

SUNDAY 27th MARCH 2022

Third Sunday of Great Lent ♦ The Veneration of the Cross

HOURS

At both Hours

Troparia: Resurrection; Glory ... The Cross; Both now ... From the Horologion

Kontakion: The Cross

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

After the Dismissal of the Hours the Priest sings: “Glory to Thee, Who hast shown us the Light” and the Choir sings the **Great Doxology**.

At the end of the Great Doxology, “Holy God ...” onwards is sung **very slowly**. Preceded by candles and the censer, the Holy Cross is brought in procession through the North Door of the Altar and around the Church as in the Great Entrance, while the choir sings “Holy God ...” etc. When the procession reaches the Ambon, the priest raises the Cross and sings “Wisdom! Let us attend!”

The Troparion “**O Lord save Thy people ...**” (Green Book page 30) is sung three times while the priest places the Cross on the analogion and censes it from the four sides.

The priest sings “**Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship ...**” (Sheet) and makes two prostrations before the Holy Cross, kisses it, then makes a third prostration.

The choir repeats “**Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship ...**” twice more, followed by the stichera “**Come, ye faithful ...**” etc. (Lenten Triodion page 348ff) while all venerate the Holy Cross in the same way.

DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT BASIL

TYPICAL PSALMS AND BEATITUDES

ENTRANCE HYMN

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

TROPARIA AND KONTAKION

Tone 7	Troparion of the Resurrection	Green Book page 14
Tone 1	Troparion of the Holy Cross NB: We sing “... by the power of Thy Cross ...” Glory ... Both now ...	Green Book page 30
Tone 7	Kontakion of the Holy Cross	Sheet

INSTEAD OF THE TRISAGION

“Before Thy Cross ...”	Sheet
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PROKEIMENON in the Sixth Tone

O Lord, save Thy people * and bless Thine inheritance!

v: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

EPISTLE: Hebrews 4:14-5:6

ALLELUIA

v: Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old!

v: God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth!

GOSPEL: Mark 8:34-9:1

ZADOSTOYNIK

“All of creation rejoices in Thee ...”

Green Book page 119 **OR** Folder

COMMUNION HYMN

The light of Thy countenance is marked upon us, O Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

AFTER COMMUNION

Instead of “We have seen the true Light ...”

Troparion of the Holy Cross