

September 17th

After-Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross

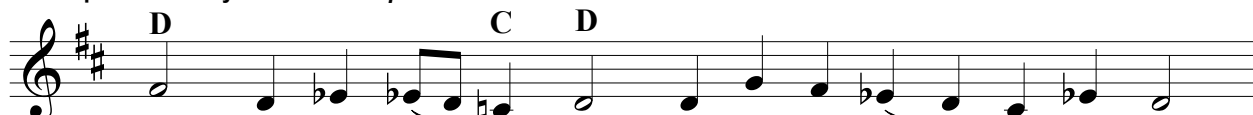
Stichera at the Aposticha at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 2

Special melody: *O house of Ephratha*


Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

D C D



1) With the most pre - cious Cross, let us ex - alt___ and wor - ship

Un. D




the nails, the spear,___ and all things where - with the pure and



life - giv - ing Bod - y of Christ God was pierced.


Verse: Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship the footstool of His feet; for he is holy.

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2) Sin's dead - ly un - der-growth is pruned a - way,___ my Sav - ior,

Un. D



by that which is___ ex - alt - ed, the Tree of Thy blest



Cross,___ which il - lu - min - eth the___ u - ni - verse.

Verse: God is our King before the ages, He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

3) As a bride is the Church re-splen-dent - ly a-dorned with
 Thy de - i - fy - ing wa - ter and Blood, and she doth
 sing of the glo - ry of Thy Cross, O Word.

Verse: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

4) Re-joice, thou di - vine de-fense pro - tect - ing us the faith - ful,
 our wall that none can break through, through which we are raised
 up from thē earth, O Cross of Christ our Lord.