

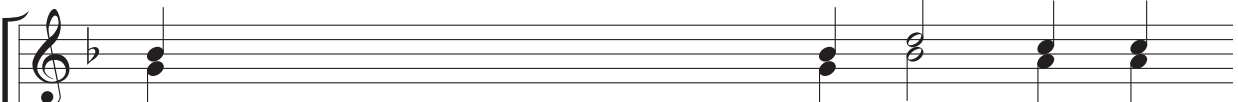
# Stichera at the Veneration of the Cross

*The Elevation of the Holy Cross – September 14*

Tone 2  
Sticheron 1

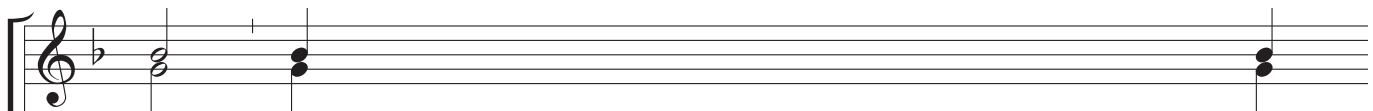
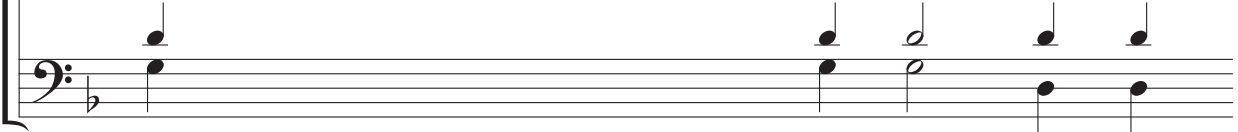
Russian Imperial Court Chant  
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano  
Alto

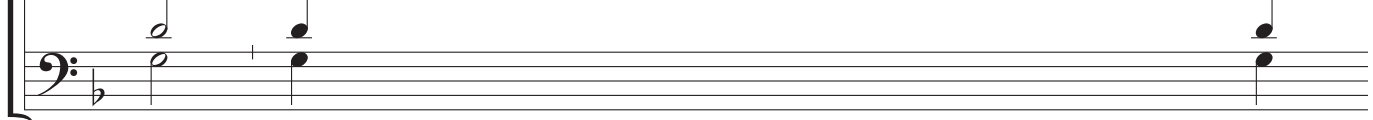


Come, O faithful, let us venerate the life - giv - ing

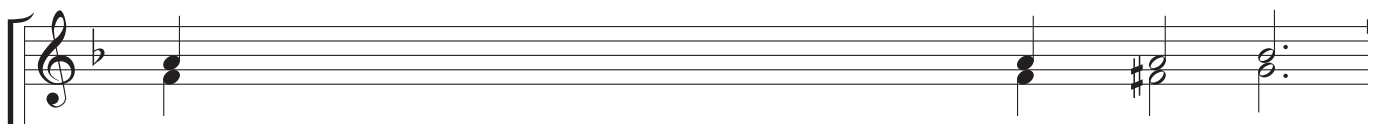
Tenor  
Bass



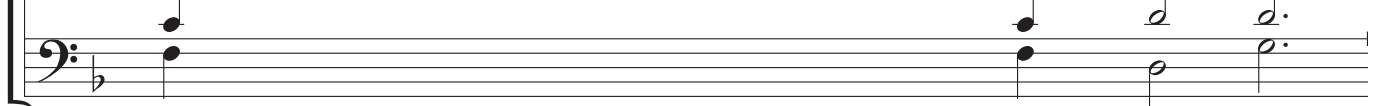
Wood on which Christ the King of Glory voluntarily stretched



out His hands and raised us up to our an - cient bliss,



though formerly the enemy had despoiled us through pleas - ure



[and made us exiles . . . ]

and made us ex - iles from God. Come, O faithful, let us

ven - er - ate the Wood through which we have been accounted

worthy to crush the heads of our invisible en - e - mies.

Come, all you kindred of the na - tions, let us hon - or in

hymns the Cross of the Lord: "Rejoice, O Cross, complete

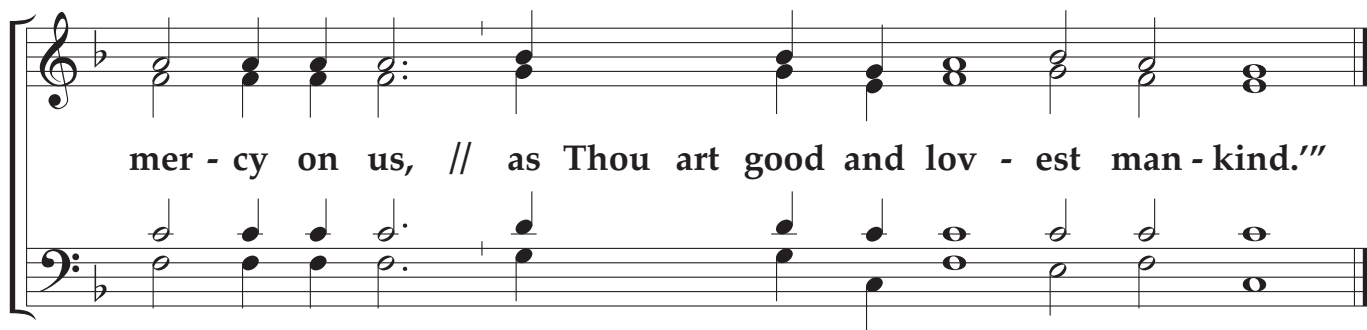
deliverance of fallen Ad - am. In thee our faithful rulers

make their boast, since by thy pow - er they subjugate the

peo - ple of Ish - ma - el. As we Christians now kiss thee with

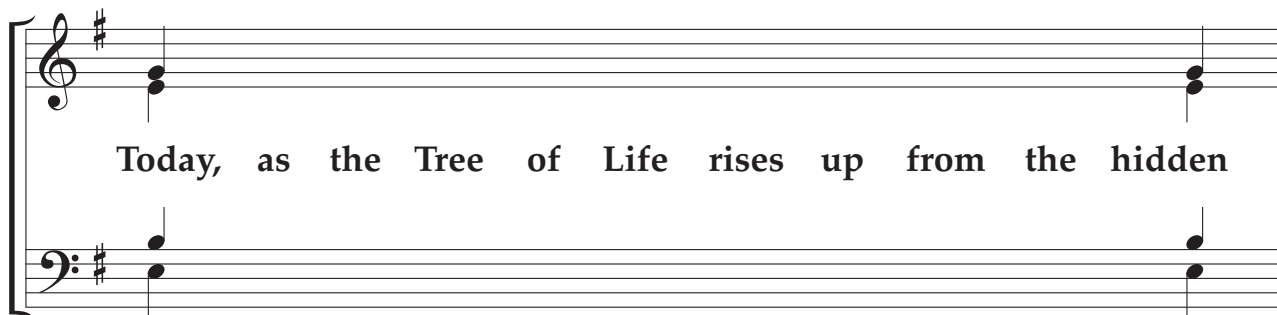
fear, we glorify God who was nailed up - on thee, and we

say: 'O Lord, who on the Cross wast crucified, have



mer - cy on us, // as Thou art good and lov - est man - kind."

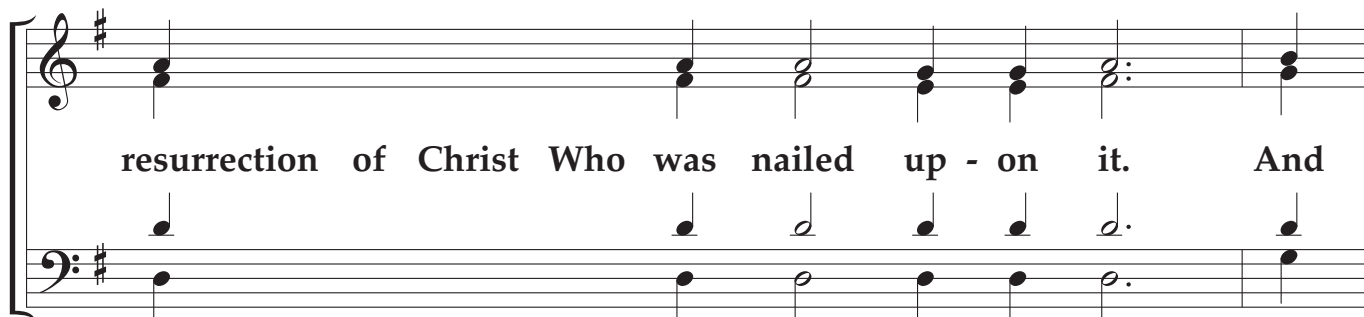
Tone 6  
Sticheron 2



Today, as the Tree of Life rises up from the hidden



plac - es of the earth, it confirms our faith in the



resurrection of Christ Who was nailed up - on it. And



as it is raised aloft by priest - ly hands, it proclaims His

[elevation to heaven,]

elevation to heav - en, by which our nature, from its fallen

state on earth, becomes a citizen of heav - en. There-fore

let us cry out in thank - ful-ness, "O Lord, Who wast lifted

up on the Cross and through it didst lift us with Thy -

self, // count worthy of heavenly joy those who sing Thy praise."

Tone 8  
Sticheron 3

The voice of Thy prophet Mo - ses, O God, has been ful -

filled, for he said: "You will see your Life hang - ing be -

fore your eyes." Today the Cross is lifted up and the

world is set free from er - ror. Today the church of Christ's

Resurrection celebrates its dedi - ca - tion, and the

ends of the earth rejoice like Da - vid with cym - bals, offering

Thee a hymn and say - ing: "Thou hast worked salvation

in the midst of the earth, — O God - Thy Cross and Res-ur-

rec - tion, through which Thou hast set us free, as Thou art

good and lov - est man-kind. // O Almighty Lord, glo - ry to Thee!