PRIEST: The Theotokos and Mother of the Light let us honor and magnify in song.

Mag - ni - fy, O my soul, the most_ pre - cious Cross of the Lord.

Ode 9

Thou art the mys - ti - cal para - dise,

O The - o - to - kos; for that thou,

be - ing un - tilled, didst bud forth Christ, by whom was

plant - ed on earth the life - giv - ing tree of the Cross.

Where - fore, as we a - do - re it be - ing el - e - vat - ed,

we mag - ni - fy thee.

Mag - ni - fy, O my soul, the most_ pre - cious Cross of the Lord.

Let all the trees of the wood, plant - ed from the be - gin - ning of time, re - joice; for their na - ture hath been_ sanc - ti - fied

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by the stretching of Christ on the Tree. Wherefore, now, we worship him, lifted up, and magnify him.

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord.

A noble horn hath been raised to those of divine mind, the Cross which is head of all, by which all the super-sensuous horns of sinners are crushed. Wherefore now, we adore it elevated, and magnify it.

Magnify, O my soul, the Elevation of the life-giving Cross of the Lord.

Indeed, death which be-fell the human race by eating from the tree, hath been abolished today by the Cross; for the curse of the first Mother and all her descendents hath...
been undone by him who was born of the undefiled

The otokos, who all the pow'rs of heaven do magnify.

Magnify, O my soul, the Elevation of the life-giving Cross of the Lord.

O Lord, that thou mightest not leave the bitterness of the tree abolished, thou didst remove it completely by the Cross.

Therefore, in ancient times the tree made the waters of Marah sweet,

anticipating the act of the Cross, whom all the pow'rs of heaven do magnify.

Chanter (Intone): Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

O Lord, today by the Cross thou hast lifted up us who are immersed continually in the darkness of our
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Chanter (Intone): Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Then conclude with "Thou art the mystical paradise" and
"Verily, death which befell the human race."