

Stichera at the Litya

The Elevation of the Holy Cross – September 14

Tone 1
Sticheron 1

Kievan Chant
arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

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Detailed description: This system shows the vocal entries for Soprano and Alto (top staff) and Tenor and Bass (bottom staff). The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The Soprano and Alto parts begin with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a half note B4. The Tenor and Bass parts begin with a half note G3, followed by a half note A3, and then a half note B3. The lyrics "To - day — the holy saying of David truly has come to" are written below the staves.

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[all-compassionate . . .]

all - com - pas - sion - ate Lord: "May the light of Thy

countenance be marked as a sign up - on us! Ex - alt the

horn of Thine Orthodox peo - ple by the Exal - ta - tion

of Thy pre - cious Cross, // O Christ - of man - y

mer - cies!"

Sticheron 2

The Tree of True Life was planted in the Place of the

Skull and up - on it hast Thou, the eternal King, worked salvation

in the midst of the earth. Ex - alt - ed today, it sanctifies the

ends of the world, and the church of the Resurrection

celebrates its ded - i - ca - tion. An - gels in

[heaven rejoice,]

heav - en re - joice, and men up - on earth are glad,

cry - ing a - loud with David and say - ing: "Exalt the Lord

our God and wor - ship at His foot - stool, // for He is

ho - ly, grant - ing the world — great mer - cy!"

Sticheron 3

Pre - fig - ur - ing Thy Cross, O Christ, Ja - cob the

Patriarch, when he gave the blessing to his de - scend - ants,

laid his hands cross-wise up - on their heads. And to - day

as we exalt Thy Cross, O Sav - ior, we cry: "Give vic -

tory to Thine Ortho - dox peo - ple, // as Thou once

gav - est it to Con - stan - tine!"

Tone 2
Sticheron 4

Di-vine— treas-ure hid - den in the earth, the Cross of the

Giver of Life appeared in the heavens to the god - ly

king, and its in - scrip - tion spiritually signified his victory

o - ver the en - e - my. Re - joic - ing with faith and

love, and in - spired — by God he made haste to

raise on high the Cross which he had seen, and with great

zeal he brought it forth from the bos - om of the earth //

for the de - liv - 'rance of the world and the sal -

va - tion of our souls.

Sticheron 5

When the Pa - triarch Jacob crossed his hands while

[blessing his children,]

bless-ing his chil - dren, he foreshadowed the might - y sym - bol

of Thy Cross. Hav - ing this as our unshakable safe - guard,

we drive out with al-mighty strength the ranks of de -

mons; and, casting down by it the arrogance of *Be - li - al

we put to flight the all-destroying power of hateful Am - a -

*Pronounced: BEE - lee -uhl

lek. Now as the Cross is lift - ed on high, we the faithful

piously offer it to Thy goodness for the cleans - ing of our sins,

cry - ing out in a loud voice: "Have mer - cy, O Lord,

made flesh of the Vir - gin; // take pit - y, O Good One, on

the works that Thou hast fash - ioned in Thy wis - dom."

Sticheron 6

O three - branched Cross of Christ, thou art my strong pro -
tec - tion. Sanc - ti - fy me by thy might, — // that I may
ven - er - ate and glo - ri - fy thee in faith — and love!

Tone 4

Sticheron 7

Let us proclaim today a fes - ti - val of song, and with
radiant faces and with our tongues let us cry a - loud:

"O Christ, Thou hast ac - cepted condem - na - tion for us,

and, be - ing spat up - on, and scourged, Thou wast robed in

purple and didst as - cend the Cross. Seeing Thee, the

sun and the moon hid their light, the earth quaked in fear,

and the veil of the Tem - ple was torn in two.

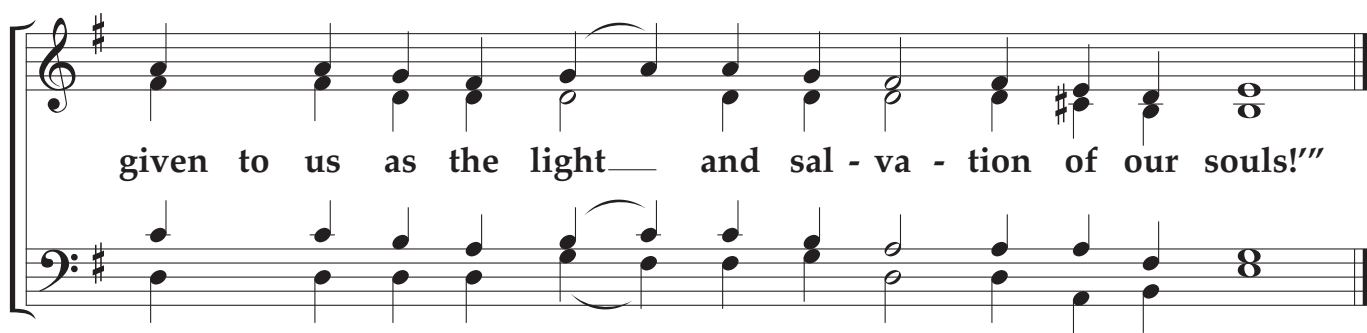
Grant us Thy precious Cross as our guardian and pro - tec - tor,

driv-ing de - mons a - way, that we may all em-brace it and

cry — out: 'Save us, O Cross, by thy might! Sanctify us

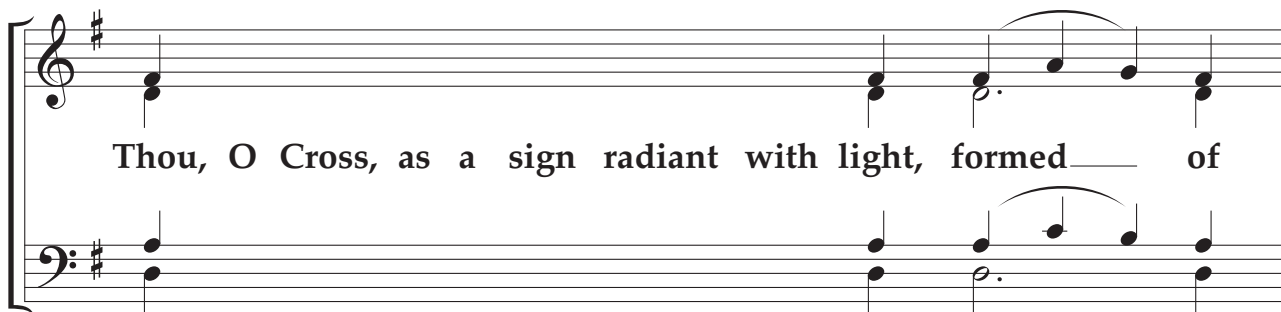
by thy radiance, O pre - cious Cross, and strengthen us

through thine Exal - ta - tion; // for thou hast been

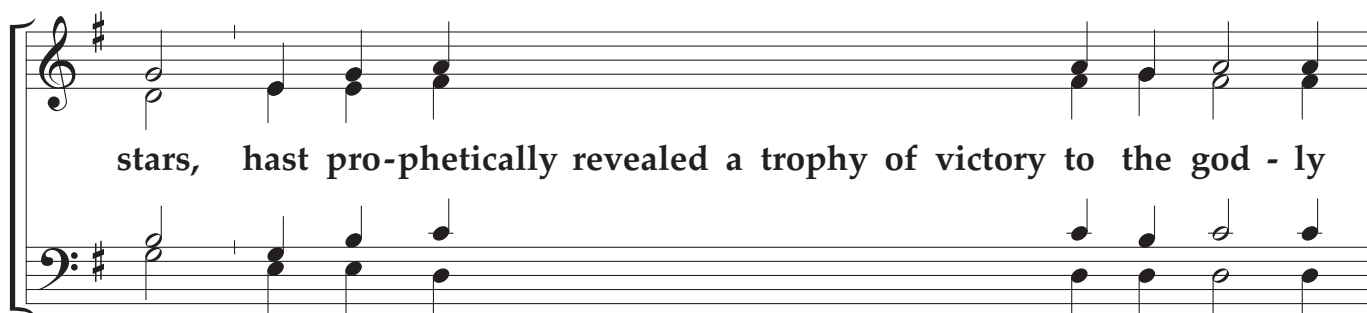


given to us as the light and sal - va - tion of our souls!"

Sticheron 8



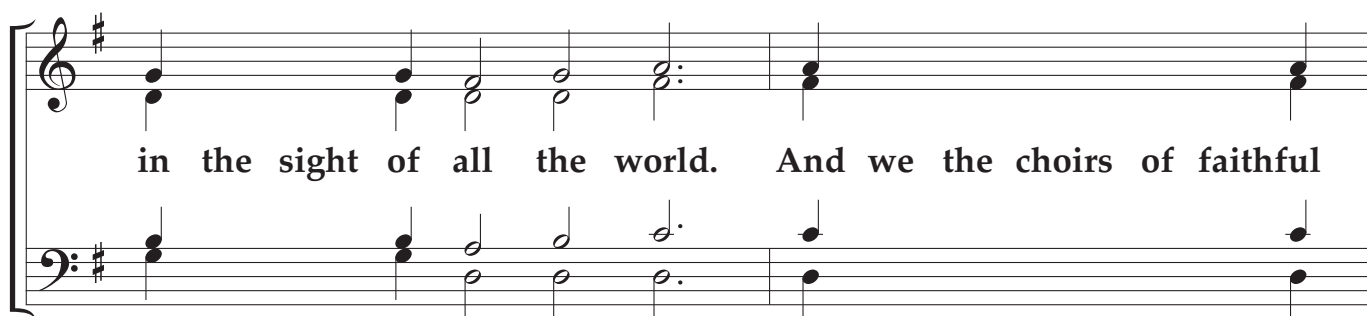
Thou, O Cross, as a sign radiant with light, formed of



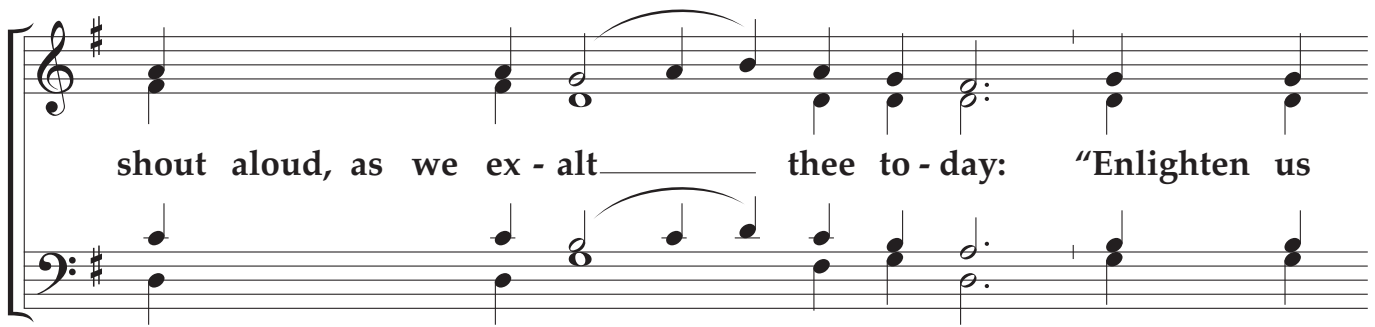
stars, hast pro-phetically revealed a trophy of victory to the god - ly



king; and when his moth - er Hel-en found thee, she displayed thee



in the sight of all the world. And we the choirs of faithful



shout aloud, as we ex - alt thee to - day: "Enlighten us



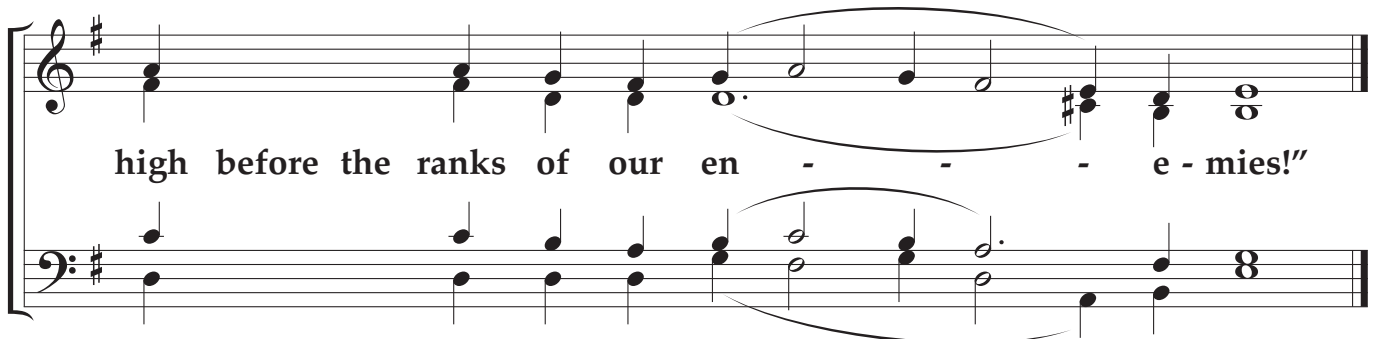
with thy brightness, O life - bear - ing Cross! Sanctify us by thy



might, O all - ven - 'ra - ble Cross, and strengthen us through thine



Ex - al - ta - tion, // when thou art lifted on



high before the ranks of our en - e - mies!"