

SERVICES OF THE CROSS

3rd Sunday of Great Lent* – Adoration of the Cross

August 1* – Procession of the Cross

September 14** – Elevation of the Cross

All services are to begin after the end of the Great Doxology. However, at Christ the Savior, we typically do as follows:

* - begins after the end of the Great Doxology

** - begins after “Blessed be the name of the Lord...” prior to the end of the Divine Liturgy

All: (continue till PR completes 3x around table)

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Ho - ly God, Ho - ly Migh - ty

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal have mer - cy on us. *Fine*

Priest: Wisdom. Stand upright.

All (3x): (normally Clergy (1x), All (2x))

Apolytikion of the Cross

Tone 1

O Lord, save thy peo - ple and bless thine in - her - i - tance, grant - ing to thy

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All (3x): (normally Clergy (1x), All (2x))

Be-fore thy cross, we bow down in wor - ship, O Mas - ter,
and thy Ho - ly Re-ssu-re - ction we glo - ri - fy.

Idiomela of the Cross – Tone 2

Reader: (at a speed to finish after the last person venerates)

Come, O ye faithful, let us worship the life-creating Wood, whereon Christ, the King of Glory, stretching out His hands of His own will, lifted up to the ancient blessedness us whom the enemy had aforesaid despoiled through pleasure, making us exiles from God. Come, O ye faithful, let us worship that Wood whereby we have been deemed worthy to crush the heads of our invisible enemies. Come, all ye kindreds of the nations, with hymns let us honor the Cross of the Lord. Rejoice, O Cross, thou perfect redemption of fallen Adam. In thee do our most faithful sovereigns boast, since by thy power they have mightily subjected to themselves the Ishmaelite peoples. As we Christians now venerate thee with fear, we glorify God, Who was affixed to thee, and we say: O Lord, Who wast nailed to the Cross, have mercy on us, since Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.
(cadence)

Reader: (sing apolytikion appointed for the end of the Great Doxology)

September 14 – Elevation of the Cross

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to thy great mercy, we pray thee, hearken and have mercy.

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (100x)

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Priest: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (100x)

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Priest: Again we pray for our father and Metropolitan N., (and for our Archbishop N. or Bishop N.) and all our brotherhood in Christ.

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (100x)

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Priest: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation and pardon and forgiveness of sins for the servants of God, the parishioners, members of the parish council and organizations, donors and benefactors of this holy temple.

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (100x)

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Priest: Again we pray for the souls of all Orthodox Christians, their health, salvation and forgiveness of their sins.

But if a bishop is present, he says, from his throne, the following as the fifth petition:

Bishop: Again we pray for those who serve this holy Church of Christ and the souls of all Orthodox Christians, their health, salvation and forgiveness of their sins.

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (100x)



KONTAKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE FOUR

(**Thou Who wast raised up**)

Reader: (normally Priest or Bishop)

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross,
O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is
called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully
govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries,
having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

If the Bishop is present, the choir chants “Many years, master,” as he blesses:

Pre - serve, O Lord, our mas - ter and chief priest,
and grant him ma - ny years. Ma - ny years to thee, mas -
ter. Ma - ny years to thee, mas - ter. Ma - ny years un - to
thee, O mas - ter.

All (3x):

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and thy Ho - ly Re-ssu-re - ction we glo - ri - fy.

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All (1x):

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