

LITURGICAL VARIABLES – SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

*Adoration of the Holy Cross (3rd Sunday of Great Lent);
Martyr Kalliopios of Cilicia; repose of Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and
Enlightener of North America*

****Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great****

FIRST ANTIPHON

The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, has been signed upon us. Thou hast given to those that fear thee a sign, to flee from the bow.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive. Thou hast given an inheritance to those that fear Thy Name, O Lord. *(Refrain)*

Glory...Both now...*(Refrain)*

SECOND ANTIPHON

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Let us worship at the place where His feet have stood.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

God is our King before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. *(Refrain)*

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth. *(Refrain)*

Glory...Both now...O Only-begotten Son...

THIRD ANTIPHON

Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool. O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Feed them, and lift them up forever.

• *During the Little Entrance, after the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of the Holy Cross. Then, the following Entrance Hymn:*

ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE RESURRECTION

Come let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, **Who art risen from the dead**; who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

• *After the Entrance, sing the hymns in the following order below:*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY CROSS (TONE 1)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. NICHOLAS (TONE 4)

In truth you were revealed to your flock, as a rule of faith, a model of meekness and a teacher of self-control. Therefore, you have won the heights by humility, riches by poverty. Holy Father, Bishop Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

KONTAKION OF SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT (TONE 8)

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

**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 ages of ages. Amen.*

And Thy Holy Resurrection, we glorify!

**Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, O Master,
and Thy Holy Resurrection, we glorify!**

THE EPISTLE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God!

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (4:14-5:6)

Brethren, since we have a great High Priest, Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast the confession. For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to sympathize with our infirmities, but one Who has been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest, being taken from among the people, is appointed on behalf of the people in things pertaining to God, that he may offer up both gifts and sacrifices for sins; who can have compassion on the ignorant and on those who are erring, since he himself also is encompassed with infirmity. Because of this he is bound, as for the people so also for himself, to offer up for sins. And no one takes the honor upon himself, but as being called by God, as was Aaron. So Christ also did not glorify Himself to become a High Priest, but it was by the One saying to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee." As He says also in another place, "Thou art a Priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would 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 soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? 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 Jesus 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."


COMMUNION HYMN OF THE HOLY CROSS

The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, hath been signed upon us: Alleluia.

*The Procession of the Holy Cross
with the chanting of the Trisagion Hymn
will take place at the end of the Divine Liturgy.*

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We are grateful that you have joined us for worship of God this morning! While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox Christian guests will be offered holy bread (*as a sign of hospitality*) in their pew or seat. At the Dismissal, please join us in veneration of the Holy Cross (*held by the Priest*) or holy icon and receive additional holy bread at the end of the Liturgy. After service, please join us for food and drink during Fellowship so that we can meet and greet you! Contact Fr. Paul Fuller (*479-379-6220 or saintnicholasar@gmail.com*) to schedule a meeting to learn more about our parish community and the Orthodox Faith.



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Welcome to our church community! We are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We are the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Christian Church whose roots trace directly back to first century Antioch, the city in which the disciples of Jesus Christ were first called "Christians" (Acts 11:26). The Orthodox Church is the oldest and second largest Christian group in the world. We are called by God our creator to worship and follow Him, and to proclaim to the world His message of love, peace and salvation.