

TROPARIA

Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 7:

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death, to the thief Thou didst open Paradise, for the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Troparion of the Cross, Tone 1:

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation.

INSTEAD OF THE TRISAGION

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master;
and Thy holy Resurrection, we glorify. (*Thrice*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

And Thy holy Resurrection, we glorify.

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

SCRIPTURAL LESSONS

Prokeimenon

Presiding Reader: The Prokeimenon in the **Sixth** Tone:

O Lord, save thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.

Reader/People: O Lord, save thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.

Presiding Reader: Unto Thee, O Lord, will I call; O my God, be not silent unto me.

Reader/People: O Lord, save thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.

Presiding Reader: O Lord, save thy people ...

Reader/People: ... and bless Thine inheritance.

Epistle Readings:

§311, Heb. 4:14 - 5:6 (3rd Sunday of Lent)

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

Presiding Reader:

BRETHREN, HAVING a great high priest, who is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

For we have not a high priest who cannot have compassion on our infirmities; but one tempted in all things 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 those who are ignorant, and on them that are going astray; since he himself is also beset by weakness.

Because of this he is required, 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 Christ also did not glorify himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Alleluia

Presiding Reader: The Alleluia in the **Eighth** Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reader/People: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Presiding Reader: Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased of old.

Reader/People: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Presiding Reader: God is our King before the ages;

He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

Reader/People: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading:

Mark §37, 8:34 - 9:1 (3rd Sunday of Lent)

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, Amen 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.

KONTAKION

Kontakion of the Cross, Tone 4:

As Thou wast voluntarily crucified for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ our God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the Invincible Trophy, Thy Weapon of Peace.