

Palm Sunday

For Palm Sunday, from a sermon by St. Andrew of Crete.

Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches, or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at his coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us.

... So let us spread before his feet, not garments or soul-less olive branches, which delight the eyes for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him.

Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches.