

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent

Adoration of the Precious Cross

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

**Troparion:** *Resurrectional in the tone of the week.*

**Troparion of the Cross (tone 1):** O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, grant Orthodox Christians victories over their enemies, and by Thy Cross preserve Thy commonwealth.

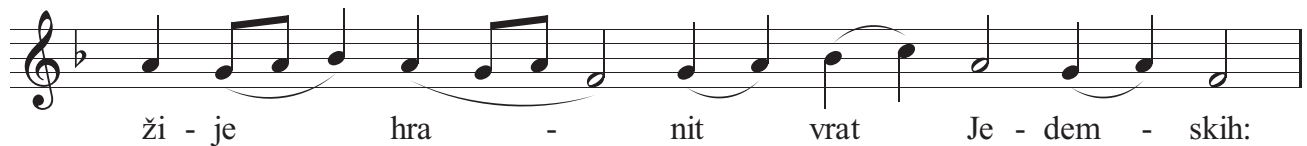
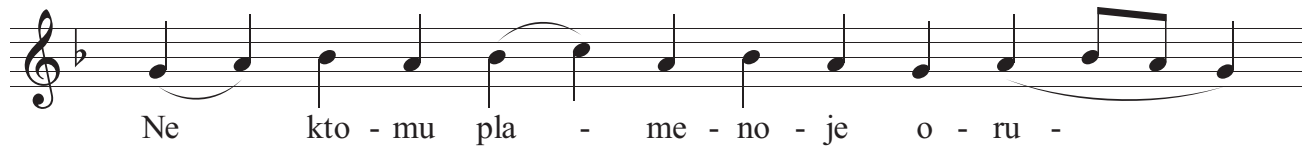
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Spa - si Go - spo - di lju - di tvo - ja,  
i bla - go - slo - vi do - sto - ja - ni - je  
tvo - je, po - bje - di vsjem pra - vo - slav - nim  
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Kre - stom tvo - jim ži - telj - stvo.

Followed by, **Glory ... Both now and ever ... and the Kontakion of the Cross (tone 7):** The fiery sword no longer guards the gate of Eden, for in a strange and glorious way the wood of the Cross has quenched its flames. The sting of death and the victory of hell are now destroyed, for Thou art come, O my Saviour, crying unto those in hell: "Return again to Paradise."



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Instead of the **Trisagion (Svjatij Bože)**, we sing: We venerate Thy Cross, O Master: and we glorify Thy holy Resurrection (*thrice*). Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen. And we glorify Thy holy Resurrection. We venerate Thy Cross, O Master: and we glorify Thy holy Resurrection.

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*3 times*

Kre - stu tvo - je - mu po - kla - nja -  
 jem - sja, Vla - di - ko,  
 i svja - to - je vo - skre - se - ni - je  
 tvo - je sla - vim. *Fine*  
 Sla - va Ot - cu i Si - nu i  
 Svja - to - mu Du - hu,  
 i ni - nje i pri - sno i vo vje -  
 ki vje - kov, a - min.

I svja - to - je vos - kre - se - ni - je  
tvo - je sla - vim. *D.C. al Fine*

**Prokeimenon of the Epistle (tone 6):** O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance (*Ps 28:9*).  
Verse: Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry; O my God, be not silent unto me (*Ps 28:1*).

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go - slo - vi do - sto - ja - ni - je tvo - je.

## Epistle

### The reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews

(*Heb 4:14 - 5:6*)

Brethren, seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed into the Heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast to our profession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins; who can have compassion on the ignorant and on those who are outside of the Way, since he himself is also encompassed by infirmity. And by reason hereof, he ought, both for the people and also for himself, to make offering for sins. And no man taketh this honour unto himself, except he that is called by God, as was Aaron. So also Christ glorified not Himself to be made a high priest, but He that said unto Him, "Thou art My Son; today have I begotten Thee." And He saith also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."

**Alleluia (tone 2)**

*Verse 1:* Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning. (Ps 74:2)

*Verse 2:* God is our King before the ages, working salvation in the midst of the earth (Ps 74:12).

**Canon of the Eucharist:** *At the liturgy of St. Basil, the following are to be sung very slowly (or according to special melodies), to accommodate the longer silent prayers of this Liturgy: Svjat, Svjat, Svjat; the Amins immediately following; and Tebe Pojem.*

**Irmos:** *Instead of Dostojno jest, we sing (tone 1):* In thee, O Full of Grace, all creation - both the company of angels and the race of men - doth rejoice. O hallowed temple and spiritual paradise, boast of virgins: from thee God was incarnate, and became a child, He, our God, Who existed before the ages; for He made thy womb a throne, and He made thee more spacious than the heavens. In thee, O Full of Grace, all creation doth rejoice. Glory be to thee.

O te - bje ra - du - jet - sja, bla - go - dat - na - ja,

vsja - ka - ja tvar, an - gel - skij so - bor,

i če - lo - vje - če - skij rod, o - svja - šče - nij

hra - me i ra - ju slo - ves - nij:

djev - stve - na - ja po - hva - lo, iz nje - ja -

že Bog vo - plo - ti - sja, i mla - de -

nec bist, pre - žde vjek sij Bog naš:

lo - že - sna bo tvo - ja pre - stol so - tvo - ri,

i čre - vo tvo - je pro - stra - nje - je ne - bes so - dje - la.

O te - bje ra - du - jet - sja, bla - go - dat -

na - ja vsja - ka - ja tvar, sla -

- va te - bje.

After **I vsjeh i vsja** we sing the troparion to *St. Basil the Great*: Let us all honour the great Basil who is Christ's heaven-sent messenger, instructed by the Master, the shining light from the lands of Cappadocia in Caesarea.

Ne - bo - ja - vlje - na - go Hri - sto - va taj - ni - ka,  
 vla - di - čnja svje - til - ni - ka pre - svje - tla,  
 i - že ot Ke - sa - ri ka - pa - do - kij - ski - ja stra - ni,  
 Va - si - li - ja Ve - li - ka  
 go, vsi da vos - hva - lim.

**Communion hymn:** The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, is marked upon us. Alleluia (*Ps 4:6*).

*Verses: Ps 4:7-8*