



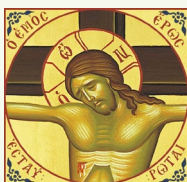
From daily life
to that which abides forever...



Towards the Cross and the Resurrection

With St. Andrew of Crete and St. Symeon
Metaphrastes as our guides in compunction

Self-reproach...
Repentance...



Humility...
Tears...

Fifth Week of Great Lent Thursday



O condescension past all speech!
O strange and wondrous birth!

How does the Virgin carry Thee as a child in
her arms, for Thou art her Creator and her God!

O Benefactor Who hast consented to take flesh from her,
before I perish utterly, save me, O Lord.

