September 14th
THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS
Katavasia from Orthros

Byzantine Tone 8
Ode 1

Ver - i - ly, Mo - ses hav - ing struck with his rod,
hor - i - zon - tal - ly, cleav - ing the Red Sea and
caus - ing Is - ra - el to cross on foot, then hav - ing
struck it trans - verse - ly bring - ing it to - geth - er o - ver
Phar - aoh and his char - i - ots, did trace the Cross, thus
sym - bol - iz - ing that in - vin - ci - ble weap - on.

Where - fore, do we praise Christ our God,
for that he hath been glo - ri - fied.

Adapted by Christopher Holwey from the music of Basil Kazan (1915-2001)

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The rod is taken as a symbol of the mystery;

for by its budding, it designeth the Priest.

But now the tree of the Cross hath blossomed forth with

might and steadfastness to the hitherto barren Church.

I have heard, O Lord, of the mystery of thy dispensation, and have contemplated thy works.

Wherefore, have I glorified thy Godhead.
Ode 5

O thou thrice-blessed Tree, whereon the Lord Christ the King was stretched, and through which he who was beguiled by the tree fell, having been beguiled by thee, by the God that was nailed upon thee in the flesh, who granteth safety to our souls.

Ode 6

When Jonah in the belly of the whale did stretch forth his hands in the form of a cross, he did foreshadow clearly the passion of salvation;
and when he came out on the third day, he did symbolize the world-tran-scend ing Res-ur-rec tion of Christ, nailed up on thee in the flesh, and il-lu-mi-nat ing the world by his third day Res-ur-rec tion.

The mad com-mand of the in-fi-del tyr-ant hath shak-en the na-tions, breath-ing forth threats and blas-phem-ies loathed of God. But the three youths were not ter-rified by the bes-tial ter-ror, nor
the consuming fire; for being together amidst the fire blown forth by a dewy breeze, they were singing: O thou exceedingly praised,
blessed art thou, God of our fathers.

We praise, we bless, and we worship the Lord.

O ye youths, equal in number to the Trinity,
bless the Father, the God Creator;
praise the Word which did descend and turn the fire to a dewy breeze; and exalt more and more
the all-holy Spirit, who giveth life to all forever more.

Thou art the mystical paradise,

O Theotokos; for that thou,

being untilled, didst bud forth Christ, by whom was planted on earth the life-giving tree of the Cross.

Wherefore, as we adore it being elevated, we magnify thee.