Divine Liturgy, March 15, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
Veneration of the Holy Cross

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 7

You have destroyed Death by your cross; you opened paradise to the thief.
The sorrow of the myrrh-bearers you turned to joy. You commanded your apostles to proclaim: Christ our God, you have risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Troparion of the Cross - Tone 1

Save your people, O Lord, and bless your inheritance. Grant victory to your Church over evil, and protect your people by your cross.

Cantor

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion of the Cross - Tone 7

No longer does the flaming sword guard the gates of Eden, for the tree of the cross has come to quench it wondrously. The sting of death and the victory of Hades have been driven out. For you, O my Savior, stood and called out to those in Hades: Enter again into paradise.

Instead of "Holy God", the following is sung: (music on pages 32-33)

We bow to your cross, O Lord, and we glorify your holy resurrection. (Three times)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.
And we glorify your holy resurrection.
We bow to your cross, O Lord, and we glorify your holy resurrection.

Prokeimenon of the Cross – Tone 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):

Save your people, O Lord, and bless your inheritance, and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.
Alleluia of the Cross - *Tone 8* (Psalm 73:2,12):

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*Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

**Verse:** Remember your flock which you acquired long ago.

**Verse:** God is our King from all ages. He has accomplished salvation in the middle of the earth.

*Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”:

**Magnification:** *(music found on pages 98 / 102)*

In you, O Woman Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angels in their ranks and the human race. Sanctified Temple and Rational Paradise, Boast of Virgins from whom our God took flesh and became a child while remaining God from before all time. He made your womb a throne, setting it apart, a room more spacious than the heavens. In you, O Woman Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory to you!

**Communion Hymn of the Cross** *(Psalm 4:7):*

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*We have been signed, O Lord, with the light of your face.*

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*Refrain*

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*Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*