

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

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 6

DL 152

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,



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):

We have been signed, O Lord, with the light of your face.
We have been signed, O Lord, with the light of your face.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!