

August 1st / Third Sunday in Lent

The Procession of the Precious Cross / The Sunday of the Cross
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: *As one valiant*

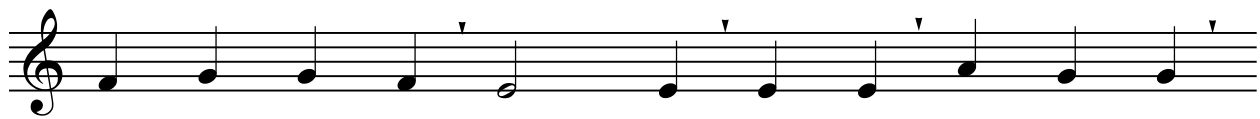
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih



1) Let us shout with ex - ult - ant voice, let us sing joy - ous



songs of praise, let us kiss the ven - 'ra - ble



Cross with faith and love; and let us lift up our



voice and cry: O all - bless - ed Cross of Christ,



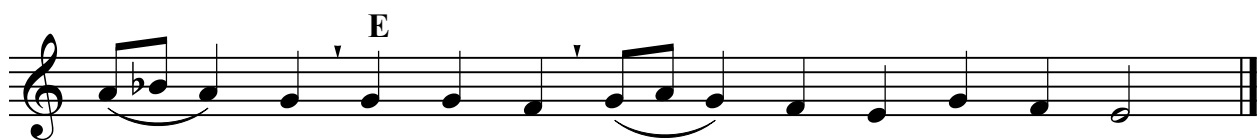
bless and sanc - ti - fy our souls and our bod - ies by



thy great might; and pre - serve un - harmed from all kinds of af -



- flic - tion by our ad - ver - sar - ies us who now with



glad - ness of - fer thee wor - ship in pi - e - ty.

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2) Come draw forth as though from a spring the unfailing and

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mighty streams pouring from the grace of the

Cross of Jesus Christ. For lo, the holy and

pre - cious Wood is set forth for all to see,

as the fountain-head of gifts, which is watered by

the divine Water and the Blood of the Master of

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all, Who of His own will was exalted on it

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free - ly and so exalted all mortal men.

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3) The foun - da - tion of ho - ly Church, thē a - dorn - ment and

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gem of monks, and the boast and joy and sal -

- va - tion of God's priests art thou, O all - hon - ored

Cross. And for this cause, as we wor - ship thee,

we this day in heart and soul are en - light - ened by

the di - vine grace of Him that once was af - fixed un - to

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thee and hath de - stroyed the might and rule of the de -

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- ceiv - er and hath a - bol - ished thē an - cient curse.