**22, MARCH, 2020. 3rd. SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT. TONE - 7.**

**LITURGY OF ST.BASIL THE GREAT. HOLY CROSS VENERATION.**

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**TROPAR OF SUNDAY IN TONE-7.**

 You destroyed death by Your Cross. You opened paradise to the thief. You changed the Myrrh-Bearers weeping and commanded Your apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ God, granting the world great mercy.

**TROPAR OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE – 1.**

 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your Inheritance! / Grant victory to Orthodox Christians over their adversaries, and by Your Cross preserve Your Commonwealth.

**TROPAR OF MARTYRS IN TONE-1.**

 Your saints have suffered for You O Lord, look down upon us and heal all our infirmities, we beseech You, O lover of mankind.

**KONDAK OF SUNDAY IN TONE-7.** The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended shattering and destroying its power. Hades is bound while the prophets rejoice in harmony. The Saviour has come to those who believe, saying; come forth you faithful, unto the resurrection.

**GLORY** to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**KONDAK OF MARTYRS IN TONE-6.**  Having left every military array of the world, you cleaved to the Master in the heavens, O forty passion-bearers of the Lord; for, having passed through fire and water, O blessed ones, as is meet you have received glory from the heavens and a multitude of crowns.

**NOW AND FOREVER** and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**KONDAK OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE – 7.**

 The flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Paradise. It has been mysteriously extinguished by the Wood of the Cross. The sting of death and the victory of hades have been vanquished. For You, O my Savior, came and cried to those in hades: Enter again, into Paradise.

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**MATINS:** Gospel. 7. Reading 63. Jn. 20 : 1 – 10.

**EPISTLE:** Hebrews. Reading 311. Heb. 4 : 14 – 5 : 6.

 Hebrews. Reading 331. Heb. 12 : 1 – 10.

**GOSPEL:** Mark. Reading 37. Mk. 8 : 34 – 9 : 1.

 Matthew. Reading 80. Mt. 20 : 1 – 16.

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**COMMUNION VERSE:**

“ Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.”

“ The light of Your Countenance, O Lord, has been signed upon us. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia !”

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**INSTEAD OF THE TRISAGION HYMN:**

“Before Your Cross we bow down, O Master and Your Holy Resurrection we glorify.” ( Thrice.)

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**INSTEAD OF: “IT IS TRULY MEET……..IN TONE 8 FROM THE OCTOECHOS.**

“All of creation rejoices in you, O full of Grace, the assembly of angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God, was incarnate and became a child-our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you !”

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**READER** : “ **PROKIMEN IN TONE – 6.** O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your

 inheritance.”

**CHOIR** : “ O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.”

**READER** : “ O Lord, to You, will I call. O my God, be not silent unto me.”

**CHOIR** : “ O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.”

**READER : “ ANOTHER PROKIMEN IN TONE – 5.** You O Lord, shall protect us and

 preserve us from this generation and forever.”

**CHOIR** : “ You O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation

 and forever.”

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**THE EPISTLE**

**READER** : “ The reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the

 Hebrews.”

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**PRIEST** : “ Peace be unto you reader.”

**READER** : “ And to your spirit.”

**PRIEST** : “ Wisdom.”

**READER** : “ **ALLELUIA IN TONE – 1.** Remember Your congregation which You

 have purchased from the beginning. Alleluia.”

**CHOIR** : “ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

**READER** : “ God is our King from before the ages, He has wrought salvation in

 the midst of the earth. Alleluia.”

**CHOIR** : “ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

**READER** : “ **ANOTHER ALLELUIA IN TONE - 6.** It is good to give thanks to the

 Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High.

**CHOIR** : “ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

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