



## St. Vladimir Orthodox Church

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent: Veneration of the Cross March 31, 2019

#### **Troparion – Tone 3**

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world// great mercy.

#### **Troparion – 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!

#### **Kontakion – Tone 7**

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden; it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross. The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished; for Thou, O my Savior, hast come and cried to those in hell:// “Enter again into Paradise!”

#### **Prokeimenon – Tone 6**

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!

*v: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!*

#### **Veneration of the Cross**

The Third Sunday of Lent is that of the Veneration of the 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).

#### **Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6**

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to 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 appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: “You are My Son, today I have begotten You.” As He also says in another place: “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek”.

### **Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1**

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

### **Service Schedule for the week of March 31**

**Today** – 9:00 AM Sunday School, 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

**Wednesday April 3** – 5:30 PM Confession, 6:30 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Confession

**Friday April 5** – 8:30 AM Confession, 9:30 AM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Confession

**Saturday April 6** – 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy MEMORIAL SATURDAY; 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

**Sunday April 7** – 9:00 AM Sunday School, 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

### **Weekly Giving**

March 24 – 48 adults, 15 youth, \$2,980

### **Parish Announcements**

Starting in March and continuing through Pascha, Bible Study classes will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 PM in the church basement. The next classes will be held on Tuesday April 2 and Tuesday April 16. All are welcome to attend.

The Daria Hall Kitchen clean-up day has been rescheduled to Saturday April 6 after Divine Liturgy.

The Ladies Altar Society will be selling homemade babkas on Saturday April 20 in Daria Hall after Divine Liturgy.

Church cleaning day is scheduled for Saturday April 20 at 11:00 AM after Divine Liturgy. Many hands are needed to remove wax from the carpets, clean the pews, sweep the floors, polish the brass, etc. Please mark the date on your calendar.