

Stichera Aposticha

The Elevation of the Holy Cross – September 14

Tone 5
Sticheron 1

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

Soprano
Alto

Re - joice, O life - bear - ing Cross, invincible trophy

Tenor
Bass

Detailed description: This system shows the first line of the chant. It features two vocal parts: Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass. The Soprano/Alto part is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The Tenor/Bass part is written on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Re - joice, O life - bear - ing Cross, invincible trophy". The music consists of block chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

of god - li - ness, gate of Paradise, and protection of the

Detailed description: This system shows the second line of the chant. The Soprano/Alto part continues with block chords. The Tenor/Bass part continues with simple rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are: "of god - li - ness, gate of Paradise, and protection of the".

faith - ful! The Cross is the might of the Church,

Detailed description: This system shows the third line of the chant. The Soprano/Alto part features a long note with a slur over it. The Tenor/Bass part continues with simple rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are: "faith - ful! The Cross is the might of the Church,".

through which corruption is a - bol - ished, through which the

Detailed description: This system shows the fourth line of the chant. The Soprano/Alto part continues with block chords. The Tenor/Bass part continues with simple rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are: "through which corruption is a - bol - ished, through which the".

[power of death ...]

pow - er of death is crushed, and we are raised from

earth to heav - en. O invincible weapon, the adversary of

de - mons, the glo - ry of martyrs, the true adornment of

ven - 'ra - ble saints, and the ha - ven of sal - va - tion //

which grants the world great mer - cy.

v. Extol the Lord our God: and worship at His footstool, for He is holy! (Ps. 98:5)

Sticheron 2

Re-joyce, O Cross of the Lord, through which mankind

has been de - liv - ered from the curse! Thou art a

sign of true joy, shat - tering our enemies by thine Exal - ta -

tion. O Cross, worthy of all hon - or, thou art our

help, thou art the strength of kings. Thou art the

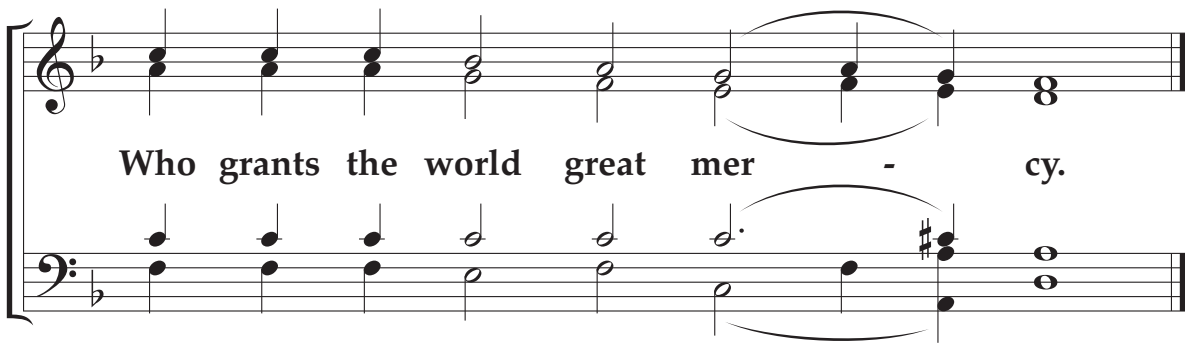
power of the right-eous. Thou art the maj-es-ty of priests.

All who sign themselves with thee are freed from dan-ger.

O rod of strength, under which we like sheep are tend-ed,

thou art a weapon of peace around which the angels stand in

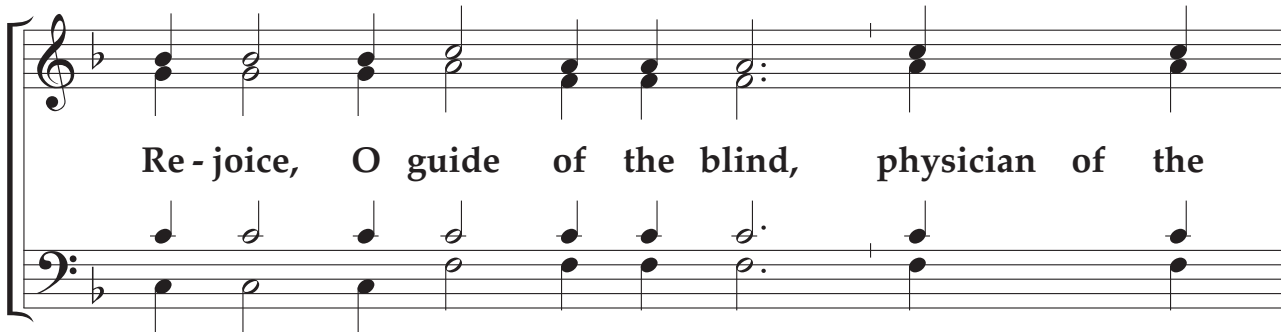
fear. Thou art the di-vine— glo-ry of Christ, //



Who grants the world great mer - cy.

v. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth! (Ps. 73:13)

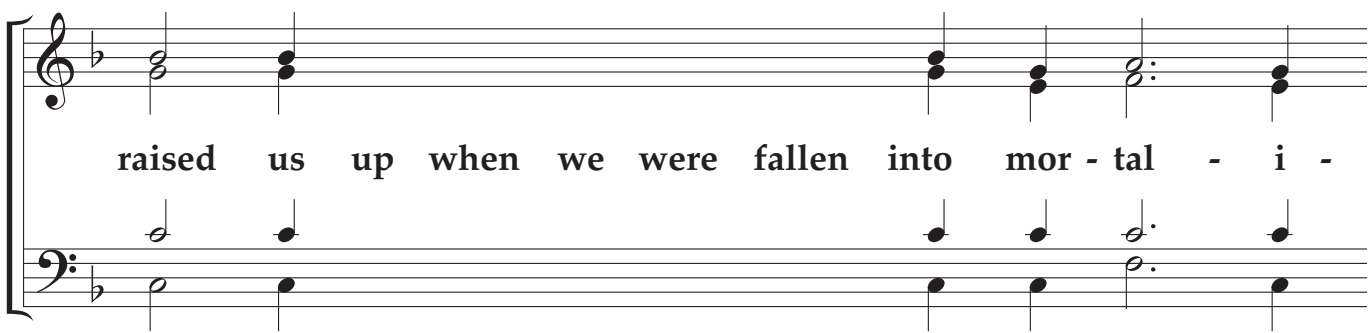
Sticheron 3



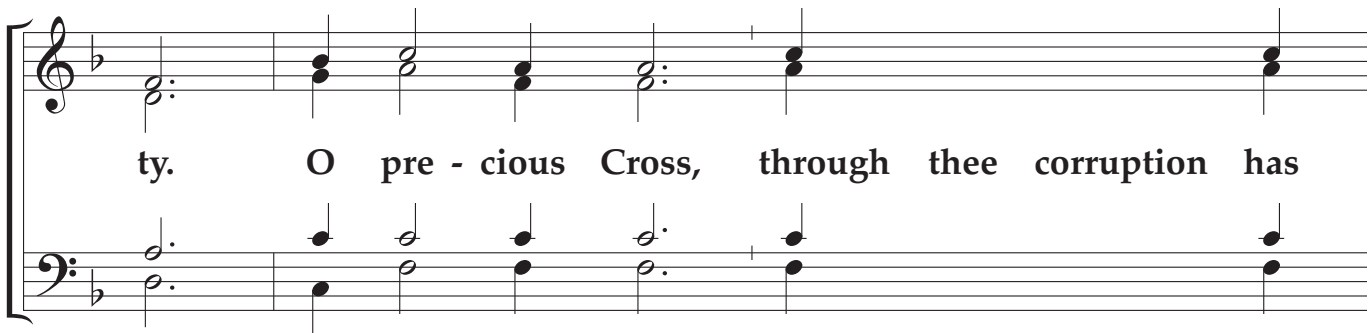
Re - joice, O guide of the blind, physician of the



sick and res - ur - rec - tion of all the dead; thou hast



raised us up when we were fallen into mor - tal - i -



ty. O pre - cious Cross, through thee corruption has

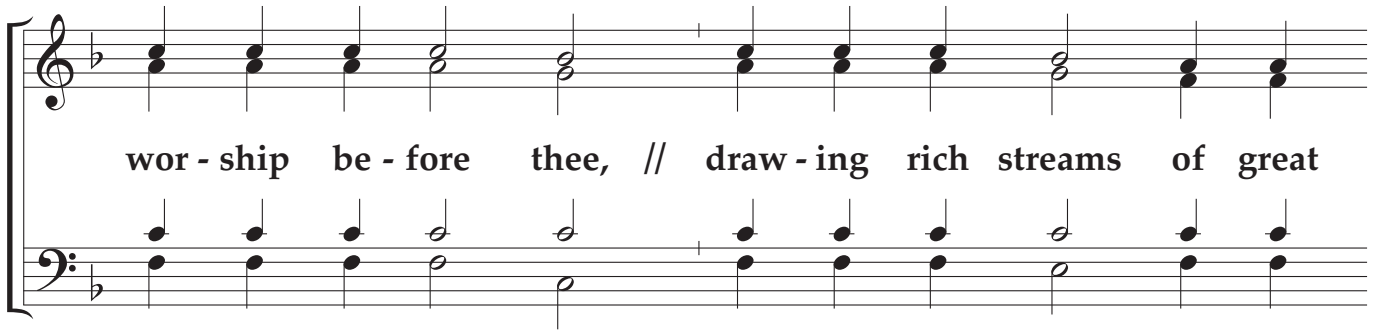
been de-stroyed, and in-cor-rup - tion has blos-somed forth.

We mor - tals are made di - vine, and the devil is com -

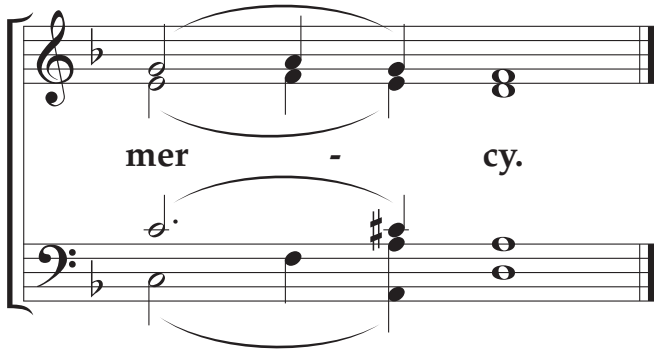
plete - ly o - ver - thrown. To - day, as we see thee

exalted by the hands of bish - ops, we ex - alt

Him Who was lifted up up - on thee, and we fall down in



wor - ship be - fore thee, // draw - ing rich streams of great



mer - cy.