

Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!



The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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They didn't understand!



Have you ever had trouble understanding something at first, but then you did later? Maybe you heard somebody say something, but it didn't mean anything to you...but then later you really got it. "Oh, I get it now!"

Today, on this wonderful feast of Palm Sunday, the Gospel reading tells us how the Lord entered Jerusalem. When the crowds heard that Jesus was coming, they waved palm branches and cheered Him on! "And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written, 'Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!'"

Those words were written many, many years before Jesus Christ lived on earth. In fact, Jesus's disciples had probably heard them when they had heard the scripture! But it didn't mean anything to them. The Gospel reading today tells us, "His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him." Later on, they really got it!

We don't always understand the Bible at first either! Let's keep reading it, again and again, so we can make connections, and we can understand more and more of God's message to us! God wants us to understand!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

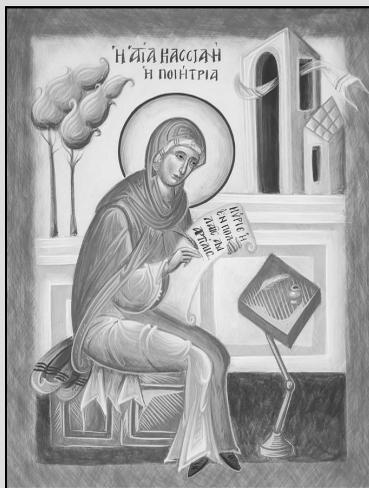
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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Isn't this a beautiful icon of Saint Kassiani?

The painter shows her busy at work, writing the hymn we hear this week!



SAINT KASSIANI THE HYMN WRITER



Today is a happy day, a big feast day in our Church. But tomorrow, things are different. We start to think about all the sad things that happened to our Lord, Jesus Christ. Once, Jesus was talking to His disciples, and a woman came up and asked Him to forgive her. She even cleaned His feet with her hair!

Long ago (1,200 years ago!) a saint named Kassiani wrote a hymn about that story. And on Tuesday night, we will hear this same hymn, written so long ago.

Saint Kassiani was a very beautiful young woman, but she was smart too. When the emperor decided he wanted to get married, she was one of the “bride show.” There were some young women, and the emperor was supposed to pick one of them for his bride!

But Kassiani had other ideas. She wanted to live for Christ, not for the emperor and all his fancy things. She started a monastery, where she wrote many hymns, including the one we hear this Holy Tuesday!

If you don't get to go to church on Tuesday, ask your parents if you can read this prayer on your own. Look for “the hymn of Saint Kassiani.”

We remember St Kassiani on Holy Tuesday, April 15th.