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Christ IS Risen!

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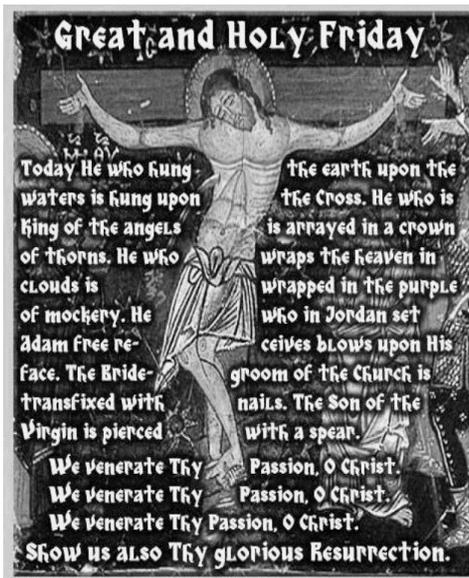
Participant Workbook Ages 8 -12

Christ is Risen! Session Six: Holy Week Part II.

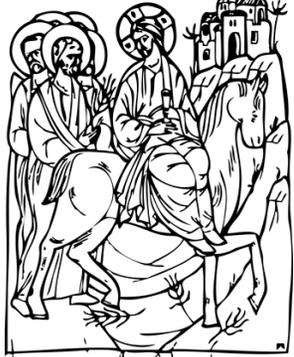
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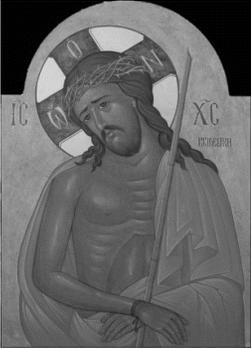
In the introduction to our theme, we learned that we say ‘Christ IS Risen!’ because it is not just something that happened once a long time ago. The Resurrection is true today and always will be. Many of the hymns that we sing use the word “today” as if we are living in the moment that we are celebrating. While we don’t pretend to know exactly what it was like for Jesus to go through His Passion, we try to live out the experiences that we hear about. Focusing on the suffering He went through gives us strength to live through our own struggles and challenges.

In our next activity, you will learn how the services of Holy Week provide something for each of our senses. Complete the chart on the following pages so that you can use them as a guide every year during Holy Week. These services are full of information, so each year you may learn something new. Also, please note that these are the services that are served specifically for Holy Week, but parishes may do something slightly different based on the guidance of their priest and bishop.



The Services of Holy Week

Icon	Service	How we experience it
 <p>RAISING OF LAZARUS</p> <p>This icon depicts Jesus standing on the left, gesturing towards Lazarus who is lying on a stone slab on the right. Lazarus is wrapped in bandages. Other figures are visible in the background.</p>	<p>Lazarus Saturday-</p> <p>On this day, Divine Liturgy is served. We remember Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, foreshadowing His resurrection in just a few days.</p>	
 <p>ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM IC XC</p> <p>This icon shows Jesus riding a donkey towards the right, with a crowd of people following. A city with towers is visible in the background.</p>	<p>Palm Sunday-</p> <p>During the Divine Liturgy, we remember Jesus arriving in Jerusalem. While the Jews were preparing for the Passover celebration, Jesus we are preparing for His glorious Resurrection.</p>	

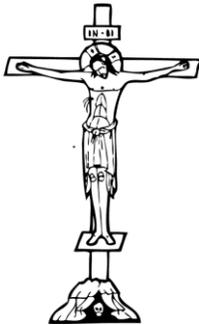
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 <p>An icon of Christ the Bridegroom. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing a crown of thorns and a white robe. He has a halo with a cross and the Greek letters IC XC. The background is dark.</p>	<p>Bridegroom Matins-</p> <p>This service is held three times, during the evenings of Holy Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Even though Matins are normally held in the morning, Holy Week is not like any other time.</p>	
 <p>An icon of Holy Unction. It shows a priest in a dark robe performing the rite on a man lying in bed. Other figures are visible in the background.</p>	<p>Holy Unction-</p> <p>The Sacrament of Holy Unction is a service for healing and strength. Although this service can be done any time of the year, it is usually celebrated in the evening on Holy Wednesday.</p>	



Holy Thursday-
Commemoration of the
Mystical Supper-

A Vesperal Divine Liturgy is served on Thursday morning. During this service we remember the first Eucharist, or Communion that took place shortly before Christ's crucifixion.

Icon



Service

The Twelve Passion Gospels-
Matins of Great & Holy Friday-

This service is held on the evening of Holy Thursday. We relive the betrayal, trial, crucifixion, and burial of Jesus.

How we experience it



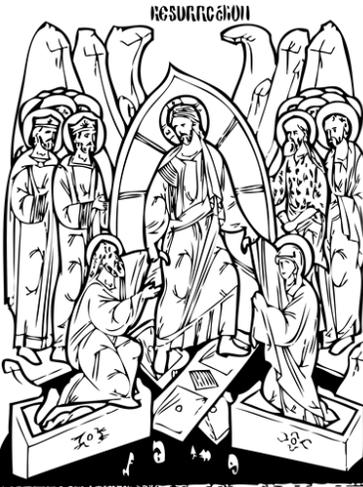
The Royal Hours of Great and Holy Friday-

This service is held in the morning on Holy Friday. Hymns and readings give us more details about the suffering of Jesus and the connection between Him and the Old Testament prophecy.



Great Vespers of Great and Holy Friday- Taking Down the Body of Jesus From the Holy Cross

Vespers are held in the afternoon on Holy Friday. We remember Joseph of Arimathea and those who took Jesus' body down from the Cross and buried it.

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 <p>An icon depicting the Entombment of Christ. Jesus' body is being placed into a stone-rolled tomb. Several figures, including the Virgin Mary and other women, are shown in mourning. A cross stands in the background.</p>	<p>Matins of Holy Saturday- The Lamentation Service</p> <p>This service occurs in the evening on Holy Friday. We sing hymns that are both sorrowful for Jesus's suffering and hopeful because we know the Resurrection is near.</p>	
 <p>An icon titled "RESURRECTION" depicting Christ's victory over death. Christ is shown standing in a central archway, with his feet on a globe. He is surrounded by figures, including the three Marys and other saints, who are shown in various states of awe and prayer. The scene is set against a background of stylized, jagged mountains.</p>	<p>Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great- Christ's Victory Over Death & Harrowing of Hades</p> <p>On Holy Saturday, this special service is held. Jesus went into Hades and broke open the gates, freeing all the dead!</p>	

