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A MEMORABLE JOURNEY: Beginning with Palm Sunday, we will be starting the greatest spiritual journey imaginable. We will be journeying with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ during His last days. We will be with Him when He enters Jerusalem; when He celebrates the first Divine Liturgy, when He is betrayed, when He is imprisoned and falsely tried, when He is crucified, when He is buried, and, most importantly, when He conquers death. Let's now look at this journey, day by day.

Palm Sunday - Today, we are with Jesus as He victoriously enters Jerusalem and is hailed as the King and Son of David. The following Scriptures will fill-in the details of this great day, Matthew 20:29-21:17.

Great Tuesday - Today's journey takes us with our Lord when He recounts the story of the ten wise and the ten foolish virgins. We are advised to be like the ten wise virgins - ready, pure, and faithful. We are always to be ready for the coming of the Lord, the Heavenly Bridegroom. We should read the following Scriptures: Matthew 25:1-13.

Great Thursday - During the morning's celebration of the Divine Liturgy, we are with our Lord when He celebrates the first Divine Liturgy, offering the bread and wine as His own sacred body and blood for the salvation of the world. Read Matthew 26:17-30.

Great Thursday - During the evening services, we are again with our divine Lord at the Last Supper as He shows His own great humility by washing the feet of His own chosen Apostles. By this, He is showing us the kind of humility we should have, if we are to be truly considered His followers. It would here be helpful to read John 13:1-15.

Great Thursday - Later, during the service of the Passion and Betrayal of our Lord, we see Him betrayed by one of His own Apostles while the others deny that they even know Him and flee. We see our Lord alone, but resolute in His mission, the salvation of mankind. To gain more insight into these sufferings of our Lord, we should read the following Scriptural passages: John 13:13-30; John 18:1-11; John 12:12-27; John 18:28-33; John 18:33-40; and John 19:1-12.

Great Friday - We are now with our Lord as He is led to Calvary, nailed to the cross, dies, is taken down from the cross, and finally buried in a borrowed grave. At this point, it seems as though all is lost. We should read the following Scriptures: Matthew 27:1-55 and Matthew 27:55-61.

Great Saturday - With the celebration of the evening Divine Liturgy on East Eve, we are at the tomb when our Lord, conquering death, emerges victorious from the cold, dark grave. He is risen! He has overcome death! Let's us read Matthew 28:1-20.

Easter Sunday - The great day of the proclamation of Christ's victory over the forces of death has arrived. We are there. We hear the proclamation, "HE IS RISEN." Christ has risen from the death! Glory to His Resurrection. Let us read Mark 16:2-8.

HOLY WEEK IN HYMNS: As we have said before, the hymnology of the Armenian Church is rich. It tells and proclaims the story of Christianity, of our Church, of trials and tribulations, and of ultimate victory in Christ. Let us now pause for a few moments to look at some of these hymns in English translation. In so doing, may we all learn to appreciate the great richness in religious heritage which is ours as members of the Armenian Church.

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