

Date: March 14, 2023

Subject: BURL-Choir Third Weekend of Great Lent - Veneration of the Holy Cross NOTICE

Dorogiye!

This Saturday / Sunday, the third Weekend of Great Lent, the Church venerates the Holy Cross.

The attached Tropar / Kondak text sheet for this weekend is attached.

A brief summary about veneration of the Holy Cross is provided below.

****** VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS ON THE THIRD WEEKEND OF GREAT LENT**

On the third Saturday-Sunday of Great Lent, during the All-night Vigil after the Great Doxology, the Holy Cross is brought forth from the Altar and placed in the center of the church for veneration by the faithful. During the prostrations made before the Cross (which often contains a portion of the True Cross) the church chants, "Before Thy Cross, we bow down, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify." (Krestu Tvoyemu . . .) This hymn is also chanted at the Liturgy instead of the Trisagion (Svatiy Bozhe ...).

The Church has placed this event in the middle of Great Lent in order that the recollection of the suffering and death of the Lord might inspire and strengthen those fasting for the remainder of the ascetic struggle of the fast.

The Holy Cross remains out for veneration throughout the week until Friday, when, after the hours and before the beginning of the Presanctified Liturgy, it is returned to the Altar. Thus the third Sunday and fourth week of Great Lent are termed as the "Adoration of the Holy Cross."