Stichera at “Lord, I Call”

The Elevation of the 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...
back to life when we were dead. He adorned us in beauty, and in His compassion made us worthy to live in heaven. Therefore we rejoice and exalt His name, // and magnify His infinite condescension.
Moses prefigured you, O precious Cross,

when he stretched out his hands on high, and put the tyrant 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,
of the righteous, and the preservation of

all the saints. Therefore, beholding you raised

high, creation rejoices and celebrates, glorifying

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, you lift up again all 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
faith with heart and lips, we draw sanctification from

you and cry a-loud: Ex-alt Christ, the God transcendent

in goodness, // and venerate His di-vine

foot - stool!
ALTERNATIVE ENDING - Sticheron 1
His infinite condensation.

ALTERNATIVE ENDING - Sticheron 2
in His infinite goodness.

ALTERNATIVE ENDING - Sticheron 3
divine footstool!