


**Vesper Propers for the  
Third Sunday of the Great Fast  
Veneration of the Holy Cross**

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*


*Lamplighting Psalms in the tone of the week, stichera 10-5.*

*Cantor (on 4)*



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

**Stichera of the Veneration of the Cross - 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.



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 in the same tone (Tone 4, p. 67)*

### Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the tone of the week*

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Glory...

**Troparion of the Holy Cross - 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-ject your peo-ple by your cross.

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

*Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 1, p. 32)*

*Cantor (on 2)*

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

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for-ev-er.

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Re-joice, O first cre-at-ed cou-ple, whom the jeal-ous En-e-my made fall

from on high by the bit-ter pleas-ure of eating from the for-bid-den tree. Be-hold,

the new Tree of Life draws near. Has-ten to em-brace it in joy,

and let your cry of faith rise up: O pre-cious Cross, you are our help

and pro-tec-tion; your fruit brings us im-mor-ta-li-ty,

the prom-ise of Para-dise and great mer-cy.

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

**Doxastikon - Tone 3 samohlasen**

O Christ our God, you will-ingly suffered cru-ci-fix-ion for the re-surrection

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 sep-a-ra-ted 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:** *(Tone of the week) Now and ever...*

*Dogmatikon in the tone of the week*

### **Aposticha**

*Aposticha in the tone of the week, concluding with:*

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

**Aposticha doxastikon - Tone 4**

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

weap-on of your Cross, help us to drive back our en-e-mies. Show us your love