



# ST OLYMPIA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Welcome to St. Olympia Orthodox Church,  
a young and, God willing, growing community of worshippers.*

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*Please join us for prayer and fellowship.\*\**

**Upcoming Services:**  
**At the Norwood Church**  
**April 4, 11**

**Hours: 9:10am**  
**Divine Liturgy: 9:30am**  
**April 3, 10**

**Panikhida: 4:30pm**  
**Vespers: 5pm**  
**Wednesday, April 7, 21**  
**Presanctified Liturgy: 6pm**

**Confessions: Saturday after  
Vespers, Sunday before Liturgy,  
otherwise by appointment.**

**Coffee after Liturgy! \*\*Social  
Distancing guidelines must be  
observed.**

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## The Third Sunday of Great Lent: Veneration of the Cross



The Third Sunday of Lent is that of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the Lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ's redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt.10:38). For 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).

*By Your Cross, You destroyed the curse of the tree.  
By Your burial You destroyed the dominion of death.  
By Your rising, You enlightened the race of man.  
O Benefactor, Christ our God, glory to You!*

Lord I Call, Tone 2, Stikhera

***Shine, O Cross of the Lord!***

*Illumine the hearts of those who honor you!  
With love inspired by God, we embrace you,  
for you are the only hope of the world.  
Through you our tears are wiped away,  
the snares of death are sprung,  
and we pass over into everlasting joy.  
Through the Cross reveal Your beauty to us, O Lord!  
Help Your servants who ask for mercy in faith!  
Bestow upon us the fruits of abstinence!*

***Rejoice, O life-bearing Cross:***

*bright paradise of the Church, the tree of incorruption!  
You have obtained for us the joy of everlasting glory.  
Through you, the hosts of demons are driven out;  
the choirs of angels are amazed and rejoice;  
the company of the faithful gathers in celebration.  
O unconquerable weapon, unbroken stronghold,  
triumph of Orthodox Christians and pride of priests,  
by following you may we witness the Passion and Resurrection of Christ our God!*

***Rejoice, O life-bearing Cross:***

*invincible triumph of godliness,  
gate of Paradise, and protection of the faithful!  
The Cross is the might of the Church,  
through which corruption is abolished,  
through which the power of death is crushed.  
and we are raised from earth to heaven.  
O invincible weapon, the adversary of demons,  
the glory of martyrs, the true adornment of venerable saints,  
and the haven of salvation, which grants the world great mercy.*

Vespers of the Sunday of the Cross,  
Lord I Call, Stikhera

