

Elevation of the Cross

Saturday Morning - September 14

MATINS

Great Doxology

Glory to You, Who have shown us the light. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men.

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

O Lord King, heavenly God, Father Almighty; O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and O Holy Spirit.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, You Who take away the sins of the world

Receive our prayer, You Who sit at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

For You only are holy, You only are the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever; yes, forever and ever.

Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever. Amen.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on You.

Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes.

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Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: "Be merciful unto me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."

Lord, I have fled to You; teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light.

Continue Your mercy to those who know You.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

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Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

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ProceSSIONal

The people sing "Holy God..." while the Cross is carried in the Procession from the Altar, around the Church to the table in the front of the Church.

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Troparion: Tone 1 (Byzantine) 1x Clergy, 2x People

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance, granting to the faithful vict'ry over their enemies, and by the power of Your Cross preserving Your habitation.

*All **KNEEL** as the priest elevates the Cross.*

PRIEST: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy.

Hear us we pray and have mercy.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.** 100x (English)

PRIEST: Again, we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

PEOPLE: **Kyrie eleison.** 100x (Greek)

PRIEST: Again we pray for our Father Metropolitan *Name*, and all our brotherhood in Christ.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.** 100x (English)

PRIEST: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation and pardon and forgiveness of sins for the servants of God, the parishioners, members of the parish council and organizations, donors and benefactors of this holy temple.

PEOPLE: **Yarub burham.** 100x (Arabic)

PRIEST: Again we pray for the souls of all Orthodox Christians, their health, salvation and forgiveness of their sins.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.** 100x (English)

*All **STAND** and sing the Kontakion of the Feast:*

Kontakion: Tone 4 (Carpatho-Russian)

O Lord, Who of Your own good will were lift-ed up on the Cross, O Christ our God,
7 be-stow Your generous gifts on the new na-tion which is called by Your name;
11 make glad in Your might those who law-ful-ly gov - ern;
15 that with them we may be led to vic-t'ry o-ver our en - e - mies,
19 hav-ing in Your aid a weap-on of peace and a tro - phy in - vin - ci - ble.

“Before Your Cross...” 1x Clergy, 2x People

Before Your Cross we bow down, O Master, and Your holy Resurrection we glorify. (3x)

The faithful come forward to venerate the Cross, as the reader chants, the Idiomelon, “Come, O faithful...”.

Idiomelon of the Cross: Tone 2

Come, O faithful, and let us venerate the life-giving Wood, on which Christ, the King of Glory, stretched out His hands of His own will. To the ancient blessedness He raised us up, whom the enemy had before despoiled through pleasure, making us exiles far from God. Come, O faithful, and let us venerate the Wood, through which we have been counted worthy to crush the heads of invisible enemies. Come, all you kindred of the nations, and let us honor in hymns the Cross of the Lord. Rejoice, O Cross, complete redemption of fallen Adam. With you as their boast our faithful kings laid low by your might the people of Ishmael. We Christians kiss you now with fear and awe, and glorifying God Who was nailed upon you, we cry: O Lord, Who on the Cross were crucified, have mercy on us, for You are good and love mankind.

The people then sing the Troparion of the Cross 1x while the clergy at the Altar begin the Divine Liturgy.

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

The Second Antiphon - Psalm 20 (LXX 19)

O Son of God, **Who were crucified in the flesh**, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

The Third Antiphon - Psalm 21 (LXX 20)

Sing Troparion with verse by cantor (3x)

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O Lord, save Your peo - ple and bless Your in - her-i-tance, grant-ing to the
6
faith - ful vic-t'ry o - ver their en - e - mies, and by the pow - er
11
of Your Cross, pre - ser - ving Your hab-i - ta - tion.

Entrance Hymn

Verse: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool, for He is holy.

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Anti-Trisagion

“Before Your Cross...”

Before Your Cross we bow down, O Master, and Your holy Resurrection we glorify. (3x) Glory to the...And Your holy Resurrection we glorify. (repeat 1x)

Prokeimenon - Psalm 99 (LXX 98)

Exalt the Lord our God and bow down before His footstool, for He is holy.

Verse: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; let the earth be moved.

Verse: The Lord is great in Zion, and He is high above all the peoples. Let them praise Your great and awesome name, for He is holy.

Verse: The King's strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

The Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.” Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

The Alleluia before the Gospel - Psalm 74 (LXX 73)

Verse: Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased from of old.

Verse: God is our King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

The Gospel Reading - John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35

At that time, the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. And they came to Pontius Pilate saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led Him away. And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the Cross; it read: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. Now there stood by the Cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

Magnification Hymn: Tone 8 (Greek)

Cantor: O my soul magnify the most precious Cross of the Lord

You are a mys-ti-cal par-a-dise, O The-o-to - kos; with-out seed,
you have brought forth Christ by Whom the life - giv-ing tree of the
Cross was plant-ed on the earth. As we bow down be - fore the Cross
which is now ex - al - ted, we mag - ni - fy you.

Communion Hymn - Psalm 4:6

The light of Your countenance has been marked upon us, O Lord. Alleluia (3x)

Post-Communion Hymn

Instead of "We have seen the true Light..." we sing the Festal Troparion.

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance, granting to the faithful vict'ry over their enemies, and by the power of Your Cross preserving Your habitation.

The Blessing and Dismissal

PRIEST: May Christ our true God, *Who rose from the dead...by the might of the precious and life-giving Cross, the elevation of which we celebrate today...and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.*

Recessionals

Exapostilaria: Tone 2 (Znamenny)

5 The Cross is the guard - dian of the whole
9 earth; the Cross is the beau-ty of the Church.
14 The Cross is the strength of kings; the
18 Cross is the sup - port of the faith - ful. The
22 Cross is the glo - ry of an - gels and the
wound - er of de - mons.

5 To - day the Cross is ex - alt - ed and the world is sanc - ti -
8 fied. For You Who are en - throned with the Fa - ther and the
13 Spi - rit have spread Your arms up-on it, and drawn the
18 world to the know - - - ledge of You, O Christ. Make
22 wor - thy of di - vine glo - ry those who
have put their trust in You.

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Ikos

He who was caught up in the third heavens to Paradise and who heard unspeakable and divine words which it is not lawful for the human tongue to utter, wrote to the Galatians as lovers of the Scriptures, you have read His words and know – “But God forbid”, said he, “that I should glory save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ” on which He killed our passions by His Passion. Let us, then, firmly hold fast to the Cross of the Lord, the glory of us all: for this Wood is our salvation, a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

Aposticha Verse: Tone 5 (Byzantine)

Re - jice, life-giv-ing Cross, un-con-qu'ra-ble tro - phy of god-li-ness,
6 door to para-dise, help of the faith - ful, ram-part set a - bout the Church.
11 Through you cor - rup - tion is ut-ter - ly de-stroyed the pow-er of death is
15 swal-lowed up, and we are raised from earth to heav-en: invincible weapon,
19 glo - ry of mar - tyrs, true or-na-ment of saints, ha-ven of sal-va -
25 tion be - stow-ing on the world great mer - cy.



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