

September 14th

Elevation (Exaltation) of the Holy Cross

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 6/Plagal Second Mode
Special Melody: *Having laid up all their hope*



1) As the Cross is lift - ed up, it urg - eth all of__ cre -



- a - tion to praise thē im - mac - u - late



Pas - sion of the One Who was lift - ed up there - on.



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



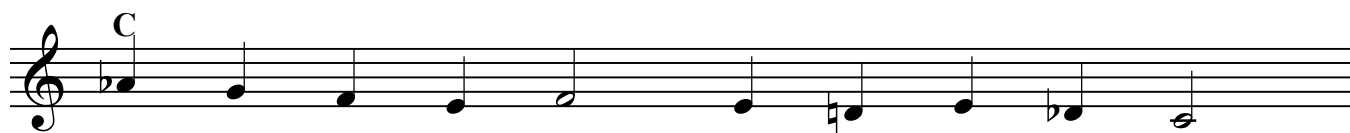
and He made_____ the dead to live a - gain,



mak - ing them beau - ti - ful, grant - ing them the Heav - ens as dwell - ing - place,



be - cause He is com - pas - sion - ate,



in thē un - sur - passed and un - speak - a - ble

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G E G

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

F E

con - de - scen - sion_ toward_ our race._____

9 G

2) Mos - es once pre - fig - ured thee, stretch - ing his hands out_ toward

Heav - en, and pre - vail - ing might - i - ly

11 E

o - ver ty - rant A - ma - lek, O most pre - cious Cross,

12 G

boast of all_ faith - ful men, staff and strength of ath - - - letes,


13 F

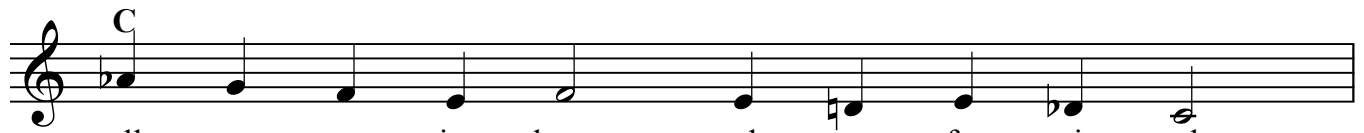
thē a - pos - - - tles' fair em - bel - lish - ment,


G E

cham - pi - on of the just, and the sure sal - va - tion of all the Saints.

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Hence, see - ing thee ex - alt - ed now,


C

all cre - a - tion keep - eth a fes - ti - val,


G E G

filled with joy and glad - - - ness, and glo - ri - fy - ing


Christ God, Who through thee, in His ex - treme good - ness joined a - gain

F E

what was set at en - mi - ty.

20 G

3) O all - hon - ored Cross of Christ, round which thē or - ders of


An - gels hov - er with ex - ceed - ing joy,

22 E

as thou art raised up to - day by the will of God,

23 G

thou dost raise up all those cast a - way and ex - - - iled

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for the theft of the forbidden fruit,

who had slipped down to death. Where-fore 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 tran -

-scen - dent - ly good God, and do ye wor - ship the most di - vine

foot - stool of His ho - ly feet.