Vesper Propers
Palm (Flowery) Sunday

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006

Lamplighting Psalms in the tone of the first sticheron (Tone 6, page 82).

Cantor: Bring my soul out of this prison
(on 10) and then I shall praise your name.

Stichera of Palm Sunday - Tone 6 samohlasen

Cantor: Around me the just will assemble
(on 9) because of your goodness to me. (All repeat “Today the grace of the Holy Spirit....”)

Cantor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Psalm 129
(on 8) Lord, hear my voice!

He who has heav-en as his throne and earth as his foot-stool, the Son, the Father's
co-e-ter-na-l Word, now hum-bles himself to mount on a sense-less beast,

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as he comes to Beth-a-ny. Car-rying branches, the Hebrew children wel-come him
and say: Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who is com-ing, the King of Is-ra-el.

Cantor: Let your ears be attentive
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading. (All repeat “He who has heaven as his throne....”)

Cantor: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would stand?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

Let us all gath-er this day, the Church of the Gentiles, the new Is-ra-el,
and with the prophet Zecha-ri-ah, let us say: Re-joice, O daughter Zion,
shout for joy, O daughter Je-ru-sa-lem; be-hold, your King comes to you!
He is the Sav-ior, hum-ble and meek, a-stride the foal of a donkey, a beast of bur-den. Car-rying palms, let us praise him as the chil-dren did:
Ho-san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is he who is com-ing, the King of Is-ra-el.

Cantor: My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word. 
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. 
(All repeat “Let us all gather...”)

Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak 
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

Pre-fig-uring your holy Resurrection for us, O Lord, by your word, you raised your friend Laz- a-rus from death and the tomb on the fourth day.

You rode upon the foal of a don-key to symbolize for the Gentiles the triumph of the Sav-ior. There-fore Is-rael, your beloved, of-fers you praise, O Christ, through the mouths of in-fants and of babes, the witnesses of your entrance into the Ho-ly Cit-y, six days be-fore the Pas-s-o-ver.
Six days before the Passover, Jesus comes to Bethany, and his disciples
ask him: Lord, where do you want us to prepare to eat the Passover meal with you? And you sent them off, saying, Go into the village near-by;
and there you shall find a man carrying a pitcher of water; follow him
and say to the master of the house: The Master says to you, It is in your house that I will celebrate the Passover with my disciples.

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(All repeat "Prefiguring your holy..."")

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, Psalm 116
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
he is faithful forever. (All repeat “Six days before the Passover...”)

Cantor: Glory...
To day the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us to geth er and tak ing up your Cross, we all say: Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho san - na in the high - est.

Cantor: Now and ever…

(All repeat “Today the grace of the Holy Spirit…”)

Readings:  
Genesis 49: 12-18  
Zephaniah 3: 14-19  
Zechariah 9:9-15  

Litija  
Tone 1 Bolhar

The Ho-ly Spi-rit, who taught the a-pos-tles to speak in for-eign tongues, now in-spires the chil-dren to sing: Ho-san-na in the high-est!

Bless-ed is he who is coming, the King of Is-ra-el!
The Son and Word of God, co-e-ternal with the Fa-ther, to-day enters the ci-ty of Je-ru-sa-lém, sea-ted up-on a sense-less beast; he, up-on whom the Cher-u-bim dare not gaze, is praised by the chil-dren with palms and branch-es as they mys-tic-ly sing to him: Ho-san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is he who comes to save the hu-man race.

Six days be-fore the Pas-so-ver, O Lord, your voice was heard e-ven in the depths of Ha-des, from which you raised Laz-a-rus on the fourth day. And the He-brew chil-dren praised you: Ho-san-na,
O our God, glory to you!

When you entered the Holy City, O Lord, as you hastened to your Passion to fulfill the Law and the Prophets, the Hebrew children prefigured your victorious Resurrection; they went before you with palms and branches, saying: Blessed are you, O Savior, have mercy on us.

Glory to you, O Christ, who are seated in the heavens, and now your Cross awaits you. The daughter of Zion rejoices, the people of earth exult with joy; the children wave their
Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany to raise Lazarus on the fourth day and to proclaim the coming Resurrection.

The sisters of Lazarus, Mary and Martha, came to meet him saying:

Lord, if you had been here, our brother would not have died. But the Lord answered them, saying: Those who believe in me, even if they die, shall live! Have I not said this to you? Show me where you have buried him. And with a loud voice the Creator of the universe cried to...
Laz-a-rus, come forth!

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**Aposticha**

Tone 8 samohlasen

Re-joice, O cit-y of Zi-on, and dance with joy, O Church of God;

for, be-hold! your King comes in you in meekness and hu-mil-i-ty; the chil-dren wel-come him and sing: Ho-san-na in the high-est; bless-ed are you, O com-pas-sion-ate Lord; have mer-cy on us.

On the lips of children and of babes, you have found praise.

The Sav-i-or has come into the city of Je-ru-sa-lem to-day to ful-fill the Scrip-tures. The peo-ple spread their garments a-long the way; they car-ry
palms and branches in their hands, recognizing that he is indeed our God.

The cherubim sing unceasingly to him: Hosanna in the highest;

blessed are you, O compassionate Lord; have mercy on us.

Cantor

How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth.

You are seated upon the throne of the Cherubim and are praised by the Seraphim; as David, you rode upon a donkey. The children praise you as God; the Pharisees blaspheme you unjustly; and your riding upon the colt symbolizes the conversion of the pagans. O only Lover of Humankind and compassionate Lord; all glory to you.
To day the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us together and taking up your Cross, we all say: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.
Christ our God, before your passion you confirmed our common resurrection when you raised Lazarus from the dead. Therefore, like the children, we carry the symbols of victory and cry out to you, the victor over death:

Hoosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

(sung twice)

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory... now and ever...

Through baptism we were buried with you, O Christ our God, and we have become worthy of immortal life by your resurrection. Therefore, we raise our voices in praise to you: Hoosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.