

### **Great Lent:**

**The Third Sunday of Lent is that of the Veneration of the Holy Cross.** The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ's redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. *"He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me"* (Mt 10:38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both *"the power of God and the wisdom of God"* for those being saved (1 Cor 1:24).

The Cross is brought in a solemn procession from the sanctuary and placed in the center of the Church, where it remains for the whole week. This rite announces the approaching of the Holy Week, with its commemoration of Christ's Passion.

Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:

*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,  
both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.  
And Thy holy Resurrection we glorify.*

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and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify.*

A special veneration of the Cross takes place at the end of each service this week.

### **Venerable Hypatius the Healer of the Kiev Caves**

In our church, rest relics of the holy **Venerable Hypatius the Healer of the Kiev Caves**. The church remembers him on **March 31**. Saint Hypatius attained glory through his severe fasting and prayerful vigilance. By night he stood at prayer, slept very little, and ate only bread and water. St Hypatius devoted himself entirely to the service of the sick, and received from God the gift of healing. Those sick with various illnesses often hastened to his prayerful intercession.

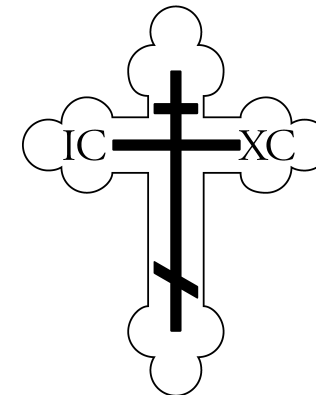
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Life Giving Cross

### **On this day the Church remembers:**

**Third Sunday Of Lent • Sunday of the Cross**

- Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica (304) • Martyr Manuel (304)
- Martyr Theodosius (3rd-4th c.)
- Venerable John the Clairvoyant, Anchorite, of Egypt (394-395)

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

(Kontakion of the Cross)

**Sunday, March 27, 2011**

**Sunday of the Cross**

3rd Sunday of Great Lent

| **Tone 3** of the Octoechos. |

Triodion week 7

**Today's Bulletin is Sponsored:****For the health of:**

**Elizabet** Bogomolova on her birthday, from her grandmother Svetlana.

**Nicholas** Zimmerman on his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday offered with love by his family.

**Readings:**

- **Hebrews 4:14-16;5:1-6**

**BRETHREN**, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

- **Mark 8:34-38; 9:1**

**The Lord said:** "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

**Sunday service:**

9:40 AM – Hours

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

Church School - 9:30 Choir practice - 9:30 Coffee hour after Liturgy

**2011 Services for Great Lent**~~Friday, March 11, 6:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts~~~~Friday, March 18 6:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts~~~~Friday, March 25, 6:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts~~**Friday, April 1, 6:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts****Friday, April 8, 6:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts****Friday, April 15, 6:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts****Saturday, April 16, 6:00 PM - Vespers - Saturday of Lazarus' Resurrection**

**We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to joins us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.**

**Announcements:**

- **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** will be served every Friday, at 6:00 pm, during Lent.
- **The next meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Theotokos will be April 3**, after coffee hour.
- **The next meeting of the Parish Council will be today**, after coffee hour.
- **Choir practice** will be held at 9:30 Sunday mornings, downstairs.
- Today and throughout Lent, there will be a **special collection after the sermon**. This collection is for **Plaschinitsa Flowers** and for Pascha basket raffle items.

**Special Announcements:**

- Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America has asked that a **special collection** be taken in all our parishes on Sundays, **March 20 and 27**. Our faithful are asked to give generously toward recovery efforts in ravaged Japan. Individual donations may also be made on-line at [www.iocc.org](http://www.iocc.org), or by calling toll free: 877-803-4622. Please be sure to indicate your gift as "*Relief for Japan.*"
- There will be **no General Confession** during Great Lent; Father can hear Confessions before any service. (Arrive early)
- **Dues and assessments** are being collected for the year 2011, **Total is \$175.** (\$30 dues, \$145 assessment) Partial payments are gladly accepted.