

September 19th

# 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



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

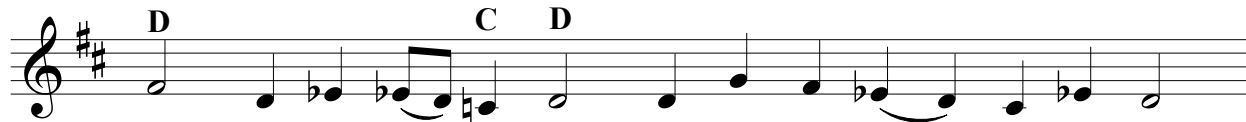


by that which is — ex - alt - ed, the Tree of Thy blest



Cross, which il - lu - min - eth the — u - ni - verse.

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



2) Now is the ho - ly Cross of Christ our God — ex - alt - ed,

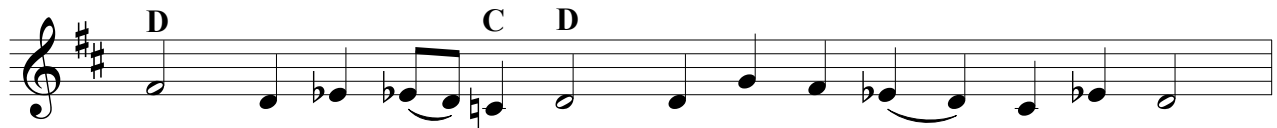


be - stow - ing on — all man - kind re - lease from bit - ter



hard - ships and in - crease in far — bet - ter things.

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



3) Con - quer - ing Am - a - lek, the ho - ly Proph - et Mo - ses

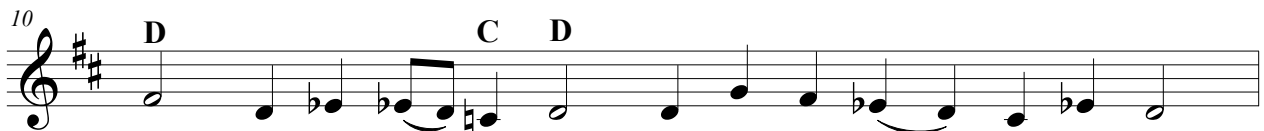


pre - fig - ured Christ\_ God's Pas - sion, when he por - trayed the



Cross, our de - fense a - gainst the\_ de - mons' hosts.

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



4) Come, let us all\_ em-brace and kiss with joy\_ and glad-ness



the Wood of our\_ sal - va - tion, where - on Christ, our Re -



- demp - tion and Ran - som, was stretched out for us.