

Hosanna in the highest!



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"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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Whose side are you on?



Have you ever cheered for a team? Did you ever feel you were *on a team*, even when you weren't playing for the team? The fans are important too, aren't they?

Today is Palm Sunday, the day that Christ entered Jerusalem. In the icon, you can see the children greeting Him;

they even put their clothes on the ground so Jesus could ride on them. They waved palm branches to cheer Him on. They were on His team!

But this coming Holy Week, we will also remember the people who were NOT on Christ's side—the people who made fun of Him, the people who crucified Him, the people who killed Him. Ever since Christ was born, He had people who loved Him, and He had people who hated Him.

Not too long ago, a theologian, St. Justin, said that everybody makes a choice: "to be with Christ, or to be against Him." Everybody will either "be a lover of Christ or a fighter of Christ." There isn't a third choice!

Have you made that choice? Have you chosen to love Christ with all your heart? This week, we can show we love our Lord by being with Him in prayer. We can show we love Him by learning about Him in the Bible readings. We can show we love Him by doing something special for another of His children! Always remember: You are on Christ's side!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

BELOVED
BLESSED
BRANCHES
EGYPT
HOSANNA
JERUSALEM
JOSEPH
PALMS
PATRIARCH

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

BLESSED JOSEPH

WHO FORGAVE HIS BROTHERS

Have you ever forgiven somebody for something? Even for

something big? Tomorrow we begin Holy Week, and on each day of Holy Week we remember something or somebody different. Tomorrow, on Holy Monday, we remember Blessed Joseph.

Have you heard the story of St. Joseph—not the one who took care of Mary, the Theotokos? This is the Joseph from the Old Testament, the one who lived more than a thousand years before Christ was born.



Joseph had eleven brothers. They were jealous of Joseph because their father, Jacob, loved him so much. The brothers took Joseph one day, threw him in a pit, and then sold him into slavery! But many years later, the brothers found Joseph, and they didn't recognize him. Joseph forgave his brothers, even though they had treated him so horribly. He saved his brothers from a bad famine.

Why do we remember Blessed Joseph tomorrow, on Holy Monday? Because when we think of Joseph's story, we think of our Lord, Jesus Christ's story. His own people treated Him so horribly too. But in the end, He forgives all, and He wants to save us all too!

We remember Blessed Joseph tomorrow, Holy Monday.

WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

In this icon, Saint Joseph looks like he's from Egypt!

That's because he was sold as a slave and lived in Egypt as the pharaoh's helper.

