1) Shine the bright lightning bolts of thy grace

up on the hearts of them that honor thee faithfully,

embracing thee with divinely inspired fondness and love, O Cross of the Lord desired by all the world.

Through thee have the gloomy tears of dejection all disappeared;

we have been rescued from the all-snaring nets of death

and have passed beyond unto gladness that hath no end.

Show us the fairest majesty and grace of thy comeliness,

granting thy servants the compenses of fasting and abstinence, as we make petition

with firm faith for thy great mercy and rich protecting might.
2) Rejoice, life-giving Cross of the Lord,
thou art the Church's very beautiful Paradise,

thou tree of true incorruption, that hast now blossomed for us with the joy of glory lasting ever more.

Through thee the battalions of war-like demons are chased away;

the ranks of angels all rejoice with exceeding joy;

the assembled hosts of the faithful keep festival.

Weapon of strength invincible, impregnable citadel,

thou certain victory of kings, and the holy glory and boast of priests. Now grant to us also to attain to Christ's dread Passion and Rising from the dead.
3) Rejoice, life-giving Cross of the Lord, thou never-conquered battle-trophy of piety, support and staff of the faithful, the wall surrounding the Church, and the door that leadeth into Paradise.

Through thee hath the ancient curse been abolished and seen no more; death's mighty power hath been vanquished and swallowed up, and we have been raised from the earth to celestial things.

O truceless foe of demons, and our weapon invincible, thou art the glory of Martyrs and true adornment of all the Saints, calm port of salvation, that which granteth the great mercy of God unto the world.
4) Come ye, the pair first fashioned by God, who fell away in ancient times from the choir on high because of the mortal slayer's murderous envy and spite, through that bitter pleasure, tasting of the tree. Behold, the allvenerable Tree proceedeth and cometh forth; run forth to meet it, and embrace it with joy of heart, and with fervent faith, raise your voice and cry unto it: Thou art our help and refuge, O allvenerable Cross of Christ, whose fruit we freely partake of, and thence are made incorruptible, receiving great mercy and that first and ancient Eden as sure inheritance.

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