Third Sunday of the Fast; Veneration of the Holy Cross.

Tropar of the Cross 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.

Kontakion of the Cross Tone 7:

Glory be: Now and ever:

No longer does the flaming sword guard the gates of Eden; * for on them one finds the most glorious seal, the Tree of the Cross. * By it, the sorrow of death and the victory of the Abyss have been conquered. * For You, O my Savior, stood and called out to those in the Abyss: * "Enter again into paradise."

Instead of "HOLY GOD / Svjaty Boze" we sing:

We bow to Your cross, O Lord, and we praise Your Holy Resurrection.

Krestu Tvoyemu, poklan-ya-yem-sya Vladyko, i svyatoye voskreseniye Tvoye slavim.

Prokimen Tone 6:

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

v. To You, O Lord, I call; my God be not deaf to me.

Alleluia Tone 8:

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

<u>Communion:</u> O Lord, let the light of Your countenance, shine upon us. Alleluia.