

Stichera Aposticha

The Elevation of the Holy Cross – September 14

Tone 5
Sticheron 1

Kievan Chant
arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Re - joice, O life - bear - ing Cross, in - vin - ci - ble

Detailed description: This system shows the first two staves of the musical score. The Soprano and Alto parts are written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The Tenor and Bass parts are written on a single staff with a bass clef and the same key signature. The lyrics are: "Re - joice, O life - bear - ing Cross, in - vin - ci - ble". The music consists of a series of chords and single notes, with some notes beamed together.

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Detailed description: This system shows the next two staves of the musical score. The lyrics are: "tri - umph of god - li - ness, gate of Paradise, and protection". The musical notation continues with chords and single notes, maintaining the same key signature and clefs as the first system.

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Church, through which corruption is a - bol - ished,

Detailed description: This system shows the final two staves of the musical score. The lyrics are: "Church, through which corruption is a - bol - ished,". The musical notation concludes with a final chord. The key signature and clefs are consistent with the previous systems.

[through which ...]

through which the pow-er of death is crushed, and we are

raised from earth to heav - en. O in - vincible weapon, the

adversary of de - mons, the glo - ry of mar - tyrs, the

true adornment of ven - 'ra - ble saints, and the ha - ven of sal -

va - tion, // which grants the world_ great mer - cy.

v. Extol the Lord our God: and worship at His footstool, for He is holy! (Ps. 98:5)

Sticheron 2

Re - joice, O Cross of the Lord, through which

mankind has been de - liv - ered from the curse! You are a

sign of true joy, shat - tering our enemies by your

Ex - al - ta - tion. O Cross, worthy of all hon - or,

you are our help, you are the strength of kings.

You are the power of the right-eous. You are the maj-es-

ty of priests. All who sign them-selves with you are

freed from dan-ger. O rod of strength, under which

we like sheep are tend-ed, you are a weapon of

peace around which the an-gels stand in fear. You are the

di - vine glo - ry of Christ, // Who grants the world

great mer - cy.

v. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth! (*Ps. 73:13*)

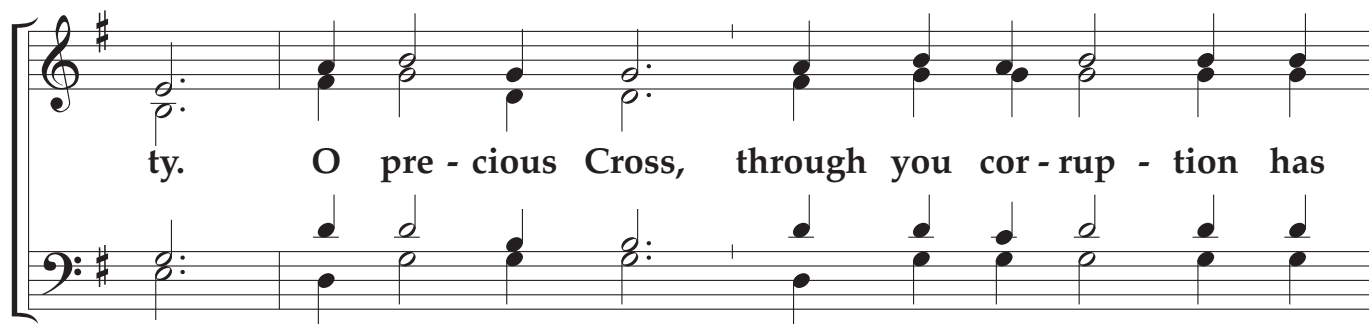
Sticheron 3

Re - joice, O guide of the blind, phy - sician of the

sick and res - ur - rec - tion of all the dead; you have

raised us up when we were fallen into mor - tal - i -

[mortality.]



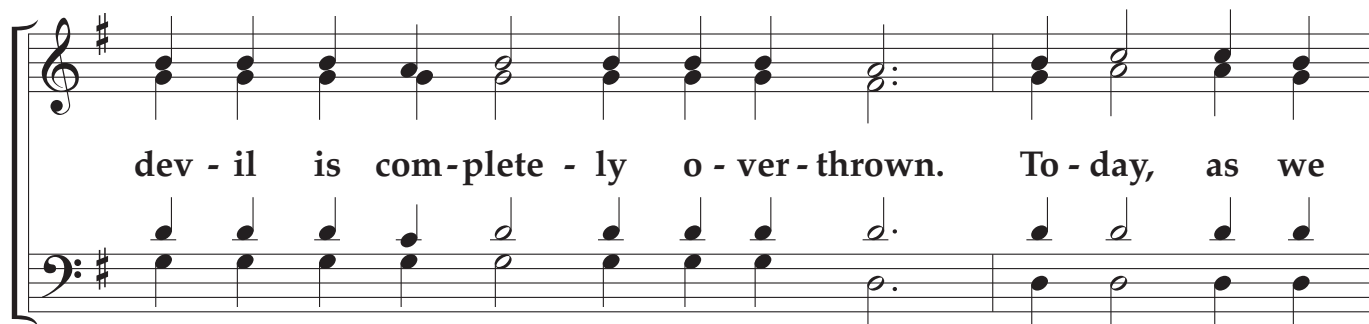
ty. O pre - cious Cross, through you cor - rup - tion has



been de - stroyed, and in - cor - rup - tion has blos - somed



forth. We mor - tals are made di - vine, and the



dev - il is com - plete - ly o - ver - thrown. To - day, as we



see you exalted by the hands of bish - ops,

we ex - alt Him Who was lifted up up - on you,

and we fall down in worship be - fore you, // draw - ing rich

streams — of great mer - cy.