

## *Holy Week Reflections*

### **Holy Week: Monday**

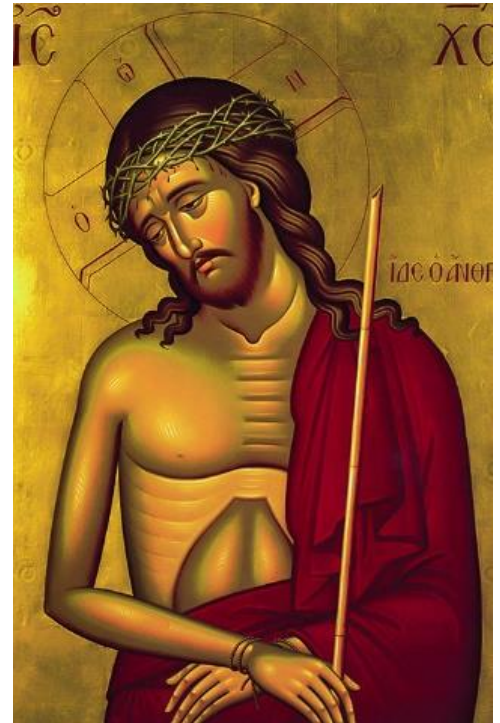
During these first three days of Holy Week, we reflect on Jesus as the “Bridegroom” — the Spouse of the Bride (the Church). He is coming to lay down His life for His Bride.

- **Holy Monday** announces the coming again of the Son of Man, at the end of time. We are asked to contemplate this future event as no one knows when it will occur (be ready!).

- **Bridegroom prayer**

Behold, the Bridegroom is coming in the middle of the night.  
Blessed is the servant he shall find awake  
But the one he shall find neglectful will not be worthy of him.  
Beware, therefore, O my soul! Do not fall into a deep slumber, lest you be delivered to death and the door of the Kingdom be closed to you. Watch instead and cry out: Holy, Holy, Holy are you, O God.  
Through the intercession of the Theotokos, have mercy on us.

Holy Monday Icon: <https://www.goarch.org/bridegroom>



Family Idea: Print an icon of Christ the Bridegroom (see image on this page) and place it in your icon corner for these three days.

- **If you wish, additional readings:**

- Morning:
  - Matthew 21:18-43
- Evening:
  - Exodus 1:1-20,
  - Job 1:1-12,
  - Matthew 24:3-35