

The Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross

First Antiphon

Serbian Chant
arr. P. Drobac

Tone 2

Through the prayers_ of the The - o - to - kos, O
Sav - iour, save us!

Final refrain ending:

save us!

1. O God, my God, attend to me: why have You forsaken me? (*Refrain*)
2. Why are You so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? (*Refrain*)
3. O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. (*Refrain*)
4. You dwell in the sanctuary, the praise of Israel. (*Refrain*)
5. Glory... Now and ever... Amen. (*Refrain*)

Second Antiphon

Tone 2

O Son of God, cru - ci - fied in the flesh,
save us who sing to You: "Al - le - lu - ia!"

1. O God, why do You cast us off forever? (*Refrain*)
2. Remember Your congregation, which You have gotten of old! (*Refrain*)
3. Remember Mount Zion, where You have dwelt! (*Refrain*)
4. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth. (*Refrain*)
5. Glory... (*Now and ever... Amen. Only-begotten Son...*)

The Antiphon verses can be straight chanted, or else intoned according to the following pattern:



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the verse "O God, my God, at - tend to — me: why have You for - sak - en me?". The second staff contains the melody for the verse "Why are You so far from help - ing me, from the words — of my groan - ing?". Both staves use a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff has a repeat sign at the end, and the second staff also has a repeat sign at the end.

O God, my God, at - tend to — me: why have You for - sak - en me?

Why are You so far from help - ing me, from the words — of my groan - ing?

Third Antiphon verses (*Refrain* = Troparion of the feast)

1. The Lord is King, let the peoples rage; He sits on the cherubim, let the earth be shaken! (*Refrain*)
2. The Lord is great in Zion, and He is high above all peoples! (*Refrain*)
3. Worship the Lord in His holy court! (*Refrain*)