

September 14th  
The Elevation (Exaltation) of the Holy Cross

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 5  
Special Melody: Rejoice

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1) Re - joice, \_\_\_\_\_ life - giv - ing Cross\_\_ of the Lord,  
thou nev - er - con-querred bat - tle - tro - phy of pi - e - ty,  
sup - port and staff of the faith - ful, the wall sur - round-ing the  
Church, and the door that lead - eth\_\_ in - to Par - a - dise.  
Through thee hath cor - rup - tion been made to van - ish and be no more;  
death's might - y pow - er hath been van - quished and swal - lowed up,  
and we have been raised from thē earth\_\_ to ce - les - tial things.  
O truce - less foe of de - mons, and our weap - on in - vin - ci - ble,  
thou art the glo - ry of Mar - tyrs and true a -  
-dorn - ment of all the Saints, calm port of sal - va - tion,  
that which grant - eth the Great Mer - cy of God un - to the world.

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2) Re - jice, O ho - ly Cross of the Lord,  
 where - by the race of man was loosed from thē 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 a - dorn - 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;  
 weap - on of peace round a - bout which thē 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.

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3) Re - jice, \_\_\_\_\_ thou faith - ful guide \_\_\_\_\_ of the blind

and skill - ful heal - er of the sick, \_\_\_\_\_ O most pre - cious Cross,

who, when we fell to cor - rup - tion, didst lift us up \_\_\_\_\_ once a -

-gain, O thou res - ur - rec - tion \_\_\_\_\_ of all them that died.

Through thee is cor - rup - tion quelled, in - cor - rup - tion hath blos - somed forth;

we, who are mor - tals born of earth, have been de - i - fied;

and in ut - ter loss hath the de - vil been o - ver - thrown.

Look - ing on thee ex - alt - ed by the hands of high priests to - day,

with faith and love we ex - alt \_\_\_\_\_ Him Who was ex -

- alt - ed on thee for us; and thee do we wor - ship,

rich - ly draw - ing forth di - vine \_\_\_\_\_ and Great Mer - cy for our souls.