

The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving 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...*

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

Refrain: *Through the prayers...*

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)

The Lord reigns, let the peoples tremble;* He is enthroned upon the cherubim, let the earth quake.

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.

Great is the Lord in Sion* and supreme above all peoples.

Troparion, Tone 1: Save Your people, O Lord...

Let them profess Your great name* for it is awesome and holy.

Troparion, Tone 1: Save Your people, O Lord...

Entrance: (Page 29)

Exalt the Lord our God* and bow in worship at the footstool of His feet for it is holy.

Troparion, Tone 1: (Page 29)

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 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.

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

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

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, Now and forever and ever. Amen.
And we glorify Your holy Resurrection.

† To Your Cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy Resurrection.

Prokeimenon, Tone 7: (Page 33)

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

Verse: 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.*

***Irmos*, Tone 8:**

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)

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

At the end of Divine Liturgy, Priest and faithful sing: (Page 79)

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