The Elevation (Exaltation) of the Holy Cross
Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

September 14th

1) Rejoice, life-giving Cross of the Lord,
thou never-conquered battletrophy of piety,
support and staff of the faithful, the wall surrounding the Church, and the door that leadeth into Paradise.

Through thee hath corruption been made to vanish and be no more;
death's mighty power hath been vanquished and swallowed up,
and we have been raised from the earth to celestial things.

O truceless foe of demons, and our weapon invincible,
thou art the glory of Martyrs and true adornment of all the Saints, calm port of salvation,
that which granteth the Great Mercy of God unto the world.

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2) Re joice, O ho ly Cross of the Lord,

where by the race of man was loosed from the an cient curse;

thou en sign of joy and glad ness, thou who dost dash down the

foes by thine El e va tion, O all ven ra ble.

Our suc cor and help art thou, and the might of all them that rule,

strength of the right eous, and the beau ty ad orn ing priests;

where thou art por trayed, thou dost res cue from ev ry ill.

Scep ter of pow er, staff of strength, where with we are shep herd ed;

weapon of peace round a bout which the An gels

hov er with fear and awe; di vine and true glo ry

of Christ God, Who doth be stow His Great Mer cy on the world.
3) Rejoice, thou faithful guide of the blind
and skillful healer of the sick, O most precious Cross,
who, when we fell to corruption, didst lift us up once again,
O thou resurrection of all them that died.

Through thee is corruption quelled, in corruption hath blossomed forth;
we, who are mortals born of earth, have been deified;
and in utter loss hath the devil been overthrown.

Looking on thee exalted by the hands of high priests today,
with faith and love we exalt Him Who was exalted on thee for us; and thee do we worship,
richly drawing forth divine and Great Mercy for our souls.