Exaltation of the Holy Cross

SEPTEMBER 14

1. Life-giving Cross, the power of martyrs,
2. In all the Scriptures, you were prefigured:
3. Angels surround you as you are lifted;
4. Come, all you peoples, bow down in worship.

Glo-ry of priests, and weapon of peace!
Moses outstretched his arms in the fight;
You lift the poor and sin-bound from earth.
Here where our sentence has been crossed out!

We bow before you, and praise your victory!
Jacob in blessing crossed hands o'er offspring;
Conquering death, you raised our first parent.
Evil defeated! Joy reigns forever!

Our thankful singing never shall cease!
Showing to us your power and might!
From Hades' chains to glorious rebirth!
Let all Christ's Church in triumph now shout!

Text: JMT, based on the stichera and readings of the feast
Melody: Krestu Tvojemu / At the most holy cross (from Grekokatolicki Duchovny Pisni, 1969)