

## Third Sunday of the Great Fast: Cross Veneration Sunday

All page references are to *The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*Beginning Prayers, p. 1*


*Psalm 103, p. 2 (chant) or p. 6 (melodic)*

*Litany of Peace, p. 8*

*First Kathisma, p. 10*


*Lamplighting Psalms and stichera 10-5 in the Tone of the Week*

*Cantor (on 4)*



Let the watchman count on day - break and Is - rael on the Lord.

*Tone 5 podoben: Radujsja, živosnyj Kreste*



Shine bright - ly, O life-giving Cross of the Lord! The rays of your grace




en-light - en the hearts of those who ven - erate and pious-ly em - brace you.



Through you, the tears of our eyes have been dried up, we have been delivered



from the snares of Ha - des, and we have a share in e - ter - nal joy.



Show us the splen - dor of your beau - ty; grant your gifts and blessings to the

faith-ful who pray with faith for your pro-tec-tion and great mer-cy.

*Cantor (on 3)*

Be-cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion. Is-rael indeed he

will re-deem from all its in-i-qui-ty.

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Re-joice, O life-giving Cross of the Lord! Par-a-dise of the Church

and new Tree of Life! who bring us the joy of un-end-ing glo-ry.

Through you, the hosts of de-mons are driv-en back; in you, the an-gels

in heav-en re-joice; and for you, the assemblies of believers are now keep-ing

the feast. O in-vin-ci-ble weap-on and impene-tra-ble strong-hold,

pride of bish-ops and scep-ter of kings, grant that we may now contem-plate

the Pas - sion of Christ, and his ho - ly Res - ur - rec - tion.

*Cantor (on 2)*

Praise the Lord, all you na tions, ac - claim him, all you peo - ples!

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Re - joice, O life-giving Cross of the Lord! in - vin - ci - ble em - blem

of faith, gate of Par - a - dise, rampart of the Church and consolation of be - liev - ers.

Through you, the pow - er of death was a - bol - - - ished, the an - cient

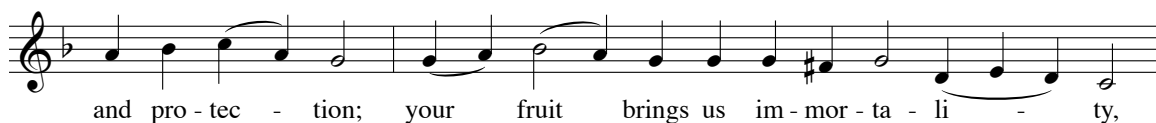
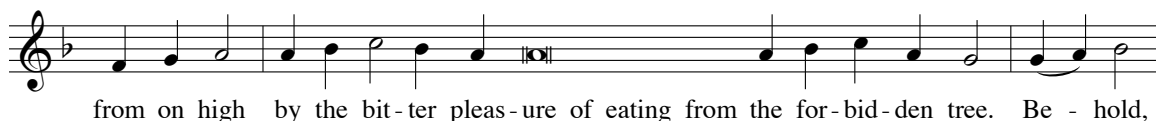
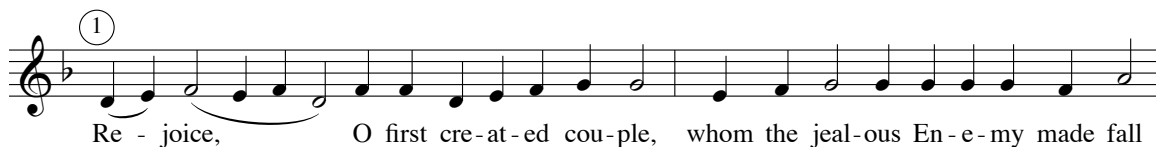
curse dis - ap - peared, and we are lifted up from earth to heav - en.

O in - vin - ci - ble weap - on that dis - pels de - mons, har - bor of sal - vation and

glo - ry of mar - tyrs, pre - cious a - dorn - ment of the just and ho - ly ones,

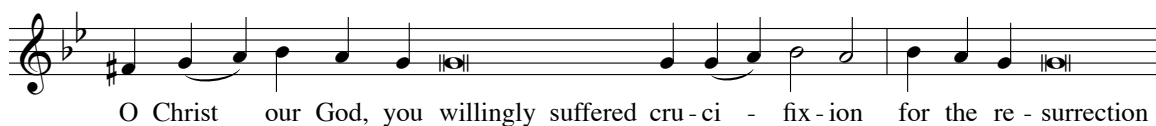
you bring to the world great mer - - - cy.

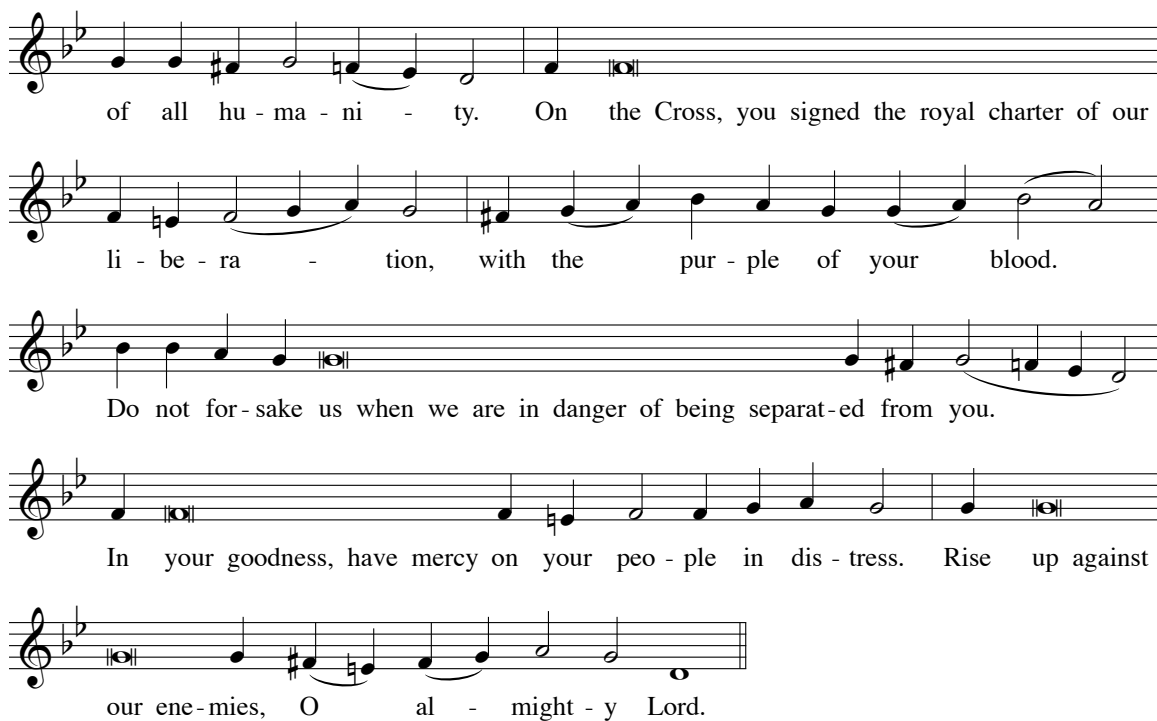
*Cantor (on 1)*



**Cantor:** (Tone 3) Glory...

**Doxastikon - Tone 3 samohlasen**





of all hu - ma - ni - ty. On the Cross, you signed the royal charter of our  
 li - be - ra - tion, with the pur - ple of your blood.  
 Do not for - sake us when we are in danger of being separat - ed from you.  
 In your goodness, have mercy on your peo - ple in dis - tress. Rise up against  
 our ene - mies, O al - might - y Lord.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week*

*Hymn of the Evening, p. 12*

*Saturday Prokeimenon, p. 13*

*Litany of Fervent Supplication, p. 13*

*Hymn of Glorification, p. 14*

*Litany of Supplication, p. 16*

*Apostichera in the Tone of the Week*

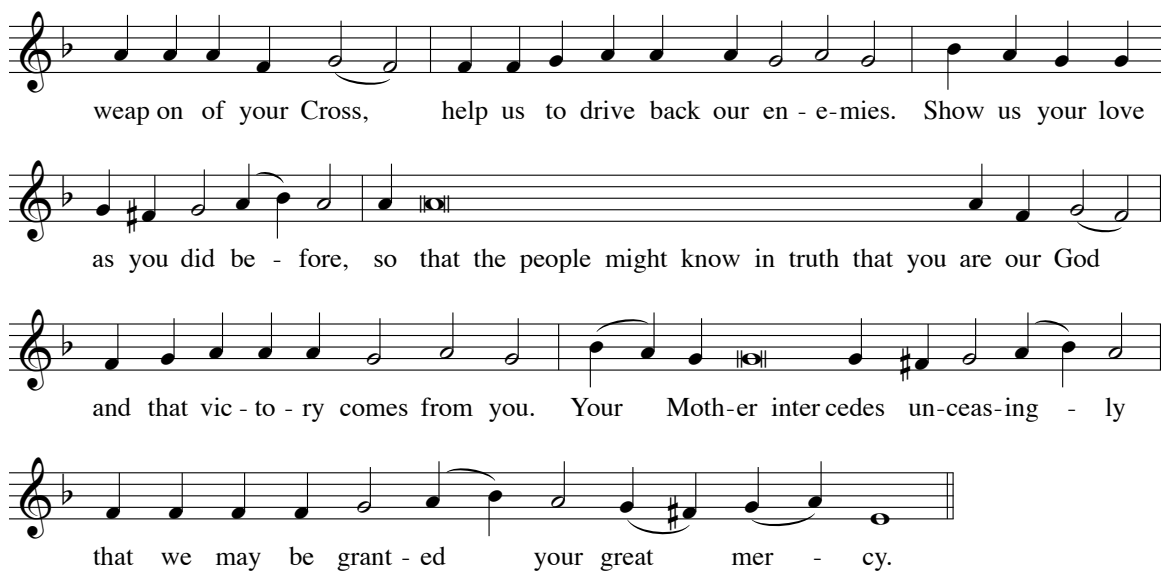
**Cantor** (Tone 4) Glory...

**Aposticha Doxastikon**

*Tone 4*



O Lord, you assisted David in bat - tle to o - vercome the god less; with the



weap on of your Cross, help us to drive back our en - e-mies. Show us your love  
as you did be - fore, so that the people might know in truth that you are our God  
and that vic - to - ry comes from you. Your Moth-er inter cedes un-ceas-ing - ly  
that we may be grant - ed your great mer - cy.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Aposticha Theotokion, Tone 4, p. 67*

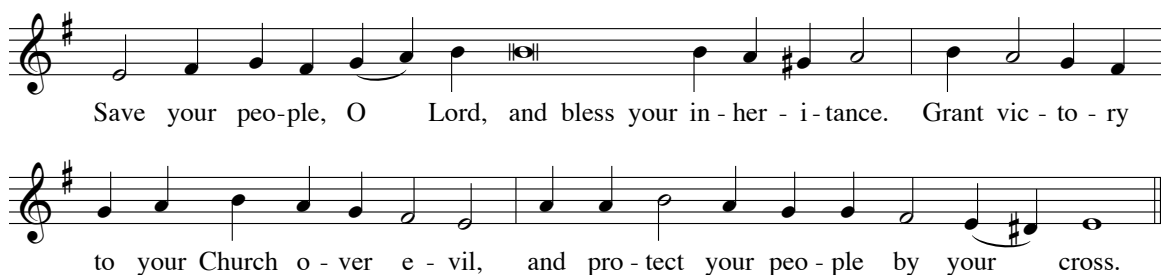
*Prayer of St. Simeon, p. 19*

*Trisagion Prayers, p. 19*

*Troparion in the Tone of the Week*

**Troparion of Cross-Veneration Sunday**

*Tone 1*



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.

*Glory...now and ever...*

*Festal Theotokion, Tone 1, p 32*

*Dismissal, p 21*