

# 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-joyce, 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-joyce, O life - bear - ing Cross, in - vin - ci - ble". The music consists of block chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

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[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! Thou art a

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

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

thou art our help, thou art the strength of kings.

[Thou art the power . . . ]

Thou art the power of the right - eous. Thou art the maj - es -

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

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

we like sheep are tend - ed, thou art a weapon of

peace around which the an-gels stand in fear. Thou art 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 - jice, O guide of the blind, phy - sician of the

sick and res - ur - rec - tion of all the dead; thou hast

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

[mortality.]

ty. O pre - cious Cross, through thee 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 thee exalted by the hands of bish - ops,

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

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

streams — of great mer - cy.