Stichera at “Lord, I
The Elevation of the Holy Cross – September 14

As the Cross is lifted on high, it urges all of creation to praise the undefiled Passion of Christ, Who was lifted up on it. For by the Cross He killed the one who killed us, and brought us back to life when we were dead. He adorned us in beauty,

{and in His compassion . . . }
and in His com-passion made us worthy to live in heav-en.

Therefore we rejoice and ex-alt His name, // and magnify His in-fi-nite con-de-scen-sion.

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Moses prefigured you, O pre-cious Cross, when he stretched out his hands on high, and put the ty-rant

[Amalek to flight.]
Amalek to flight. You are the boast of the faithful, the support of those who suffer, the glory of the Apostles, the champion of the Righteous, and the preservation of all the Saints. Therefore, beholding you raised on high, creation rejoices and celebrates, glorifying [Christ Who joined . . . ]
Christ Who has joined together through you that which was divided, // in His infinite goodness.

O most venerable Cross, attended by ranks of rejoicing Angels, as you are exalted today at the divine command, may you lift up again all [those who through ... ]
those who through the stolen food had been cast out and were sunk in death. Therefore, as we venerate you in faith with heart and lips, we draw sanctification from you and cry aloud: “Exalt Christ, the God transcendent in goodness, // and venerate His divine footstool!”