

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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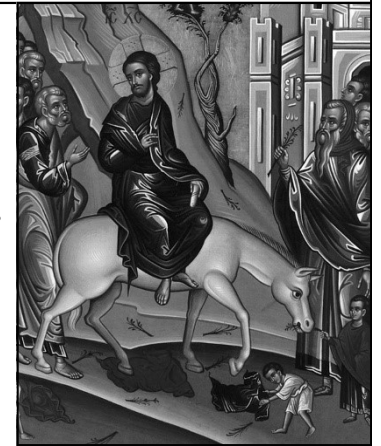


It's hard to be humble!

If you ask them, your parents or grandparents might know a song about being humble. It goes, "Oh Lord, it's hard to be humble, when you're perfect in every way!" The singer jokes about how great he is. That makes it hard for him to feel not so important, to be a humble guy.

It's a silly song, but it has some truth to it, doesn't it? It is hard to be humble, to not make ourselves seem so great.

Why? Because sometimes, inside, we really think we *are* great. Maybe even *almost* perfect!



Jesus enters Jerusalem

Today is the great feastday of Palm Sunday, the day when our Lord entered Jerusalem, where He was made fun of, and beaten, and killed on the Cross. Today, let's remember how Jesus really was "perfect in every way." But still, He was humble. He was humble from the very beginning of His life on earth, when He was put into a manger with animals around Him. He was humble all the way to the end, when He rode on a donkey into the city. He was humble even when they made fun of Him, and even when He died on the Cross.

Yes, it is hard to be humble. But we can look to our perfect Lord as an example!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Branches
- Donkey
- Entrance
- Glorify
- Hosanna
- Humble
- Jason
- Jerusalem
- Palm Sunday
- Perfect
- Sosipater

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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Saint Jason worked together with his friend, Saint Sosipater.

Here they are together in this icon. Saint Jason looks like he does in the icon on page 3 too!



SAINT JASON

THE STORY BEHIND THE NAME

What was the top baby name last year? Do you know? For boys, it was Noah. For girls, it was Olivia. Almost 50 years ago, Jason was the second most popular name in the country. Chances were, if you were born then, a couple of kids in your class were named Jason! But so many names have wonderful stories behind them, and sometimes kids don't even know the story behind their names!



We can read about Saint Jason's story in the Bible. Saint Jason was a man who followed St. Paul. He learned about Jesus Christ from him. Once, when St. Paul came to the city of Thessaloniki, Greece, St. Jason invited Paul to stay with him.

While they were there, a big fight started in the city. Some people started to be jealous of St. Paul because he was converting so many people. So many people wanted to be Christians! These people got angry and came to St. Jason's house. After all, it was partly St. Jason's fault—he was taking care of St. Paul. They tore up St. Jason's house, and they dragged him to the rulers of the city.

Through all this, St. Jason never gave up. He stuck by his teacher, St. Paul. And more importantly, he stuck by the one true God. His strong faith made others want to believe, too!

We celebrate St. Jason on Tuesday, April 29th (OC: May 12th).