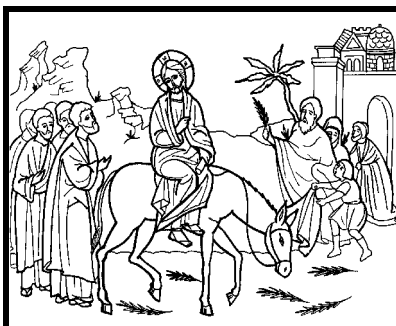
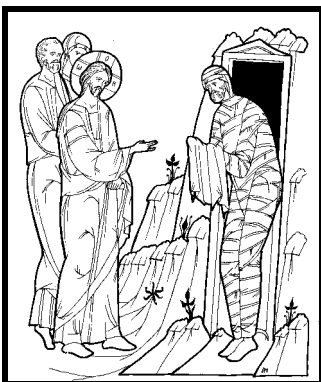


ICONS & HYMNS OF HOLY WEEK

SATURDAY A.M. - Theme: Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead



Hymn for both days

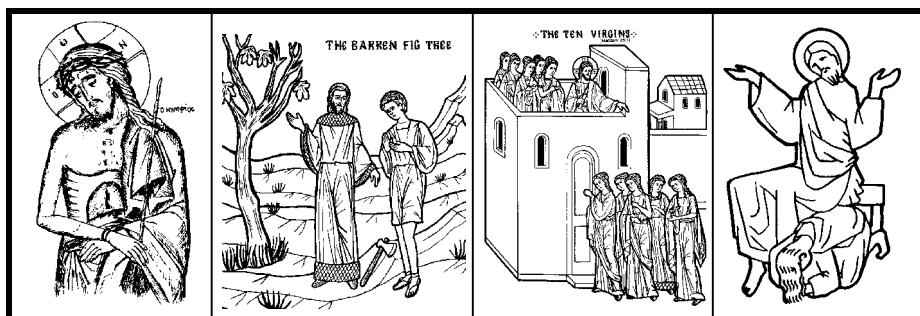
To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, / You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. / Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, / we cry out to You the Victor over death: / Hosanna in the highest; / blessed are You, the One Who comes in the name of the Lord.
[Translation by Fr. Seraphim Dedes]

SUN A.M. - Theme: Jesus Enters into Jerusalem

SUN P.M. - Bridegroom Service – Icon of Extreme Humility

† **Theme: Withering of the Fig Tree; Joseph of the Old Testament (Son of Jacob)**

† **Hymn: Behold the Bridegroom** comes in the middle of the night. Blessed is the servant He shall find watching; and unworthy is he, whom he shall find heedless. Beware, therefore, O my soul, do not be overcome by sleep, lest you be given up to death and shut out from the Kingdom. But raise yourself, cry out: "Holy, Holy, Holy are You, our God, through the intercession of the Heavenly Hosts save us."



MON P.M. - Bridegroom – Icon of Extreme Humility

† **Theme: 10 Virgins**

† **Hymn: Behold the Bridegroom** - same as Sunday's

TUES P.M. - Bridegroom – Icon of Extreme Humility

† **Theme: Sinful woman anoints Jesus with myrrh** [Hymn of Kassiani]

† **Hymn: Behold the Bridegroom** - same as Sunday's

Hymn of Kassiani the Melodist: The woman who had fallen into many sins recognizes Your Godhead, O Lord. She takes upon herself the duty of myrrh-bearer and makes ready the myrrh of mourning, before the entombment. Woe to me! says she, for my night is an ecstasy of excess, gloomy and moonless, and full of sinful desire. Receive the sources of my tears, O You Who gathers into the clouds the water of the sea; in your ineffable condescension deign to bend down Yourself to me and to the lamentations of my heart, O You Who spread out the Heavens. I will fervently embrace Your sacred feet, and wipe them again with the tresses of the hair of my head, Your feet at whose sound Eve hid herself for fear when she heard You walking in Paradise in the cool of the day. O, my Saviour and soul-Saver, who can trace out the multitude of my sins, and the abysses of Your judgment? Do not disregard me Your servant, O You Whose mercy is boundless.

WED PM - Sacrament of Unction

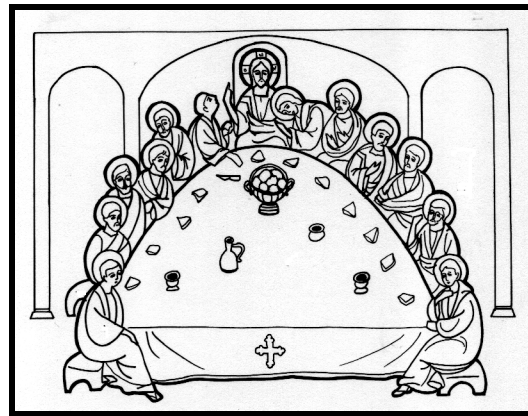
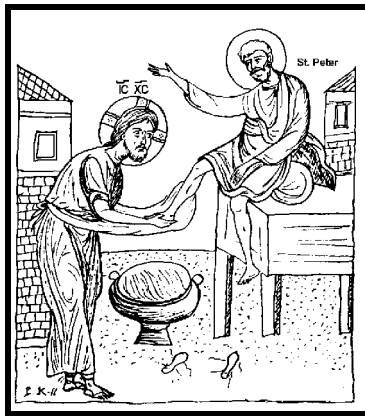
- † Sacrament for the Healing of Soul and Body
- † Some churches may also do the 3rd Bridegroom – Icon of Christ in Extreme Humility

James 5:14-15 Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who committed sins will be forgiven.



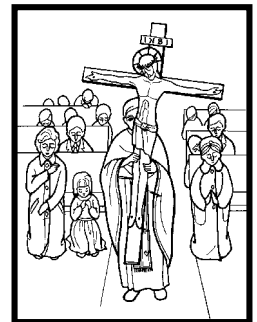
THURS AM - Mystical Supper

- † Theme: Christ offers the First Eucharist
- † Hymn: Replacement for the Cherubic Hymn *Receive me today, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your Mystic Feast; for I will not speak of the Mystery of Your enemies; I will not kiss you as did Judas, but as the thief I will confess You. Lord, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.*



THURS P.M. - 12 Gospels

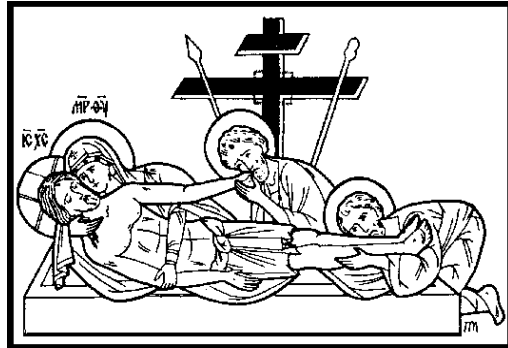
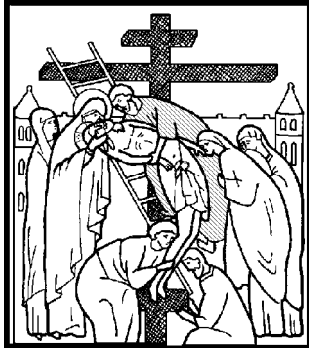
- † Themes: Jesus Prays in Gethsemane, Judas Betrays Jesus, Jesus before Pilate & the Crucifixion
- † Hymn: *Today is hung upon the Tree, He who suspended the land in the midst of the waters. [3x] A crown of thorns crowns him, who is the King of angels. He is wrapped about with the purple of mockery, who wrapped the heavens with clouds. He received buffetings, who freed Adam in the Jordan. He was transfixed with nails, the Bridegroom of the Church. He was pierced with a spear, the son of the Virgin. We worship Your Passion, O Christ. [3x] Show us also your glorious Resurrection.*



FRI Afternoon - Taking Jesus Down from the Cross

† **Theme: Burial of Christ**

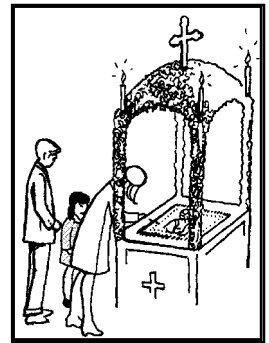
† **Hymn:** *The noble Joseph takes down from the Tree Your spotless body, and when he had wrapped it in clean linen with aromas, he laid it for burial in a new Tomb.*



FRI P.M. - The Tomb of Christ & Procession

† **Theme: "The Author of Life is trampling down Hades and is transforming death into life"** *Great Week and Pascha in the Greek Orthodox Church* by Alkiviadis Calivas, p.83.

† **Hymn: The Lamentations or Encomia** -Three stanzas or "staseis" of short refrains of lamentations. 9th Ode: *You O Christ the Life was laid in the tomb... (1st Lamentation) Example: Lament not for Me, Mother, as You behold Me in the grave, Whom as a Son you conceived in your womb without seed. For I shall rise and be glorified, and as God, I shall ceaselessly exalt in glory those, who in faith and yearning, magnify you.*
Hymn by Kassiani the Melodist



SAT A.M.

† **Theme: Jesus descends into Hades** and frees the Righteous people who died before He was born & those who died since He was born.

† **Hymns: (a) Song of the Three Youths** *Praise the Lord, sing and exalt Him throughout the ages.*

(b) Arise O God and Judge the earth, for to You belong all the nations. *(Sung after the Epistle, as priest tosses the bay leaves, which are a sign of victory.)*



SUN A.M. - Pascha [Resurrection - Easter]

† **Themes: (a) Myrrhbearers at the Tomb meet the Angel**
(b) Jesus Speaks to Mary Magdalene in the Garden
(c) The Gospel is for all people

Hymn: *Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down death, and bestowing life to those in the tomb.*