

Divine Liturgy, March 8, 2026  
THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST  
Veneration of the Holy Cross

Troparion of the Resurrection - *Tone 6*

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An - gel - ic pow - ers ap - peared at your tomb, and the guards be - came like dead men. Mar - y stood at the tomb seeking your most pure bod - y. You de - spoiled Ha - des with - out a chal - lenge. You, the Giv - er of Life met the Vir - gin. O Lord, ris - en from the dead, glo - - - ry to you!

Troparion of the Cross - *Tone 1*

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Save your peo - ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance. Grant vic - to - ry to your Church o - ver e - vil, and pro - tect your peo - ple by your cross.

*Cantor*

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,

now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

**Kontakion of the Cross - Tone 7**

No long - er does the flaming sword guard the gates of E - den, for the tree of the cross has come to quench it won - drous - ly. The sting of death and the victory of Hades have been driv - en out. For you, O my Savior, stood and called out to those in Ha - des: En - ter a - gain in - to par - a - dise.

*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):**

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Save your peo - ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance, and bless your in - her - i - tance.

**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):**



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