

Exaltation

Epistle

The reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians
(1Cor 1:18-24)

Brethren, the preaching of the cross is foolishness to those who perish; but unto us who are saved, it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save those who believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness, but unto those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Alleluia (tone 1)

Verse: Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning (*Ps 74:2*).

Verse: God is our King before the ages, working salvation in the midst of the earth (*Ps 74:12*).

Irmos (tone 8): Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord. O Theotokos, thou art a mystical Paradise, who untilld hast brought forth Christ. He has planted upon earth the life-giving Tree of the Cross: therefore at its Exaltation on this day, we worship Him and thee do we magnify.

slowly modified from Bishop Stefan

Ve - li - čaj du - še mo - ja, pre -

čest - nij krest Go - spo - denj. Ta - jin je - si,

Bo - go - ro - di - ce raj, ne - voz - dje - la - no

voz - ra - stiv - ši Hri - sta, im - že krest - no - je