

September 14
Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross
Stichera at the Veneration of the Cross

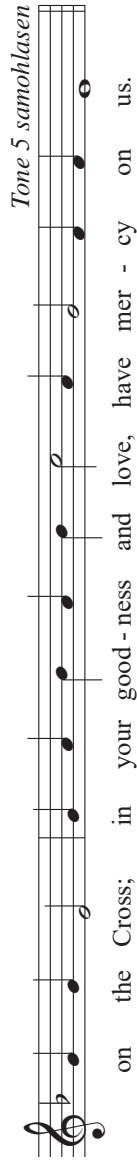
Tone 2 samohlasen

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Come, O faith-ful, let us bow before the life-giv - ing Cross in which Christ,
the King of Glory, free-ly stretched our his hands. By this he raised us up to
our for-mer hap - pi-ness, which we had lost because of the an-cient En - e - my
and the bit - ter pleas-ure that ex - iled us from God. Come, O faith - ful, let us bow
be - fore the Wood which lets us crush the head of the in - vis - i - ble En - e - my.
Come, all you fam - lies of the na - tions, let us ven - er - ate the Cross of the
Lord with our hymns: Re - joice, O perfect redemption of the fall of Ad - am;
Re - - joice, O ven - er - a - ble Cross. Filled with fear and awe we embrace you;

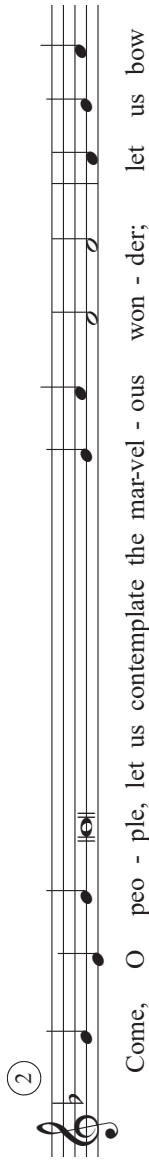


we glo-ri-fy our God, and we say: O Lord, you were nailed

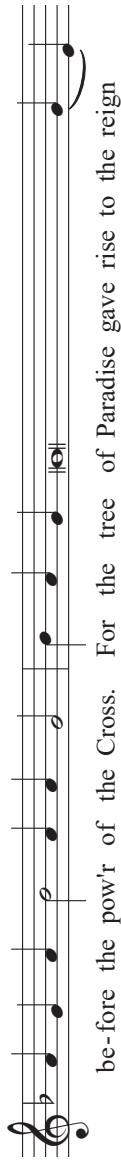


on the Cross; in your good-ness and love, have mer-cy on us.

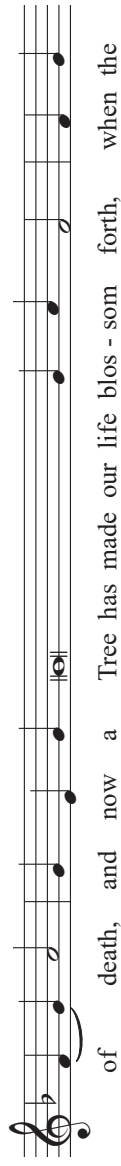
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Come, O peo-ple, let us contemplate the mar-vel-ous won-der; let us bow



be-fore the pow'r of the Cross. For the tree of Paradise gave rise to the reign



of death, and now a Tree has made our life blos-som forth, when the



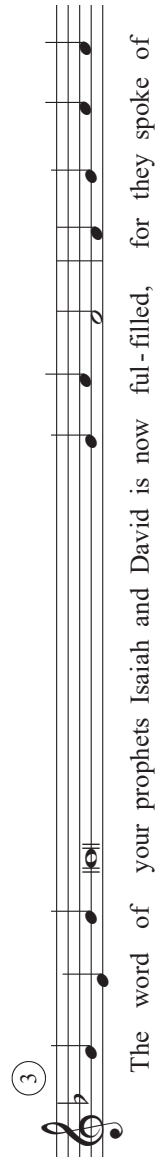
sin-less Savior was nailed up-on it. And now, all the nations that are



nourished by this incorruptible food sing prais-es: You de-stroyed death by your



Cross and set us free. O Lord, glo-ry to you!



3
The word of your prophets Isaiah and David is now ful-filled, for they spoke of

you, O Lord, and said: All the na - tions shall come to you and bow be - fore you.

Be-hold the people who are now filled with your grace in your sanc - tuary in the

tem-ple of Je - ru - sa - lem. O God of goodness who suffered on the

Cross for us and gave us life through your holy re - sur - rec - tion,

pro - tect us with your care, O Lord, and save us.

(5) The four cor-ners of the earth are sanctified today, O Christ our God, by the four ends

of your ex - al - ted Cross. With it, exalt your faith - ful Chris - tians

who de-destroy the power of the Ene-my through your Cross. You are great, O Lord,

and won-drous in your works; glo - ry to you!

6
The words of the prophets have told of the most ho-ly wood by which Adam was

delivered from the an-cient curse and from death. On this day of its exaltation,

cre-a - tion rais-es its voice to beg God for the abundance of his mer - cy.

O Lord, your compassion is be-yond meas - ure; spare us, O

God, and save our souls.

Cantor

Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir-it, now and

ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Doxastikon - Tone 8 samohlazen

Be-hold the words of your prophet Moses are ful-filled, O Lord; for he said:

You shall see your life suspended be-fore your eyes. To - day the Cross is

exalted, and the world is freed from er - ror. To - day the Resurrec-tion

of Christ is re-newed; the ends of the earth ex - ult with joy.

At the sound of the cymbals of Da - vid, they of - fer a hymn of praise

and say: In your good-ness and love for all, you have brought about your

salvation in the middle of the earth, O our God. Through your Cross and Resurrection

you save us. O Lord all-pow - er - ful, glo - ry to you!