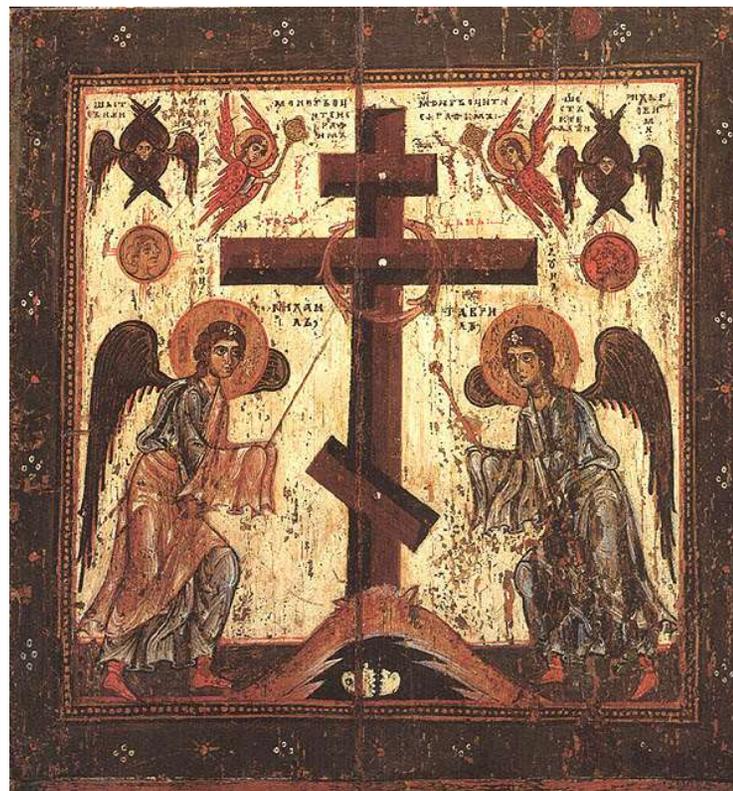


St. John Chrysostom on the Holy Cross of Christ

For the Cross is the salvation of the Church; the Cross is the boast of those who hope in it; the Cross is reconciliation of enemies to God and conversion of sinners to Christ. For through the Cross we have been delivered from enmity, and through the Cross we have been joined in friendship to God. Through the Cross we have been freed from the tyranny of the devil, and through the Cross we have been delivered from death and destruction. 'When the Cross was not proclaimed, we were held fast by death; now the Cross is proclaimed, and we have come to despise death, as though it did not exist, while we have come to long for everlasting life. 'When the Cross was not proclaimed, we were strangers to paradise; but when the Cross appeared, at once a thief was found worthy of paradise. From such darkness the human race has crossed over to infinite light; from death it has been called to everlasting life, from corruption it has been renewed for incorruption. For the eyes of the heart are no longer covered by the darkness that comes through ignorance, but through the Cross they are flooded with the light of knowledge. The ears of the deaf are no longer shut by unbelief, for the deaf have heard the word of the Lord, and the blind have recovered their sight to see the glory of God. These are the gifts we are given through the Cross. What blessing has not been achieved for us through the Cross?

The Cross is proclaimed, and faith in God is confessed and truth prevails in the whole inhabited world. The Cross is proclaimed, and martyrs are revealed and confession of Christ prevails. The Cross is proclaimed, and the resurrection is revealed, life is made manifest, the kingdom of heaven is assured...What then is more precious than the Cross? What more profitable for our souls? So let us not be ashamed to name the Cross, but let us confess it with total confidence.

“Let us Attend!”



“Rejoice, O life-bearing Cross: invincible triumph of godliness, gate of Paradise, and protection of the faithful!”

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Veneration of the Precious and Life-Creating Cross

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 7. Veneration of the Cross. Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica (3rd–4th c.). Martyrs Manuel and Theodosius (304). Ven. John the Clairvoyant, Anchorite, of Egypt (394–395). The “GLYKOPHYLOUSA” and the “AKATHIST” Icons of the Mother of God on Mt. Athos.

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14–5:6

Gospel: Mark 8:34–9:1

Our souls and minds are strengthened and fortified by the regular reading of the Holy Scriptures. Daily readings can be found on the parish's wall calendar, or online by visiting the OCA's daily reading page <https://www.oca.org/readings>.

Schedule of Services:

Today, 27 March 2022, 4PM, Mission Vespers, St. Michael's, Jermyn.

Monday, 28 March 2022 – 9:30AM Monday of the Fourth Week of Great Lent. Lenten Hours and Typica.

Wednesday, 30 March 2022 – 6PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, Repose of St. Innocent, followed by Lenten Potluck Agape Meal. Celebrant Fr. John Parker, Dean of St. Tikhon's.

Friday, 1 April 2022. 9AM Friday of the Fourth Week of Great Lent. Reading of the Life of St. Mary.

Sunday, 3 April 2022: Fourth Sunday of Great Lent– 9:30AM Sunday of St. John Climacus, Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, 9:30AM. Followed by Coffee Hour Agape.

Announcements ~ Our thanks to Father David Hester and Khouria Anne for being with us throughout last week for Pre-sanctified and the Feast of Annunciation, as well as being with us today. May God richly bless you both.

~ A warm welcome to all visitors. Please join us downstairs following the Liturgy for our Agape fellowship.

~ Donations are needed for flowers for Pascha. Please consider making a special contribution.

~ This is the last week for ordering Paschal breads from Holy Protection Monastery. Braided breads are \$8.00 each, round breads are \$12.00 each. Please contact Helen Semon (570.586.2912). The deadline for ordering is 1 April 2022.

~ Thanks to all those that contributed to the relief effort in Ukraine. The parish will be forwarding our contributions to the national Church who will be sending the monies to Poland.

~ In seeing the Cross of Christ we are reminded not only of His sufferings and His saving Passion for the Life of the World, but also that there are many people around us that bear a heavy burden in life – A personal cross that weighs on them. And in our love we can help bear their burdens as the Apostle Paul instructs us through our time, our care, and our attention. And maybe, most importantly, if they are searching for a place of comfort in the midst of their difficulties, when can help them most by bringing them to Church, for only in Christ can we all truly be healed.

THROUGH THE CROSS, JOY HAS COME INTO THE WORLD