

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

*The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today.*

#### **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, now and forever and ever. Amen

#### **Kontakion, Tone 7:**

No longer does the flaming sword guard the gate of Eden;\* the tree of the Cross has quenched its flames gloriously.\* The sting of death and the victory of Hades are banished,\* and You O my Savior came and called to those in Hades: "Return again to Paradise!"

#### **Instead of Holy God, we sing: (page 31)**

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#### **Prokeimenon, Tone 6: (page 33)**

Save Your people, O Lord,\* and bless Your inheritance.

**verse:** Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

#### **Alleluia, Tone 8: (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.

#### **Instead of "It is truly right": (page 57)**

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before the ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

#### **Communion verse: (page 67)**

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

**Note:** Veneration of the precious Cross after the Divine Liturgy today and after every service until Friday.

Three full prostrations (by those who are able) with the singing of *To Your Cross, O Master ...*, are made following every service during this week.