

**Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross;
Leave-taking of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.**

First Antiphon: (Page 19)

O God, my God, hear me; why have You forsaken me? The words of my transgressions put salvation far from me.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

O God, I will call to You by day but You will not listen; and by night, yet it will not be foolish of me.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

But You, the praise of Israel, dwell in the holy place.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,* now and forever and ever. Amen.

Refrain: Through the prayers...

Glory be to the father... Now and forever... Only-begotten Son... **(Page 23)**

Third Antiphon: (Page 25)

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

Refrain: Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Refrain: Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

Refrain: Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Entrance: (Page 29)

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Refrain: Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Troparion, Tone 6: (Page 29)

Angelic powers were upon Your tomb* and the guards became like dead men;* Mary stood before Your tomb* seeking Your most pure body.* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.* You met the Virgin and granted life.* O Lord, risen from the dead,* glory be to You!

Troparion, Tone 1:

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.* Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies,* and protect Your community by Your cross.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 6:

With His life-giving hand* Christ our God, the Giver of life,* raised all the dead from the murky abyss* and bestowed resurrection upon humanity.* He is for all the Savior,* the resurrection and the life, and the God of all.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 4:

By Your own choice, O Christ our God,* You were lifted on the cross.* Grant Your mercies to Your new community* that bears Your Name.* By Your power gladden the faithful people,* and grant them victory against enemies.* May they have the help of Your instrument of peace,* the invincible sign of victory.

Prokeimenon, Tone 7: (Page 33)

Exalt the Lord our God,* and bow in worship at the footstool of his feet, for it is holy.
The Lord reigns, let the people tremble.

Alleluia, Tone 1: (Page 33)

verse: Remember Your congregation which You acquired from the beginning.

verse: But God is our king before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

Hymn to the Mother of God: Instead of “It is truly right...” (Page 57)

O my soul, magnify the most precious cross of the Lord.*

You are a mystical Paradise, O Mother of God*, who though untilled, have brought forth Christ.*

He has planted upon earth the life- giving Tree of the Cross.* Therefore today as we raise it on high we bow low and we magnify you.

Communion verse: (Page 67)

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.

Let the light of Your countenance, O Lord,* shine upon us.* Alleluia. **(3X)**

At the end of Liturgy we sing:

To Your Cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy Resurrection. **(3X)**