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 bound from earth.
Here where our sentence has been crossed out!

We bow before you, and praise your vict’ry!
Jacob in blessing crossed hands o'er offspring;
Conquer ing 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: J. Michael Thompson, based on the stichera and readings of the feast
Melody: Krestu Tvojemu / At the most holy cross (from Grekokatolicki Duchovní Písní, 1969)