1) As the Cross is lifted up, it urgeth all of creation to praise the immaculate Passion of the One Who was lifted up thereon.

For by means of the Cross, He slew him that slew us;

and He made the dead to live again,

making them beautiful, granting them the Heavens as dwelling-place,

because He is compassionate,

in the unsurpassed and unspeakable
ex cess of His good ness. With joy, then, let us
all ex alt His Name, while mag ni fy ing His in fin ite
con de scen sion toward our race.

2) Mos es once pre fig ured thee, stretch ing his hands out toward
Heav en, and pre vail ing might i ly
o ver tyr ant A ma lek, O most pre cious Cross,
boast of all faith ful men, staff and strength of ath letes,
the a pos tles' fair em belp hment,
cham pi on of the just, and the sure sal va tion of all the Saints.
Hence, seeing thee exalted now,
all creation keepeth a festival,
filled with joy and gladness, and glorifying Christ God, Who through thee, in His extreme goodness joined again what was set at enmity.

3) O all honored Cross of Christ, round which the orders of Angels hover with exceeding joy,
as thou art raised up today by the will of God,
thou dost raise up all those cast away and exiled.
for the theft of the forbidden fruit,

who had slipped down to death. Wherefore with our lips and with all our heart,

we kiss thee, filled with faith and love,

and we draw forth holiness for ourselves,

crying out: Exalt ye Christ Jesus, the transcendently good God, and do ye worship the most divine footstool of His holy feet.