Doxastichon at “Lord, I Call”

The Elevation of the Cross - September 14

vs. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Come, all you nations, let us fall down in worship before the blessed Tree, by which eternal justice has come to pass! For he who deceived Adam by a Tree is caught by the lure of the Cross; and he who held [under his tyranny...]

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under his tyranny the creature endowed by God with royal dignity, is brought down in a head-long fall.

The serpent’s venom is washed away by the Blood of God,

and the curse of just condemnation is undone

when the Just One is condemned by an unjust judgment.

[For it was fitting...]

For it was fitting...
For it was fitting that the tree should be healed by a Tree,

and that by the Passion of the passion-less God

what was wrought on the Tree should destroy the passions of man, who was condemned. But glory to Thy dread dispensation for our sakes, O Christ the King, through which Thou hast [saved us all...]
saved us all, // since Thou art good and the Lover
of mankind!