

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



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# 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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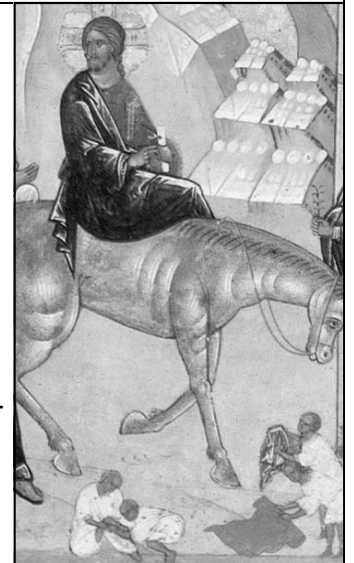
## The kids who shouted "Hosanna"

**Do you ever help with things at church?** Do you pass out bulletins, or clean up at the end of the service? Do you sing or serve in the altar?

Today is Palm Sunday. We know what happened on Palm Sunday, don't we? We know about Jesus. We know about Jerusalem. We know about the donkey. But do we know about the children?

In the Gospel of St. Matthew, we hear about the children who were in the temple. They were shouting "Hosanna" to our Lord, Jesus Christ. "Hosanna" means something like "Lord, save!" They shouted because they were happy because Jesus had come. He had come into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey.

Sometimes, just sometimes, we forget that children have a big job here at church! Yes, the adults are doing lots of things. The priest is an adult. The chanters and the choir are usually adults. The ushers and the other helpers are adults. But you, the children, are here too! You are here to praise God, just like the children praised God in the temple 2,000 years ago! Today, let's remember these kids who shouted, "Hosanna!" They were happy to wave their palm branches. They were happy to throw clothes on the ground so Jesus could ride over them. Most of all, they were happy to be with Christ!



Do you see the children?

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Alexandra
- Children
- Empress
- George
- Glorify
- Holy Week
- Hosanna
- Martyrs
- Palm Sunday
- Saints
- Serve

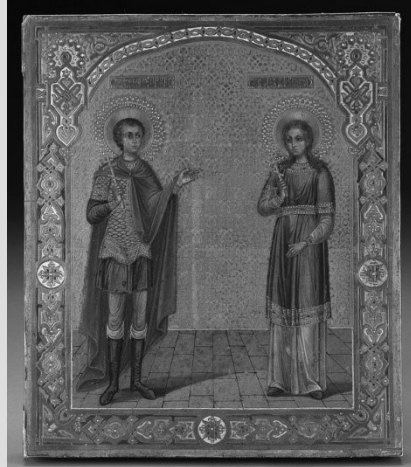
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# WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

Here is an icon of Saints George and Alexandra.

St. Alexandra is the empress, but she is listening to St. George, as he tells her about the Lord!

This year, we will celebrate Saint George on Monday, April 25th.



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# THE GREATEST TREASURE ST. ALEXANDRA, THE EMPRESS

**Have you ever wanted to be super rich and famous?** Maybe you day-dreamed about how great it would be to have tons and tons of money, and to walk around with people staring at you, or even bowing down!



Well, on Thursday, we celebrate the nameday of a person who had all that. Alexandra had the most valuable treasures in the world, because she was the emperor's wife. Sadly though, her husband, Emperor Diocletian, was a cruel and evil man who hated Christians. Lots of times, he would try to think of ways to get rid of all the Christians in the empire. Alexandra wasn't a Christian, but she saw how awfully the Christians were treated.

She even saw how one brave soldier, Saint George, refused to give up his Christian faith...even when the emperor told him he would be killed! Saint Alexandra saw this brave man, and she decided she wanted to be a Christian too. She saw that all her money and power didn't mean anything! She wanted to really have the greatest treasure...to be with Jesus Christ in heaven! When she said that she believed in Christ, her husband was so angry that he even decided to punish his own wife. Saint Alexandra was killed two days before her teacher, Saint George. Now they are saints together, with the treasure of heaven!

**We celebrate St. Alexandra on Thursday, April 21st (OC: May 4th).**