

Sunday Reflections

THE DRYING OUT Our Liturgy today reminds us of that special day when Our Lord entered triumphantly into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. The people cut branches from the trees to lay on the path over which Jesus rode. Some of those branches were Palm Branches; hence today's name and entrance celebrations.

If you notice, the palm branches or palm fronds are very soft and supple when they are fresh. But very soon after being cut, they begin to dry out. They become stiff, hard, and they even can pierce the skin if we are not careful. Afterwards they become fuel for the fire, and the remaining ash is used for the people on Ash Wednesday. They have a noble and beautiful beginning but a fiery end.

I think it behooves us to take special care of our souls, our spiritual life. Otherwise, like the palms, they will dry out becoming hard and sere. Our soul will be in danger of being thrown into the fire. And we progress from giving praise to Our Lord to going into everlasting separation from Him. Use this remaining week of Lent to allow Christ to soften our heart and make it fresh and supple again.

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