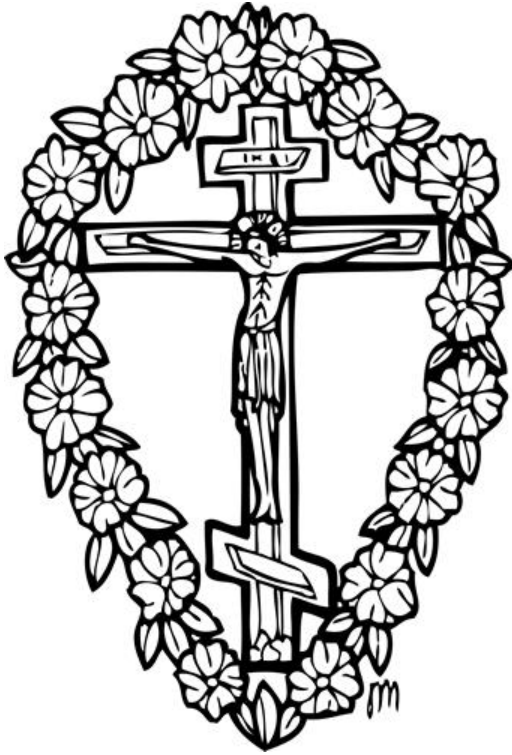


The Exaltation of the Cross



Sunday September 13th.
the Holy Priest-Martyr Cornelius the
Genturion
Tone 6. Matins Gospel IV

Tropars and Kondaks

Tone 6

When the angels descended to Your grave, O Lord, the guards fell as dead. Mary came to the grave seeking Your most pure body. You conquered and destroyed the grave without being touched by it. Risen from the dead, O Giver of Life, You met the virgin. Glory be to You!

Tone 1

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to Your Church over her enemies and protect Your people by Your cross

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 6

Christ our God, Who is the Giver of Life, raised all the dead from the valley of death with His life-giving hand and grants resurrection from the dead to all humankind. Christ is the Savior, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Tone 4

Willingly raised upon the cross, O Christ our God, You bestowed Your mercies upon a new people bearing Your name. With Your power grant joy to Your Church, giving her victory over enemies and with the invincible standard, Your weapon of peace, as an ally.

Entrance Hymn

Extol the Lord our God and worship at His footstool/
Holy is He.

*O Son of God bodily crucified /
save us who sing to You: Alleluia*

Thrice Holy Hymn

(Instead of the Regular Thrice Holy Hymn)

We bow to Your Cross O Master, and we praise Your
holy resurrection.

(Three Times)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit, now and ever and forever Amen. And we praise
Your holy Resurrection

We bow to Your Cross O Master, and we praise Your
holy resurrection.

PROKIMENON

Extol the Lord our God and worship at His footstool/
Holy is He

The Lord is King /
the peoples tremble

Extol the Lord our God and worship at His footstool /
Holy is He

ALLELUIA

Remember Your flock/
whom You built-up long ago
God is our King from time past /
the Giver of help through all the land.

IRMOS - Hymn to the Mother of God

O my soul, extol the most precious cross of the Lord.
You are a mystical garden, O Mother of God: without
tilling you have brought forth Christ by Whom the
life-giving tree of the cross was planted on earth.

Therefore, when we now adore Him
raised upon the cross, we extol you.

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the Heavens:/

Praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let the light of Your countenance O Lord/
shine upon us. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

AMBON PRAYER

Almighty Lord, you are more powerful than all those who live on high and you care for those who are humble. By your own will you went up upon the Cross and stretched out your hands, desiring to save all people and to bring them to knowledge of the truth. By your honorable ascent you fulfilled all humility and were revealed to the nations as the great power of the heavenly Father, the Most High and Unseen God. By the Cross you revealed our exaltation from the ancient fall of which we were condemned, the first miserable fall. Therefore, we pray you, Master, Lover of Mankind and our God, look upon us, your sinful and unworthy servants, who today celebrate with love the exaltation of your venerable Cross and who offer worthy honor and worship. Do not turn from our prayers, O King of heaven and earth, and keep our nation and all nations in peace and tranquility. Watch over your Church and guide our hearts and all our thoughts, that we may be worthy of eternal exaltation, for by your venerable death on the Cross you wished to raise up our hearts from worldly corruption and to lead them into your heavenly kingdom, for it is you who have mercy and save us, and to you we return glory, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.