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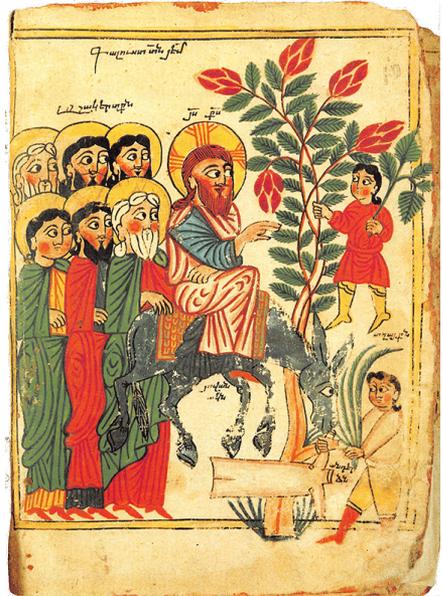
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Seventh Sunday of the Great Resurrection Feast “Second Palm Sunday”

The people of the heavens were astonished to see you sitting on a chariot of fire. They said in horror, “Who is this, that He should come to Edom and come in the Glory of Glories?” Glory be to You, Lord!

Armenian Divine Liturgy

Today is the Sunday after Holy Ascension and before the Coming of the Holy Spirit. It is called the Second Palm Sunday because it is the perfection of seven weeks from the first Palm Sunday. What the sabbath day is to every week, this Feast is to the Palm Sunday. In God's Word, **seven represents the perfect time-period**, as in the seven days of creation (and we are still being created). At the end of every seven-day period, God wants us to have a death and rebirth (ՇԱԲԱԹ, שבת), in order to reflect, pause, restore, re-evaluate, change, and grow—in faith and love, towards Him and towards each other.



In reflecting on the completion of seven weeks since Palm Sunday, today's hymns depict Christ's triumphal entry into earthly Jerusalem as well as his triumphal entry **into the upper Jerusalem, the heavens**. The heavenly beings rejoiced at his entry because Christ physically came to them. On the flip-side, he physically left us. However, as he

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մտանէ փառօր ի փառս»: Տէր, փառք Քեզ:*

promised (John 14:23–26), God the Father sent us the Holy Spirit, to be our Teacher, Comforter, Counselor (John 14:26), our intercessor (Romans 8:26), our source of Holiness (1 Corinthians 6:11), our Guide to Truth (1 John 4:1–6), our source of Wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:6–11), and our Helper in need (Luke 12:8–12).

So in a way, if you read John 14:23–26 again, the Second Palm Sunday anticipates the **Coming of the Holy Spirit**, which we await with great anticipation one Sunday from now, and that will be the **perfection of the seventh week of the Holy Resurrection of Christ!**

To Him be the glory, now and forever. Amen!

Asdvadzashoonch (Breath of God)

An Ode of Ascents (Psalm 129)

1 Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord;

2 O Lord, hear my voice; Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplication.

3 If You, O Lord, should mark transgression, O Lord, who would stand?

4 For there is forgiveness with You.

5 Because of Your law, O Lord, I waited for You; My soul waited for Your word.

6 My soul hopes in the Lord, From the morning watch until night; From the morning watch until night, Let Israel hope in the Lord.

7 For with the Lord there is mercy, And with Him is abundant redemption;

8 And He shall redeem Israel From all his transgressions.

Acts of the Apostles (12)

12 And when it was day, some of the Jews banded together and bound themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

13 Now there were more than forty who had formed this conspiracy.

14 They came to the chief priests and elders, and said, “We have bound ourselves under a great oath that we will eat nothing until we have killed Paul.

A Psalm for the End, for the sons of Korah (46)

6 God ascended with a shout, The Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

7 Sing praises to God; sing praises; Sing praises to our King; sing praises;

8 For God is King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding.

9 God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

10 The rulers of the people gather together With the God of Abraham, For God's mighty ones of the earth are greatly exalted.

A reading from the first universal epistle of John (5)

13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask

anything according to His will, He hears us.

15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that.

17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.

18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

Psalm (23)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Lift up your gates, princes. Let the eternal gates be lifted up, and let the King of Glory enter!

**The Gospel of Jesus Christ
According to John (12)**

12 The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming

to Jerusalem,

13 took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: **“Hosanna! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ The King of Israel!”**

14 Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

15 “Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey’s colt.”

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

17 Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness.

18 For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, “You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!”

20 Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast.

21 Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”

22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

23 But Jesus answered them, saying, **“The hour has come that the Son of Man be glorified.”** ☉



Hokehankist

- 1. **Catherine Sarkessian**
Daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter. 47th anniversary.
- 2. **Helen Mary Jacobs**
Sister, aunt. 53 anniversary.
Requested by Janet Der Arahamian and Family.
- 3. **Kanare Babayan** *2nd anniversary*
Requested by David and Rita Bagdasarian.

May

- 16 Su: Second Palm Sunday
- 23 Su: 50th day. Holy Spirit**
- 24–28 M–F: Apostles' Fast
- 30 Su: Octave of the Holy Spirit**
ANOUSHAVAN SRPAZAN WILL BE HERE
- 31 Mo: Sts. Hripsimants

June

- 1 Tu: Sts. Gayanants
- 2 We: Fast (Bahk)
- 3 Th: St. Hovhannes Mgrdich Garabed
- 4 Fr: Fast (Bahk)
- 5 Sa: St. Gregory ascent from Pit
- 6 Su: 2nd Sun after 8-ve of HS**
- 12 Sa: Sts. Nerses & Khat (*Խաղ*)
- 13 Su: 3rd Sun after 8-ve of HS**
- 14–18 M–F: Fast of St. Gregory
- 15 Tu: Sts. Constantine & Helen
- 19 Sa: St. Gregory Relics
- 20 Su: 4th Sun after 8-ve of HS**
- 22 Tu: Sts. Daniel, Setrak, Misak, Abednego
- 24 Th: Sts. Sahag & Mesrob
- 26 Sa: Sts. Drtad & Ashken

Fasting

During the 50 days of Resurrection, we have not been fasting. Fasting resumes May 24–28 with the **Fast of the Apostles** and every Wed. and Fri. thereafter. About half the days of the year are fasting days for our Church.

Choir

The Choir meets Thursdays 6pm.

Meet Your Der Hayr

Der Hayr is available, gratis, for confession, visitation, and house blessing.

Memory Verse

“The Spirit Himself makes intercession for us” (Romans 8:26).

Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

We may receive the Holy Spirit (Ezekiel 36) through:

- 1. The Mysteries
- 2. Prayers
- 3. Reading the Word of God

Fruit of the Holy Spirit

The fruit of the Holy Spirit is (Galatians 5):

- 1. Love
- 2. Joy
- 3. Peace
- 4. Patience
- 5. Kindness
- 6. Goodness
- 7. Faithfulness
- 8. Gentleness
- 9. Self-control

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Սիրտ սուրբ Հաստեա յիս, Աստուած, եւ Հոգի ուղիղ նորոգեա ի փորի ինում: Մի՛ ընկենուր զիս, Տէր յերեսաց քոց, եւ զՀոգի Սուրբ քո մի՛ Հաներ յինէն: [Սաղ Ծ]

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.” [Psalm 50]