

*During the veneration of the Cross the reader chants the following psalms:*

### **Psalm 33**

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in Him. O fear the Lord, you His holy ones, for those who fear Him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all. He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken. Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

### **Psalm 144**

I will exalt You, my God, my King; and I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You; and praise Your name forever and ever. The Lord is great and highly to be praised; and there is no limit to His greatness. Generation after generation will praise Your works; and will declare Your power. They will tell of the majesty of the glory of Your holiness; and will recount Your wonders. They will speak of the power of Your dread deeds; and will recount Your greatness. They will proclaim the memory of the multitude of Your goodness; and rejoice in Your justice. The Lord is compassionate and merciful; long-suffering and full of mercy.

The Lord is good to all; and His acts of compassion are for all His works. May all Your works confess You, O Lord; and all Your holy ones bless You. They will speak of the glory of Your kingdom; and tell of Your power. To make known Your power and the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom to the children of mankind. Your kingdom is a kingdom for all the ages, and Your dominion for every generation. The Lord is faithful in all His words, and holy in all His works. The Lord supports all who are falling, and sets upright all who are broken down. The eyes of all hope in You, and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand, and fill every living thing with Your good pleasure. The Lord is just in all His ways, and holy in all His works. The Lord is close to those who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. He will do the will of those who fear Him, and hear their supplication and save them. The Lord guards all who love Him, and all sinners He will destroy. My mouth will tell the praise of the Lord, let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.

Lord, now let Your servant depart peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation: a light to enlighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Your people, Israel. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Master, bless.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

People: Amen.