September 18th
After-Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special Melody: Thou art the joy

1) The Wood where by we were saved, and to which the Life of all, Christ God, was willingly nailed in His hands, is exalted, calling all the faithful to worship it as the divine footstool of His feet with the pure sound of all them that keep festival, singing sacred hymns and songs of praise.

2) Come, O ye faithful, and as we observe the memory of the consecration of Christ’s Resurrection, whence great light of life and incorruption hath
shone up - on them in the dark - ness, let us ex - alt
the life - en - gen - der - ing Wood of the ho - ly Cross
as we wor - ship Christ our Sav - ior and God.

3) When the great Mo - ses a - fore - time had in the
form of a cross stretched out his hands toward Heav - en on the
moun - tain of Si - nai, O Christ our God, he there - by por -
trayed Thine own Cross, which is lift - ed on high to - day,
and which doth sanc - ti - fy all those up - on thē earth
that through it now wor - ship Thee with faith.