now then ye did not send me hither, but God; and he hath made me as a father of Pharaoh and lord of all his house, and ruler of all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hasten, therefore, and go up to my father, and say to him, These things

saith thy son Joseph: God has made me lord of all the land of Egypt; come down therefore to me, and tarry not. ¹⁰ And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen of Arabia; and thou shalt be near me, thou and thy sons, and thy sons' sons, thy sheep and thine oxen, and whatsoever things are thine. ¹¹ And I will nourish thee there: for the famine is yet for five years; lest thou be consumed, and thy sons, and all thy possessions. ¹² Behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ Report, therefore, to my father all my glory in Egypt, and all things that ye have seen, and make haste and bring down my father hither. ¹⁴ And he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept on him; and Benjamin wept on his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brethren, and wept on them; and after these things his brethren spoke to him. ¹⁶ And the report was carried into the house of Pharaoh, saying, Joseph's brethren are come; and Pharaoh was glad, and his household.

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 115, in the 4th Tone:

My vows unto the Lord, will I pay in the presence of all His people.

Stichos: I believed, wherefore I spake; I was humbled exceedingly.

Deacon: Command:

Priest: Wisdom! Aright! The Light of Christ... *(Prostration by all)*

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from Proverbs.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Proverbs 21:23 - 23:14

^{23.} He that keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from trouble. ^{24.} A bold and self willed and insolent man is called a pest: and he that remembers injuries is a transgressor. ^{25.} Desires kill the sluggard; for his hands do not choose to do anything. ^{26.} An ungodly man entertains evil desires all the day: but the righteous is unsparingly merciful and compassionate. ^{27.} The sacrifices of the ungodly are abomination to the Lord, for they offer them wickedly. ^{28.} A false witness shall perish; but an obedient man will speak cautiously. ^{29.} An ungodly man impudently withstands with his face; but the upright man himself understands his ways. ^{30.} There is no wisdom, there is no

courage, there is no counsel against the ungodly. ^{31.} A horse is prepared for the day of battle; but help is of the Lord. ^{1.} A fair name is better than much wealth, and good favor is above silver and gold. ^{2.} The rich and the poor meet together; but the Lord made them both. ^{3.} An intelligent man seeing a bad man severely punished is himself instructed, but fools pass by and are punished. ^{4.} The fear of the Lord is the offspring of wisdom, and wealth, and glory, and life. ^{5.} Thistles and snares are in perverse ways; but he that keeps his soul will refrain from them. ^{7.} The rich will rule over the poor, and servants will lend to their own masters. ^{8.} He that sows wickedness shall reap troubles; and shall

fully receive the punishment of his deeds. God loves a cheerful and liberal man; but a man shall fully prove the folly of his works. ⁹. He that has pity on the poor shall himself be maintained; for he has given of his own bread to the poor. He that gives liberally secures victory and honour; but he takes away the life of them that possess them. ¹⁰. Cast out a pestilent person from the council, and strife shall go out with him; for when he sits in the council he dishonors all. ¹¹. The Lord loves holy hearts, and all blameless persons are acceptable with him: a king rules with his lips. ¹². But the eyes of the Lord preserve discretion; but the transgressor despises wise words. ¹³. The sluggard makes excuses, and says, There is a lion in the ways, and murderers in the streets. ¹⁴. The mouth of a transgressor is a deep pit; and he that is hated of the Lord shall fall into it. Evil ways are before a man, and he does not like to turn away from them; but it is needful to turn aside from a perverse and bad way. ¹⁵. Folly is attached to the heart of a child, but the rod and instruction are then far from him. ¹⁶. He that oppresses the poor, increases his own substance, yet gives to the rich so as

to make it less. ¹⁷. Incline thine ear to the words of wise men: hear also my word, and apply thine heart, ¹⁸. that thou mayest know that they are good: and if thou lay them to heart, they shall also gladden thee on thy lips. ¹⁹. That thy hope may be in the Lord, and he may make thy way known to thee. ²⁰. And do thou too repeatedly record them for thyself on the table of thine heart, for counsel and knowledge. ²¹. I therefore teach thee truth, and knowledge good to hear; that thou mayest answer words of truth to them that question thee. ²². Do no violence to the poor, for he is needy: neither dishonor the helpless man in the gates. ²³. For the Lord will plead his cause, and thou shalt deliver thy soul in safety. ²⁴. Be not companion to a furious man; neither lodge with a passionate man: ²⁵. lest thou learn of his ways, and get snares to thy soul. ²⁶. Become not surety from respect of a man's person. ²⁷. For if those have not whence to give compensation, they will take the bed that is under thee. ²⁸. Remove not the old landmarks, which thy fathers placed. ²⁹. It is fit that an observant man and one diligent in his business should attend on kings, and not attend on

slothful men. ^{1.} If thou sit to sup at the table of a prince, consider attentively the things set before thee: ^{2.} and apply thine hand, knowing that it behooves thee to prepare such meats: but if thou art very insatiable, ^{3.} desire not his provisions; for these belong to a false life. ^{4.} If thou art poor, measure not thyself with a rich man; but refrain thyself in thy wisdom. ^{5.} If thou shouldst fix thine eye upon him, he will disappear; for wings like an eagle's are prepared for him, and he returns to the house of his master. ^{6.} Sup not with an envious man, neither desire thou his meats: ^{7.} so he eats and drinks as if any one should swallow a hair, and do not

bring him in to thyself, nor eat thy morsel with him: ^{8.} for he will vomit it up, and spoil thy fair words. ^{9.} Say nothing in the ears of a fool, lest at any time he sneer at thy wise words. ^{10.} Remove not the ancient landmarks; and enter not upon the possession of the fatherless: ^{11.} for the Lord is their redeemer; he is mighty, and will plead their cause with thee. ^{12.} Apply thine heart to instruction, and prepare thine ears for words of discretion. ^{13.} Refrain not from chastening a child; for if thou beat him with the rod, he shall not die. ^{14.} For thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from death.

Thursday in the Sixth Week - At the Sixth Hour

Reader: The Troparion of the Prophecy, in the 1st Tone:

Forget not the voice of Thy servants, O Lord; remember that at all times we have placed our hope in Thee, O All-powerful One, and help us, we pray.

choir: Glory.... Both Now... *And the choir repeats the Troparion*

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 117, in the 4th Tone:

This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall enter in thereat.

Stichos: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Is 65:8-16

⁸. Thus saith the Lord, As a grape stone shall be found in the cluster, and they shall say, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for the sake of him that serves me, for his sake I will not destroy

[them] all. ⁹. And I will lead forth the seed [that came] of Jacob and of Juda, and they shall inherit my holy mountain: and mine elect and my servants shall inherit it, and shall dwell. ¹⁰. And there shall be in the

forest folds of flocks, and the valley of Achor [shall] be for a resting place of herds for my people, who have sought me. ¹¹. But ye are they that have left me, and forget my holy mountain, and prepare a table for the devil, and fill up the drink offering to Fortune. ¹². I will deliver you up to the sword, ye shall all fall by slaughter: for I called you, and ye hearkened not; I spoke, and ye refused to hear; and ye did evil in my sight, and chose the things wherein I delighted not. ¹³. Therefore thus saith the Lord, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall hunger: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall thirst:

behold my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed. ¹⁴. behold, my servants shall exult with joy, but ye shall cry for the sorrow of your heart, and shall howl for the vexation of your spirit. ¹⁵. For ye shall leave your name for a loathing to my chosen, and the Lord shall destroy you: but my servants shall be called by a new name, ¹⁶. which shall be blessed on the earth; for they shall bless the true God: and they that swear upon the earth shall swear by the true God; for they shall forget the former affliction, it shall not come into their mind.

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 118, in the 4th Tone:

The way of Thy commandments have I run, when Thou didst enlarge my heart.

Stichos: Set before me for a law, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes.

Thursday in the Sixth Week - At Vespers

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 119, in the 6th Tone:

Unto the Lord in mine affliction have I cried, and He heard me.

Stichos: O Lord, deliver my soul from unrighteous lips and from a crafty tongue.

Deacon: Wisdom!	Reader: The reading is from Genesis.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Gen 46:1-7

¹. So Israel departed, he and all he had, and came to the Well of the Oath, and offered a sacrifice to the God of his father Isaac. ². And God spoke to Israel in a vision of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "What is it?" ³. And God said to him, "I am the God of your fathers. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there, ⁴. and I will go down with you to Egypt, and ultimately I will go up with you, and Joseph will put his hands on your eyes." ⁵.

Then Jacob arose from the Well of the Oath, and Israel's sons put their father, their baggage and their wives on the wagons, which Joseph had sent to carry him. ⁶. And they took their belongings and all the possessions they had accumulated in Canaan and went to Egypt, Jacob and all his seed with him, ⁷. his sons and grandsons and his daughters and granddaughters. So he brought all his seed with him to Egypt.

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 120, in the 6th Tone:

The Lord shall keep thee from all evil, the Lord shall guard thy soul.

Stichos: I have lifted up mine eyes to the mountains, from whence cometh my help.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from Proverbs.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Proverbs 23:15 - 24:5

^{15.} Son, if thy heart be wise, thou shalt also gladden my heart; ^{16.} and thy lips shall converse with my lips, if they be right. ^{17.} Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day. ^{18.} For if thou shouldest keep these things, thou shalt have posterity; and thine hope shall not be removed. ^{19.} Hear, my son, and be wise, and rightly direct the thoughts of thine heart. ^{20.} Be not a wine-bibber, neither continue long at feasts, and purchases of flesh: ^{21.} for every drunkard and whore monger shall be poor; and every sluggard shall clothe himself with tatters and ragged garments. ^{22.} Harken, my son, to thy father which begot thee, and despise not thy mother because she is

grown old. ^{24.} A righteous father brings up his children well; and his soul rejoices over a wise son. ^{25.} Let thy father and thy mother rejoice over thee, and let her that bore thee be glad. ^{26.} My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways. ^{27.} For a strange house is a vessel full of holes; and a strange well is narrow. ^{28.} For such a one shall perish suddenly; and every transgressor shall be cut off. ^{29.} Who has woe? who trouble? who has quarrels? and who vexations and disputes? who has bruises without a cause? whose eyes are livid? ^{30.} Are not those of them that stay long at wine? are not those of them that haunt the places where banquets are? Be not drunk with wine; but converse with

just men, and converse with them openly.

³¹. For if thou shouldest set thine eyes on bowls and cups, thou shalt afterwards go more naked than a pestle. ³². But at last such a one stretches himself out as one smitten by a serpent, and venom is diffused through him as a horned serpent.

³³. Whenever thine eyes shall behold a strange woman, then thy mouth shall speak perverse things. ³⁴. And thou shalt lie as in the midst of the sea, and as a pilot in a great storm. ³⁵. And thou shalt say, They smote me, and I was not pained; and they

mocked me, and I knew it not: when will it be morning, that I may go and seek those with whom I may go in company? ¹. My son, envy not bad men, nor desire to be with them. ². For their heart meditates falsehoods, and their lips speak mischiefs. ³. A house is built by wisdom, and is set up by understanding. ⁴. By discretion the chambers are filled with all precious and excellent wealth. ⁵. A wise man is better than a strong man; and a man who has prudence than a large estate.

Friday in the Sixth Week - At Vespers

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 123, in the 6th Tone:

Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who hath made heaven and the earth.

Stichos: Had it not been that the Lord was with us, let Israel now say.

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from Genesis.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Gen 49:33 - 50:26

³³. And when Jacob finished commanding his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed and breathed his last and was added to his people. ¹. Then Joseph fell on his father's face and wept over him and kissed him. ². And Joseph commanded his servants the embalmers to embalm his father. So the embalmers embalmed Israel. ³. And they fulfilled his forty days, for such are the days required for embalming. And the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days. ⁴. Now when the

days of mourning were over, Joseph spoke to the princes of Pharaoh, saying, "If I have found grace in your sight, speak for me in Pharaoh's hearing, saying, ⁵. My father adjured me, saying, "In the tomb I dug for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me." Now therefore let me go up and bury my father, and I will return.'" ⁶. And Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury your father, just as he adjured you." ⁷. So Joseph went up to bury his father, and there went up with him all the servants of

Pharaoh and the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, ⁸ and all the household of Joseph and his brothers and all his father's household and kindred. But they left their sheep and oxen in the land of Goshen. ⁹ There went up also with him both chariots and horses, and the encampment was very great. ¹⁰ Then they came to the threshing floor of Atad beyond the Jordan, and they mourned for him with a very great and solemn lamentation. And he continued the mourning for his father seven days. ¹¹ And the inhabitants of the land of Canaan saw the mourning at the threshing floor of Atad, and they said, "This is a great mourning to the Egyptians. For this reason one called its name the Mourning of Egypt, which is beyond the Jordan. ¹² And so his sons did this for him and buried him there. ¹³ For his sons took him up to the land of Canaan and buried him in the double cave, which cave Abraham bought for possession of a burying place from Ephron the Hittite opposite Mamre. ¹⁴ Then Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers and those who went up with him to bury his father. ¹⁵ Now when Joseph's brothers saw their father was dead, they

said, "Possibly Joseph may bear a grudge against us and exact vengeance on us for all the evils we did to him." ¹⁶ So they came to Joseph, saying, "Your father adjured us before he died, saying, ¹⁷ Thus you shall say to Joseph, "Forgive them their injustice and their sins, because they did you evil." Now therefore, forgive the injustice of the servants of your father's God." And Joseph wept while they were speaking to him. ¹⁸ And coming near him they said, "We here are your servants." ¹⁹ Then Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for I am God's. ²⁰ You took counsel against me for evil, but God took counsel on my behalf for good, that it might happen as today, that many people might be nourished." ²¹ He also said to them, "Do not fear. I will nourish you and your households." Thus he comforted them and spoke to their heart. ²² So Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his brothers, and all the household of his father. And Joseph lived one hundred and ten years. ²³ And he saw Ephraim's children to the third generation, and the sons of Machir, Manasseh's son, were also brought up on Joseph's lap. ²⁴ And Joseph spoke to his brothers, saying, "I am about to die, but

God will assuredly visit you and will bring you up from this land to the land God swore to our fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." ²⁵. Then Joseph adjured the sons of Israel, saying, "In the visitation wherewith

God will visit you, you must carry up my bones with you from here." ²⁶. So Joseph died being one hundred and ten years old, and they embalmed him and put him in a coffin in Egypt.

Reader: The Prokeimenon, Psalm 124, in the 4th Tone:

They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Sion, nevermore shall he be shaken.

Stichos: For the Lord will not permit the rod of sinners to be upon the lot of the righteous.

Deacon: Command:

Priest: Wisdom! Aright! The Light of Christ... *(Prostration by all)*

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from Proverbs.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Proverbs 31:8-31

⁸. Open thy mouth with the word of God, and judge all fairly. ⁹. Open thy mouth and judge justly, and plead the cause of the poor and weak. ¹⁰. Who shall find a virtuous woman? for such a one is more valuable than precious stones. ¹¹. The heart of her husband trusts in her:

such a one shall stand in no need of fine spoils. ¹². For she employs all her living for her husband's good. ¹³. Gathering wool and flax, she makes it serviceable with her hands. ¹⁴. She is like a ship trading from a distance: so she procures her livelihood. ¹⁵. And she rises by night, and gives food to

her household, and appointed tasks to her maidens. ¹⁶ She views a farm, and buys it: and with the fruit of her hands she plants a possession. ¹⁷ She strongly girds her loins, and strengthens her arms for work. ¹⁸ And she finds by experience that working is good; and her candle goes not out all night. ¹⁹ She reaches forth her arms to needful works, and applies her hands to the spindle. ²⁰ And she opens her hands to the needy, and reaches out fruit to the poor. ²¹ Her husband is not anxious about those at home when he tarries anywhere abroad: for all her household are clothed. ²² She makes for her husband clothes of double texture, and garments for herself of fine linen and scarlet. ²³ And her husband becomes a distinguished person in the gates, when he sits in council with the old inhabitants of the land.

²⁴ She makes fine linens, and sells girdles to the Chananites: she opens her mouth heedfully and with propriety, and controls her tongue. ²⁵ She puts on strength and honour; and rejoices in the last days. ²⁶ The ways of her household are careful, and she eats not the bread of idleness. ²⁷ But she opens her mouth wisely, and according to law. ²⁸ And her kindness to them sets up her children for them, and they grow rich, and her husband praises her. ²⁹ Many daughters have obtained wealth, many have wrought valiantly; but thou hast exceeded, thou hast surpassed all. ³⁰ Charms are false, and woman's beauty is vain: for it is a wise woman that is blessed, and let her praise the fear of the Lord. ³¹ Give her of the fruit of her lips; and let her husband be praised in the gates.

Saturday in the Sixth Week - At Liturgy

Saturday of Lazarus

Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

Hebrews 12:28-13:8

²⁸ Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: ²⁹ For our God is a consuming fire. ¹ Let brotherly love continue. ² Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body. ⁴ Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and

adulterers God will judge. ⁵ Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. ⁶ So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. ⁷ Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. ⁸ Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

John 11:1-45

¹ Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (It was that Mary

which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) ³ Therefore his

sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. ⁴ When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. ⁶ When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. ⁷ Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again. ⁸ His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again? ⁹ Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. ¹⁰ But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him. ¹¹ These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. ¹² Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. ¹³ Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. ¹⁴ Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ And I am glad for your sakes that I was not

there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him. ¹⁶ Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him. ¹⁷ Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off: ¹⁹ And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. ²⁰ Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house. ²¹ Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. ²² But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. ²³ Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. ²⁴ Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. ²⁵ Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: ²⁶ And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? ²⁷ She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

²⁸ And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee. ²⁹ As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him. ³⁰ Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

³¹ The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there. ³² Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. ³³ When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled.

³⁴ And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him! ³⁷ And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died? ³⁸ Jesus

therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. ³⁹ Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. ⁴⁰ Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? ⁴¹ Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. ⁴² And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. ⁴³ And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. ⁴⁴ And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go. ⁴⁵ Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him

Sunday in the Sixth Week – At Vespers

Palm Sunday

Deacon: Wisdom!	<i>Reader:</i> The reading is from Genesis.	Deacon: Let us attend!
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Genesis 49:1-2, 8-12

¹ And Jacob called his sons, and said to them: Gather yourselves together that I may tell you the things that shall befall you in the last days. ² Gather yourselves together, and hear, O ye sons of Jacob, hearken to Israel your father: ⁸ Juda, thee shall thy brethren praise: thy hands shall be on the necks of thy enemies: the sons of thy father shall bow down to thee. ⁹ Juda is a lion's whelp: to the prey, my son, thou art gone up: resting thou hast couched as a lion, and as a lioness, who shall rouse him?

¹⁰ The sceptre shall not be taken away from Juda, nor a ruler from his thigh, till he come that is to be sent, and he shall be the expectation of nations. ¹¹ Tying his foal to the vineyard, and his ass, ^o my son, to the vine. He shall wash his robe in wine, and his garment in the blood of the grape. ¹² His eyes are more beautiful than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading is
from Zephaniah.

**Deacon: Let us
attend!**

Zephaniah 3:14-19

¹⁴ Give praise, O daughter of Sion:
shout, O Israel: be glad, and rejoice with
all thy heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. ¹⁵
The Lord hath taken away thy judgment,
he hath turned away thy enemies: the
king of Israel the Lord is in the midst of
thee, thou shalt fear evil no more. ¹⁶ In
that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear
not: to Sion: Let not thy hands be
weakened.

¹⁷ The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is
mighty, he will save: he will rejoice over
thee with gladness, he will be silent in his
love, he will be joyful over thee in praise.
¹⁸ The triflers that were departed from the
law, I will gather together, because they
were of thee: that thou mayest no more
suffer reproach for them. ¹⁹ Behold I will
cut off all that have afflicted thee at that
time: and I will save her that halteth, and
will gather her that was cast out: and I will
get them praise, and a name, in all the
land where they had been put to
confusion.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading is
from Zechariah.

**Deacon: Let us
attend!**

Zechariah 9:9-15

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion, shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem: BEHOLD THY KING will come to thee, the just and saviour: he is poor, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. ¹⁰ And I will destroy the chariot out of Ephraim, and the horse out of Jerusalem, and the bow for war shall be broken: and he shall speak peace to the Gentiles, and his power shall be from sea to sea, and from the rivers even to the end of the earth. ¹¹ Thou also by the blood of thy testament hast sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit, wherein is no water. ¹² Return to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope, I will render thee double at, I

declare to day. ¹³ Because I have bent Juda for me as a bow, I have filled Ephraim: and I will raise up thy sons, O Sion, above thy sons, O Greece, and I will make thee as the sword of the mighty. ¹⁴ And the Lord God shall be seen over them, and his dart shall go forth as lightning: and the Lord God will sound the trumpet, and go in the whirlwind of the south. ¹⁵ The Lord of hosts will protect them: and they shall devour, and subdue with the stones of the sling: and drinking they shall be inebriated as it were with wine, and they shall be filled as bowls, and as the horns of the altar.

Sunday in the Sixth Week – At Matins

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11, 15-17

¹ And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, ² Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. ³ And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. ⁴ All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. ⁶ And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, ⁷ And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. ⁸ And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down

branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. ⁹ And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. ¹⁰ And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? ¹¹ And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. ¹⁵ And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased, ¹⁶ And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise? ¹⁷ And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there.

Sunday in the Sixth Week – At Liturgy

Palm Sunday

LITURGY of St John Chrysostom

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. ⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brethren,

whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. ⁹ Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

John 12:1-18

¹ Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. ² There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. ³ Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and

anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. ⁴ Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, ⁵ Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? ⁶ This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and

had the bag, and bare what was put therein. ⁷ Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. ⁸ For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always. ⁹ Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death; ¹¹ Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus. ¹² On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ¹³ Took branches of palm trees, and went

forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. ¹⁴ And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, ¹⁵ Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. ¹⁶ These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him. ¹⁷ The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record. ¹⁸ For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.