

SUNDAYS OF GREAT LENT

Great Lent ends on Palm Sunday, the Entrance of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. Following Palm Sunday, Holy Week begins. It is a week of strict fasting and deep thinking about the events that precede Pascha, the Resurrection of our Lord.

First Sunday

Triumph of Orthodoxy



On this Sunday in 842, the heresy of iconoclasm that contradicted the Orthodox Faith was defeated.

Second Sunday

Saint Gregory Palamas



Through his writings, this Saint gives every Christian the opportunity to be enlightened with the light of Mount Tabor.

Third Sunday

Adoration of the Cross



On this Sunday, the Cross is carried out of the Sanctuary as a reminder to us of Christ's suffering at the Cross and of our call to be brave in the trials of our lives.

Fourth Sunday

Venerable John the Ladder



This Sunday honors the 7th century saint, the author of The Ladder, where he describes the levels of spirituality.



Fifth Sunday

Venerable Mary of Egypt



The life of St. Mary of Egypt is an example to us of God's mercy to sinners, seen through her sins and conversion.

On the preceding Wednesday, the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete is served during Vespers.



Sixth Sunday

The Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem – Palm Sunday



The day before this feast is called Lazarus Saturday, in honor of the time Christ rose Lazarus from the dead after Lazarus was in his tomb for three days. This event reminds Christians about our inevitable resurrection from the dead by Christ.

On this Sunday, Christ's glorious Entrance into Jerusalem is remembered. The citizens of Jerusalem came to meet Him and welcomed Him with palm branches saying, "Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

After this Sunday, Holy Week begins, and after Holy Week is Pascha, the Resurrection of Christ.