

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday [Arm. *Dzaghgazart*; literally “Decorated with Flowers”] is the feast of Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Having raised Lazarus from the dead, Christ was hailed by the people as the Messiah and new king of Israel. By entering Jerusalem, riding on the white donkey, the Old Testament prophecy was fulfilled [Zechariah 9:9]. The people hailed him shouting “*Hosannah! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*” And they spread flowers and palm branches before Him.

On the morning of Palm Sunday, palms are blessed in church and distributed to the faithful. The faithful follow in procession as they celebrate the great and triumphal victory of Christ’s entry into Jerusalem. With this, we also enter into Holy Week and accompany the Lord through His passion by saying, “*Cry aloud, Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*”

PALM SUNDAY WORDSEARCH

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 Z V R B S Z K P N N B A P R V
 H E G P W D H R T Q R C Z J Y
 Z F J I H H D E S G O I J A H
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 S S M E V X T S E N F J J B T
 K J E S U S O U T S H Z S V S
 N C A E Y H D I S C I P L E S

SPREAD	VILLAGE	BLESSED	BRANCHES	HOSANNA
HIGHEST	SHOUTED	DISCIPLES	LORD	JESUS
HEAVEN	CLOAKS	NAME	ROAD	COLT

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THE LITTLE DONKEY

Palm Sunday | Gospel Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:29-21:17

There was once a little donkey who wanted to be special. One day he carried someone into Jerusalem and everyone was excited. They laid palm leaves and their jackets on the ground so the little donkey could walk on them and not get his feet dusty. He felt so special and became proud. The people continued to shout blessings and treat him with honor and respect.

Afterwards he was so happy that he galloped home and told his mom what had happened. He said, “Mom! You won’t believe what happened. Everybody in Jerusalem was excited to see me. They even made sure that my feet didn’t get dirty.” His mom, know what had happened, said, “You think they were worshipping and honoring you? Go back tomorrow and see what happens.”

The next day the donkey returned to Jerusalem, proud and excited to see everyone again, but this time was different. When he entered, no one paid any attention to him. They ignored him and even some hit him, yelling, “Get out of the way.”

The donkey didn’t understand what was going on. One day they were practically worshipping him and now no one wanted to even see him? So he trotted home and went to his mom and told her everything that had happened. His mother, with caring eyes, said, “My dear, they weren’t worshipping you, but the one you were carrying, Jesus Christ. Without Him, you are just a donkey, but if you have Him with you, everyone will only see Him and you too will be honored.”

We must remember this in our lives. We are nothing without Jesus Christ and when He is with us, the world sees Him and recognizes Him.

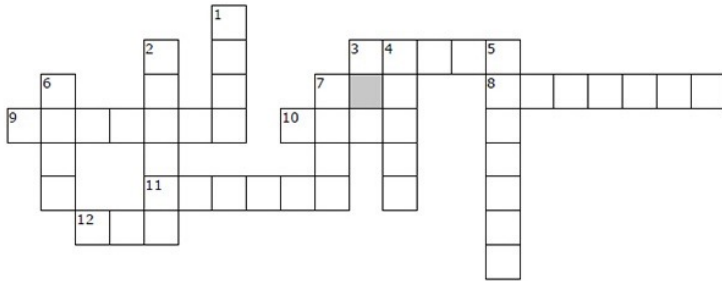
ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

մտանել => md-a-nel => to enter

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 Ara ayzhm unt moods mer **mdanel** yev srpots hreshdagats.
 Make the holy angels also **enter** now with our entrance.

(An example is on page 13 in the Liturgy Book)

PALM SUNDAY CROSSWORD



ACROSS

3. The Son of God
8. A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
9. A small town
10. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year
11. To stretch out over a large area
12. To secure with a piece of rope

DOWN

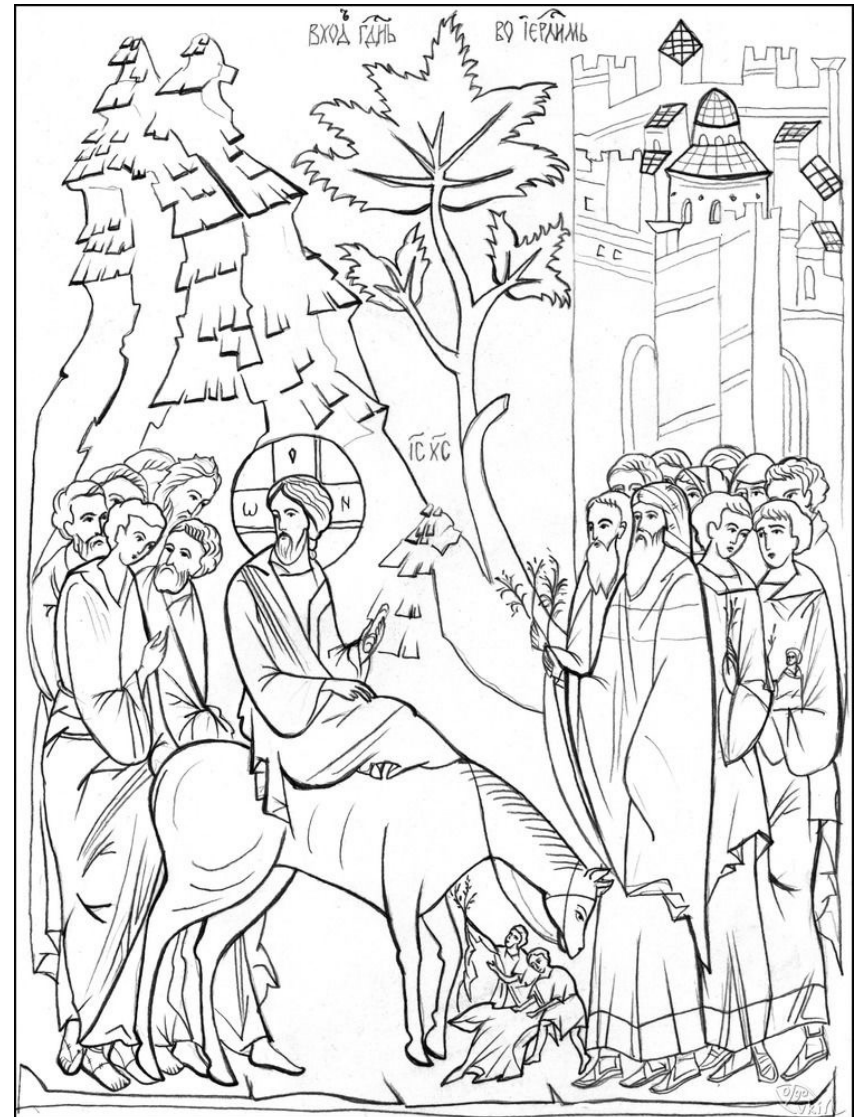
1. What a person is called
2. To express admiration or approval of something or someone
4. To go into a place
5. Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
6. A male ruler of a country
7. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

VILLAGE	JESUS	SHOUTED	ENTER
COLT	SPREAD	PRAISE	NAME
TIE	ROAD	HOSANNA	KING

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SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

The earthly Jerusalem represents the heavenly Jerusalem, God's kingdom. The horse is a symbol of war, and the donkey a sign of peace. Jesus entered Jerusalem sitting on a donkey and not a horse, in order to teach us that God's kingdom cannot be entered on horses, meaning by trusting our own strength, but by being meek and humble.



Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying, "Blessing to the Son of David! Blessed is He who come in the name of the Lord! Blessing in the highest!"

Matthew 21:9

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