

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).

Troparion - Tone 4

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 mysteriously been quenched by the wood of the Cross!
The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished;
for You, O my Savior, have come and cried to those in hell:
"Enter again into paradise."

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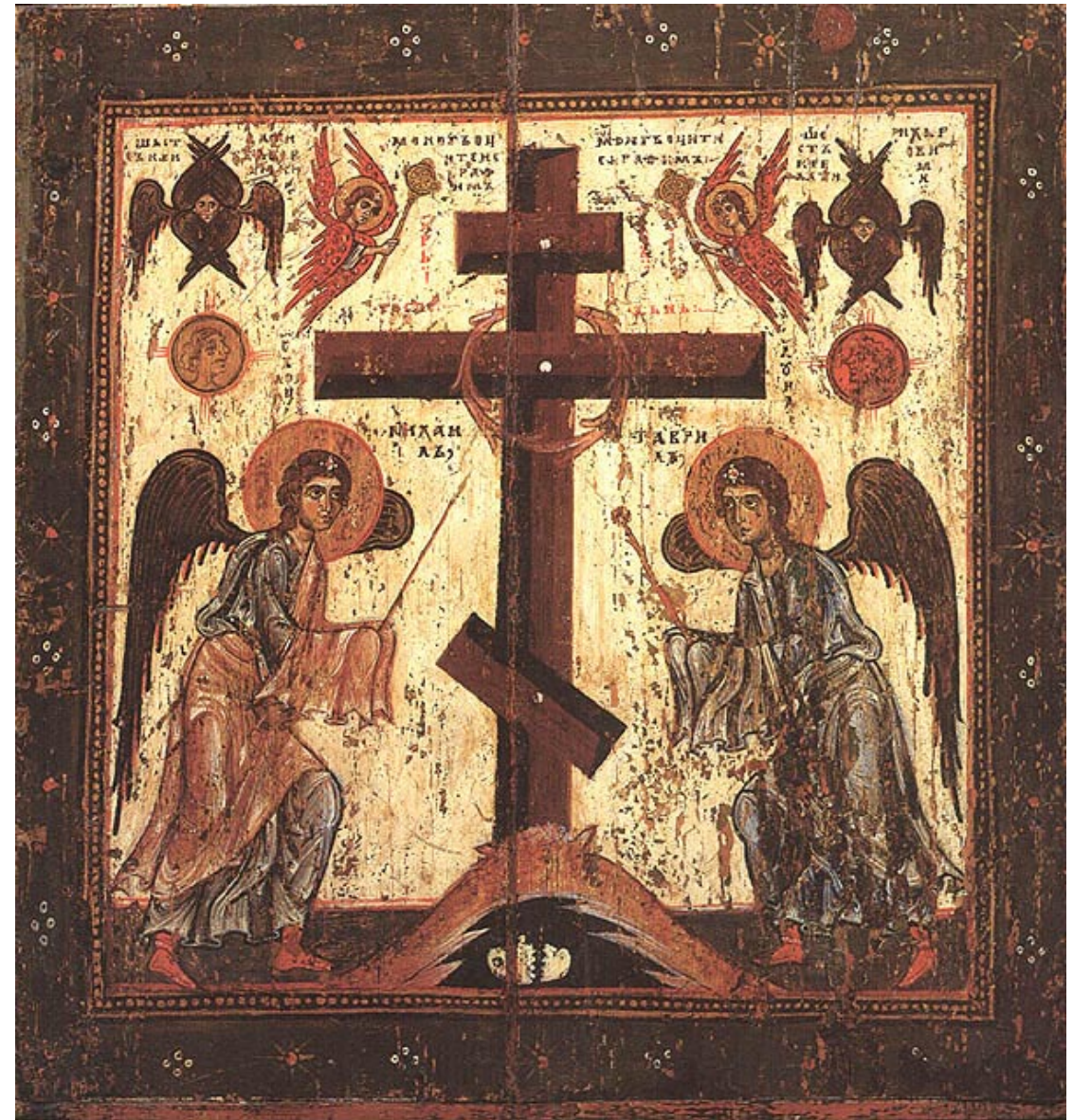
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Sunday, March 11, 2007

Today 4:00 PM Lenten Mission Vespers-Holy Resurrection Church, Wayne, NJ
Wed. 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
at Ss. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in W. N yack, NY
Combined with Clergy of Different Orthodox Jurisdictions-Followed by Dinner
Saturday 9:00 AM Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy
6:00 pm Vespers - Private Confessions
Sunday Church School 9:15 AM, Hours 9:40 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am-
4:00 PM Lenten Mission Vespers-Holy Assumption Church-Clifton, NJ
His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman presiding

Today's commemorated feasts and saints... THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT - Tone 6.

Veneration of the Cross. St. Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem (638-644). St. Evfjmii (Euthymius), Bishop of Novgorod (1458). Hieromartyr Pionius of Smyrna and those with him: Asclepiades, Macedonia, Linus, and Sabina (250). Translation of the Relics of Martyr Epimachus of Pelusium. St. Sophronii, Bishop of Vrachia (Bulgaria 1813). Ven. Sophronii the Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves 13th c.).

Hebrews 4:14-5:6 - Mark 8:34-9:1

BULLETIN

Thank you to Richard Kruzelnick for his most general contribution for the **flowers** for the **decoration of the Holy Cross**. We also thank **Carol Benda** for her decoration of the Holy Cross. May God repay.

We thank all who came to participate in the Liturgy of the Presanctified gifts this past Friday evening. We thank God that he sent the **Archpriest Michael Dahulich, Dean of Saint Tikhon's Seminary** to serve with us and deliver a most inspiring homily. The services of our Lord's Church are served for you and your salvation. Do not deny yourself of these great gifts offered by our God.

Last week's Coffee was hosted by **Timothy Kachur**. **No one** is signed up for future Coffee Socials. Please **sign-up downstairs** if you can help with hosting one.

The Mission Vespers Service will take place this afternoon at Holy Resurrection Church, Wayne, NJ. **The Spirit of Orthodoxy Choir** will be singing the responses and the new **Dean elect of Saint Vladimir's Seminary Father John Behr** will be delivering the homily.

Remember that you **must** participate in the sacrament of **Holy Confession** in this period of Great Lent. Father Samuel will be available before and after each service to hear your confession. Try to partake of this great sacrament early in the Great Fast so

that you may more fully participate in the services with a cleansed mind and soul. Our Food Certificate (card) chairperson **Loren Chwan** will be offering the Food Cards at this mornings Coffee Social. Buy your food cards today. **Great for Gifts.**

A Basket in the Vestibule downstairs is for collecting foodstuffs for the needy of the Sussex Borough and the surrounding areas. The sign attached to the basket describes the items needed. Please buy an extra can, box or food item listed so that the needy can be fed.

Sunday School begins at 9:15 AM every Sunday morning.

There is a **Car Removal Program** that has been offered to our parish. If anyone knows of someone who has an old car or junker that is sitting around and they would like to get rid of it, let us know. It will be towed away at no expense, our Church will receive \$100.00 and the owner will receive an tax deduction for the value of the vehicle (more money will be given to the Church if it has more value).

Please Help and remember to send in your **weekly donation or pledge** even when you have **not attended Church** on a Sunday. Our Church depends on your weekly contributions to pay our obligations. Thank you.

PLEASE PURCHASE gift cards for shopping at ShopRite and A & P stores. They are working out wonderfully. Very convenient for shopping. No cash, no checks, just a little card. They are great, and our church benefits by your using them.

WE HAVE SHOP RITE AND A&P GIFT CARDS-STOCK UP ON GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING & AS GIFTS TO OTHERS

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Catherine Schwed, Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Frank Higginbotham, Matushka Evelyn Kreta, Pat Nauditt, Chaplain Fr. Peter Daratsos, Stefan Szemetylo, Christopher, infant Ella Jane, Corinne Matthews, Dan Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Lynne Goodwin, Loren Chwan, Feodora Apanasow and Valentina Bobrowsky.

SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES

By **the Chwan Family** for Health, Salvation of **Loren Chwan**
By **Benda Family** in Blessed Memory of **+Grace** (Thompson)
By **Benda Family** in Blessed Memory of **+Margaret Elizabeth** (Doonan)
By **Benda Family** in Blessed Memory of **+Gloria** (Devito)
By **Athena Colombaris** for Health, Salvation of **Helen**

Seven day vigil candles are available for the faithful to sponsor in memory of their departed, the sick, or for the general intentions (anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, etc.). They will remain lit on the altar and table of oblation. The suggested donation is \$10.00 each and will burn for seven days. The intentions and those who offered them will be announced in the weekly bulletins. You may purchase your offering at the Parish Council office.

If you would like to have something published in the weekly bulletin, e-mail or bring typed copy to Father Samuel by Wednesday of the week prior to the Sunday you would like it published.