

Stichera at the Aposticha

Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross - September 14

Sticheron 1
Tone 5

Kievan Chant
arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Soprano
Alto

Re - joice, O Life - bear - ing Cross, the in - vincible trophy

Tenor
Bass

Detailed description: This system shows the first line of the chant. It features two vocal parts: Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass. The Soprano/Alto part is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The Tenor/Bass part is written on a bass clef staff with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are: "Re - joice, O Life - bear - ing Cross, the in - vincible trophy". The music consists of chords and single notes, with some notes beamed together.

of god - li-ness, door to Paradise, firm support of the faith - ful,

Detailed description: This system shows the second line of the chant. The Soprano/Alto part continues with the lyrics: "of god - li-ness, door to Paradise, firm support of the faith - ful,". The Tenor/Bass part provides accompaniment. The music includes some notes with slurs and a fermata over the final note of the phrase.

a wall that en - com - pass - es the Church. Through you corruption has

Detailed description: This system shows the third line of the chant. The Soprano/Alto part continues with the lyrics: "a wall that en - com - pass - es the Church. Through you corruption has". The Tenor/Bass part includes a fermata over a chord. The music is primarily chordal in nature.

been destroyed and a - bol-ished. The pow - er of death has been swallowed

Detailed description: This system shows the fourth and final line of the chant. The Soprano/Alto part continues with the lyrics: "been destroyed and a - bol-ished. The pow - er of death has been swallowed". The Tenor/Bass part provides accompaniment. The music concludes with a final chord.

up, and we are raised from earth to Heav - - - en. You are a

weapon that cannot be van-quished, the ad-ver-sar-y of de-mons,

the glo-ry of the martyrs, the true a-dorn-ment of saints, and the

ha-ven of sal-va-tion, // which grant the world— great mer-cy.

v. Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy! (Ps 98/99:5)

Sticheron 2

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

Re-joyce, O Cross of the Lord, through which mankind has

been de - liv - ered from the curse, you are a sign of true joy,

you that shatter our enemies by your Ele - va - tion. O Cross, wor - thy

of all hon - or, you are our help, you are the strength of kings.

You are the power of the righ - teous. 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 73/74:12*)

Sticheron 3

Re - joi - ce, 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 mortality, 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 have been deified, and the Devil 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 lift - ed up up - on you,

and we fall down in wor-ship be - fore you, // draw - ing

rich streams— of great mer - - cy.