

# THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

THE LIFE OF CHRIST WITH SAINT LUKE



## PALM SUNDAY

Luke 19:28-40

Orthodox Children’s Bible Reader: pages 230-232

Read or tell the story of Christ’s entry into the city of Jerusalem and use the icon as a visual.

Ask the students to tell you about the icon afterwards as a review and to help them place the story in their long term memory.



Class routine:  
Move my photo from “home” to “church”



Class routine:  
Light a candle - respectfully prayerfully without playing



Class routine:  
Venerate our icon



Sing “Lord have mercy” in English, Greek, Arabic, Romanian

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### GOAL

Learn about Christ’s Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

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### AT CHURCH

Holy Week:  
Saturday of Lazarus  
Palm Sunday

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### AT HOME

What do we do with our blessed palm crosses?

## ACTIVITY: OPTION 1

### Construction Paper Palm Cross

This is a great fine motor skills activity for the 1st and 2nd graders, as well as, practical learning practice for making palm crosses at church for Palm Sunday.

Strips of long construction paper will be provided on your classroom counter.

YouTube: [Palm Cross Folding](#)



them the choice of either reading their book (the pictures) to you, which is a review of the story or read their story using their drawings as a guide. Retell the story slightly different for each child. They get a big kick out of it.

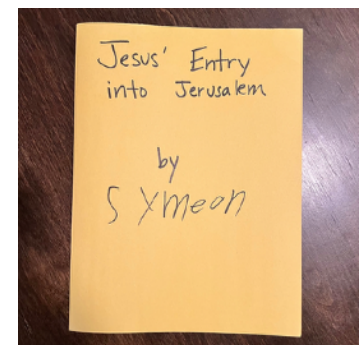
## ACTIVITY: OPTION 2

### Illustrate a “book” about Christ’s entry into Jerusalem

Fold a piece of construction paper in half. On the front of their “book,” write the title of their book (either you choose or let them choose) and they let them write their name (if able) under “by.”

Instruct them to open their book and draw a picture of Christ riding a donkey into Jerusalem. After they finish illustrating their book, provide

Then ask them to take their book home and read the story to mom or dad for a bedtime story later that night.



## EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

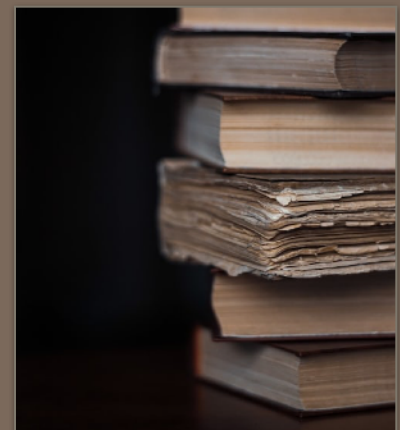
The Gospel of Luke: Good News for the Poor by Fr. Lawrence Farley, pages 339-342

The Explanation of the Holy Gospel According to Luke by Blessed Theophylact, pages 252-256

The Crucifixion of the King of Glory by Dr. Eugenia Constantinou, pages 39-41

YouTube: [The Roman Triumph](#)

YouTube: [St. John’s DFW Orthos & Divine Liturgy - Palm Sunday](#)



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## AT HOME

### FOR PARENTS

**W**hat then should Christian education be, if not the introduction into this life of the Church, an unfolding of its meaning, its contents and its purpose? And how can it introduce anyone into this life, if not by participation in the liturgical services on the one hand, and their explanation on the other hand? “O taste and see how good is the Lord”: first taste, then see - i.e. understand.

Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

Liturgy and Life: Christian Development  
Through Liturgical Experience

We are quickly approaching the Triodion, which is the three week preparation period before Great Lent begins.

Now is the time to think about what services your family is hoping to attend during Lent, talk to your Father Confessor about any questions you may have relating to fasting or prayer within your families, and prepare your home before our schedules are full of services to attend.

What changes can you make this year to help yourself and your family progress forward on your spiritual journey? Is there a prayer you want to have printed and ready? Do you want to learn how to make kollyva and commemorate family who have passed away on Saturday of Souls? Do you want to learn more about the services and explain them to your kids? Do you want to incorporate the Pascha Passports into your daily routine this year?

## HOME ACTIVITY #17

**YouTube:** [The Life of St. Lazarus the Friend of Jesus](#)

**Greek Orthodox Archdiocese - Learn:** [Palm Sunday](#)



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