Moses traced out a cross, as with his staff he divided the Red Sea in two, so that Israel could go across on foot; and then striking it again crosswise, and uniting it over Pharaoh and his chariots, He inscribed the Invincible Weapon. // Therefore let us sing to Christ our God, for [He has been glu-ri-fed.]

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He has been glorified.
Kanon - Refrains

The Elevation of the Cross - September 14

Glory to Your Precious Cross, O Lord!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
The rod of Aaron is an image of this mystery,

for when it budded it revealed who should be the priest; and

for the Church, which before was barren, the Tree of the

Cross has blossomed forth // for her strength and firm foundation.
I have heard the mystery of Your dispensation,

O Lord, I have meditated on Your works, //

and have glorified Your Godhead.
Heirmos

O, thrice-blessed Tree, on which Christ the King and

Lord was stretched! Through you the one who deceived us through a

tree has fallen, caught by the bait of God, Who was nailed to

you in the flesh, // and Who grants peace to our souls.

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In the belly of the sea monster, Jonah stretched out his hands in the form of a cross, plainly prefiguring the saving Passion. When he emerged from there on the third day, he prefigured the transcendent Resurrection of Christ our God, who was nailed to the Cross in the flesh // and by His [rising on the third day...]
rising on the third day enlightened the world.
The senseless decree of the impious tyrant,
spewing threats and blasphemy hateful to God brought the people to confusion. Yet the three Children could not be frightened either by the brutal fury or the roaring fire, but in the wind, moist with dew, that blew against it,
they stood together, and they sang: “O praised above all,
blessed are You, // our God, and the God of our fathers!”
O Children, equal in number to the Trinity, bless God

the Father, the Creator; praise the Word, Who descended

and changed the fire to dew, and exalt above all, to all

ages, // the all-holy Spirit, Who gives life to all!

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Kanon - Refrains (Ode 8)

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Glory to Your Precious Cross, O Lord!

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord,

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

We praise bless and worship the Lord, singing and exalt ing Him throughout all ages.
Kanon - Ode 9
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Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from Alexis L'vov
for 3 treble voices

Refain

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross

Heirmos

of the Lord! You are a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos,

who, though untilled, have brought forth Christ; through Him the

life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth. Now at its

Elevation, // as we bow in worship before it, we

[magnify you.]
Magnify you.