

Veneration of the Holy Cross

- March 8th -



Each of the Sundays of Great Lent has its own special theme. This Sunday's theme is that in the cross of Christ crucified lies both "the power of God and the wisdom of God" for those being saved (1 Cor 1:24). On this Sunday in the middle of the Lenten season, the cross stands in the middle of the church, not merely to remind the faithful of Christ's redemption and for them to keep the goal of their Lenten efforts, but also as a reminder: "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt 10:38).

The historical theme, as seen in the hymnology, is the victory and joy of the cross, not the suffering. The Church fathers equate the life-giving cross with the tree of life and plant it in the middle of the Lenten pilgrimage. It was the tree that was planted in Paradise; it is to remind the faithful of both Adam's bliss and how he was deprived from it.

For the catechumens of the early church, and the faithful preparing for Pascha today, the spiritual theme starts to change from personal faith, and personal effort, to Christ. The Church teaches that it is Christ's cross that saves. One cannot take up his own cross and follow Christ unless one has Christ's cross which he took up to save mankind. Partaking of this tree, one will no longer die, but will be kept alive.

This Sunday is here to refresh, reassure and to encourage those participating in Great Lent. We are now at the halfway point of the Great Fast, and we are encouraged to either keep up the good work, or get moving on our conversion! The Church equates the appearance of the cross at this time to the banners and symbols that precede the return of a victorious king.

Source: <https://ephx.org/veneration-of-the-holy-cross>



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March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of the Great Fast

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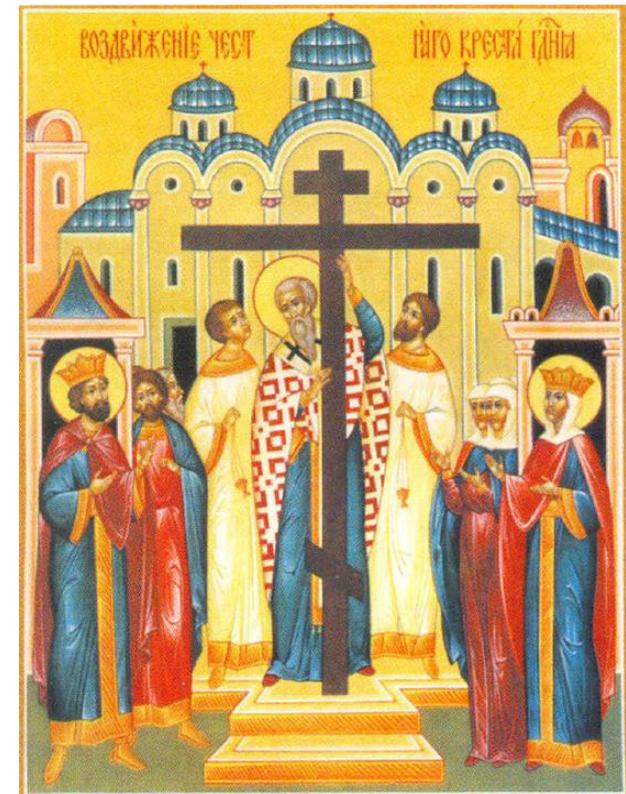
On-Line Giving: Please use the link below for on-line donations for Ss. Peter & Paul **OR** for Holy Spirit Church:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZA77/home>

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✠ **Liturgies for the Week of 3/7 – 3/15** ✠

SAT Mar 07 *Third All Souls Saturday*
 --- No Divine Services ---

SUN Mar 08 *Third Sunday of the Great Fast (Veneration of the Holy Cross)*
 9:00 am Holy Spirit – † Marlene Yuschak by Steve & Annette Viengkham

(Tone 6) 11:00 am Ss. Peter & Paul – *Living and Deceased Members of Holy Spirit and Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Churches*
 Apostol: Heb 1: 10-2:3
 Gospel: Mk 2: 1-12

MON Mar 09 *The Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste (320)*
 --- No Divine Services ---

TUES Mar 10 *The Holy Martyr Codratus and his Companions (250)*
 --- No Divine Services ---

WED Mar 11 *Our Holy Father Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem (644)*
 6:30 pm Ss. Peter & Paul – **PreSanctified Divine Liturgy** – † Deceased Clergy and Monastics of the Eparchy of Passaic and the Family & Friends of the Parishioners of Holy Spirit and Ss. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Churches.

THU Mar 12 *Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophane of the Sygrian Mountain (817)*
 --- No Divine Services ---

FRI Mar 13 *The Translation of the Relics of our Holy Father Nicephor, Patriarch of Constantinople*
 --- No Divine Services ---

SAT Mar 14 *Fourth All Souls Saturday*
 --- No Divine Services ---

SUN Mar 15 *Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast (St. John Climacus)*
 9:00 am Holy Spirit – † Mark Joseph Cushner, 40th Day by Family

(Tone 7) 11:00 am Ss. Peter & Paul – *Living and Deceased Members of Holy Spirit and Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Churches*
 Apostol: Heb 4: 14 - 5:6
 Gospel: Mk 8: 34-9:1



Candle Intentions: Please see the sheet posted in the Church vestibule for the Candle Intentions and Sponsors for the Month of † **March**.



All Souls Saturdays: As in previous years, we will commemorate *All Souls* with a Divine Liturgy intention or Presanctified Divine Liturgy intention and celebrate a *Panachida for each of the Five All Soul Saturdays on the Sunday that follows it.*

The NEXT All Souls Saturday is March 14th, 2026. Please submit additional names by March 8th to be included in the March 15th Panachida. Thank You †



Reminder: *Daylight Savings Time* begins **THIS Sunday, March 8th** at 2:00 am. Don't forget to set your clocks **AHEAD 1 Hour** on Saturday night before bed!



Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts: During Lent, the *Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts* will be celebrated on **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm** alternating each week between **Ss. Peter & Paul Church** and **Holy Spirit Church**. All are HIGHLY encouraged to attend and take part in these beautiful and moving prayers & chant as often as possible this *Great Lent*. †



Holy Spirit Church 50/50 Raffle: The **winner of February's 50/50 Raffle** is: **Rex Decker** 
 Congratulations Rex! The total entered for November was \$76.00 and Rex won \$38.00 !!
 Rex, please contact **Daria Shierly** at eagle27endwell@gmail.com or 607-760-1892 regarding your winnings. *Thank you to everyone for your support !*



2026 Financial Statements Financial "giving statements" are ready at Ss. Peter and Paul & Holy Spirit Churches. For Ss. Peter & Paul, please contact Cantor Steven Dean. For Holy Spirit, parishioners can email Fr. Steven at: stnybyzantine@gmail.com.

Thank You for your Generosity in 2025 ! †

