

Stichera at the Praises

The Elevation of the Holy Cross – September 14

Tone 8
Sticheron 1

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

Soprano
Alto

Oh, most glo - ri - ous won - der! The lifebearing

Tenor
Bass

tree, the all - ho - ly Cross today is raised up on

high and shown to the world. All the ends of the

earth give glo - ry; all the demons are struck with

[terror.]

ter - ror. Oh, what a gift is be - stowed on

mor - tals. Through the Cross, save our souls, O Christ, //

as Thou alone art com - pas - sion - ate!

Sticheron 2

Oh, most glo - ri - ous won - der! The Cross that

car - ried the Most High like a cluster of grapes

filled with life today is seen raised a - bove the earth.

Through this we have all been drawn to God, and death is

fi - nal - ly swal - lowed up. O, im - mac - u - late Wood!

Through thee we enjoy the immortal food of E - den //

as we give glo - ry to Christ!

Sticheron 3

Oh, most glo - ri - ous won - der! The length and

breadth of the Cross is equal to heav - en, for by divine

grace it sanc - ti - fies the u - ni - verse. By the Cross, pagan

na - tions are o - ver - come. By the Cross the sceptres of

kings are firmly es - tab - lished. O divine ladder, by

[which we go up...]

which we go up to heav - en, // exalting Christ the

Lord in song!