



SUNDAY OF THE VENERATION OF THE PRECIOUS CROSS - Tone 7

According to the Patristic Orthodox Eortologion..

READER AND CHOIR CUES: 26 February/11 March 2018

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 (§311)

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1 (§37)

Third Sunday of Great Lent. Veneration of the Precious Cross. St.  
Porphyrius, Archbishop of Gaza. Martyrs Sebastian and Christodulus.  
New-martyr John Calphus. Venerable Sebastian of Poshekhonye.  
New-Hieromartyr John, Bishop of Ryl'sk (1938).

HOURS

At all Hours:

Resurrectional Troparion

Glory...

Troparion of the Cross

Both now...

Theotokion from the Horologion

Kontakion of the Cross

## DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

Third Antiphon (Beatitudes): 10: 6 from the Octoechos; 4 from Ode 6 of the Triodion Canon

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, \* when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, \* for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn, \* for they shall be comforted.

1. Blessed are the meek, \* for they shall inherit the earth.

The fruit which slew me was beautiful and good to eat; but Christ is the Tree of life, and eating of Him I do not die, but cry out with the thief: Remember me, O Lord, in Thy kingdom!

2. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, \* for they shall be filled.

O Compassionate One, Who wast lifted up upon the Cross, Thou hast erased the record of Adam's ancient sin, and hast saved the whole human race from deception. Wherefore, we hymn Thee, O Lord and Benefactor.

3. Blessed are the merciful, \* for they shall obtain mercy.

Thou didst nail our sins to the Cross, O compassionate Christ, and by

Thy death Thou didst slay death, O Thou who didst raise up the dead from among the dead. Wherefore, we worship Thy holy resurrection.

4. Blessed are the pure in heart, \* for they shall see God.

The serpent once poured its venom into the ears of Eve; but on the tree of the Cross, Christ poured forth the sweetness of life upon the world. Wherefore, we cry out: Remember us, O Lord, in Thy kingdom!

5. Blessed are the peacemakers, \* for they shall be called the sons of God.

Thou wast laid in the tomb as one dead, O Christ, Thou Life of all; and Thou didst break down the gates of hades; and having risen again in glory on the third day as One mighty, Thou hast illumined all. Glory to Thine arising!

6. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, \* for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Having risen from the dead on the third day, the Lord bestowed His peace upon His disciples; and having blessed them, He sent them forth saying: Lead all into My kingdom!

7. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, \* and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Thou hast crushed death, O Christ, and risen as a mighty King; Thou

hast recalled us from the depths of hell and brought us to the land of immortality, granting us the joy of the Kingdom of Heaven.

8. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad, \* for great is your reward in the heavens.

O ye faithful, let us cry aloud with joy and sing triumphantly to God, as we greet the Cross of the Lord; for it is a fountain of holiness to all those in the world.

9. Glory to the Father, \* and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The words of the Psalmist are fulfilled: for see, we bow before the footstool of Thy most pure feet, O Lord all-powerful, at Thy Precious Cross, the thrice-blessed Wood.

10. Both now and ever, \* and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O Ewe free from blemish, the greatest wonder of all wonders was revealed in thee: for thou hast borne the Lamb that takes away the sin of the world. Entreat Him fervently for those who sing thy praises.

#### TROPARIA AND KONTAKIA

Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 7: Thou didst destroy death by Thy Cross, / Thou didst open paradise to the thief, / Thou didst change the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers, / and Thou didst command Thine Apostles / to proclaim that Thou didst arise, O Christ God, // and

grantest to the world great mercy.

Troparion of the Cross, Tone 1: O Lord, save Thy people/ and bless  
Thine inheritance. / Grant Thou victory unto Orthodox Christians /  
over their enemies, / and by the power of Thy Cross // do Thou  
preserve Thy commonwealth.

Glory... Both now...

Kontakion of the Cross, Tone 7: No longer doth the flaming sword guard  
the gate of Eden, / for a strange extinction hath come upon it, even  
the Tree of the Cross. / The sting hath been taken from death, / and  
the victory from hades. / And Thou, my Savior, didst appear unto those  
in hades, saying: // Enter ye again into Paradise.

INSTEAD OF THE TRISAGION, WE SING:

Before Thy Cross we bow down, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection we  
glorify. (3)

Glory...Both now...

And Thy holy Resurrection we glorify.

Before Thy Cross we bow down, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify.

EPISTLE

Reader: The Prokimenon in the 6th Tone: Save, O Lord, Thy people and

bless Thine inheritance.

Choir: Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Reader: Unto Thee, O Lord, Will I cry; O my God, be not silent unto me.

Choir: Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Reader: Save, O Lord, Thy people.

Choir: And bless Thine inheritance.

Reader: The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Hebrews..

[Hebrews 4:14-5:6 (§311)]: Brethren: Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. \* For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like 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 them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. \* And by reason thereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. \* And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. \* So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. \* As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech.

ALLELUIA (PAUSE before first verse)

Reader: Alleluia in the 1st Tone.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: But God is our king before the ages, He hath wrought salvation  
in the midst of the earth.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL

[Mark 8:34-9:1 (§37)]: The Lord said to His disciples: Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. \* For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. \* For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? \* Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? \* Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. \* And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

ZADOSTOINIK

Instead of It is truly meet, we sing the Hymn to the Theotokos of the St. Basil Liturgy (Tone 8 in the Octoechos, but usually sung to one of many special melodies]:

All creation -- the assembly of angels and the race of man -- rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace, O sacred temple and noetical paradise, boast of virgins, from whom God, Who existeth from before time, was incarnate and became a child; for He made thy body a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace. Glory to thee!

#### COMMUNION VERSE

The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, hath been signed upon us.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!