

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

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

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

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! You are a

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

tion. O Cross, worthy of all hon - or, you are our

help, you are the strength of kings. You are the

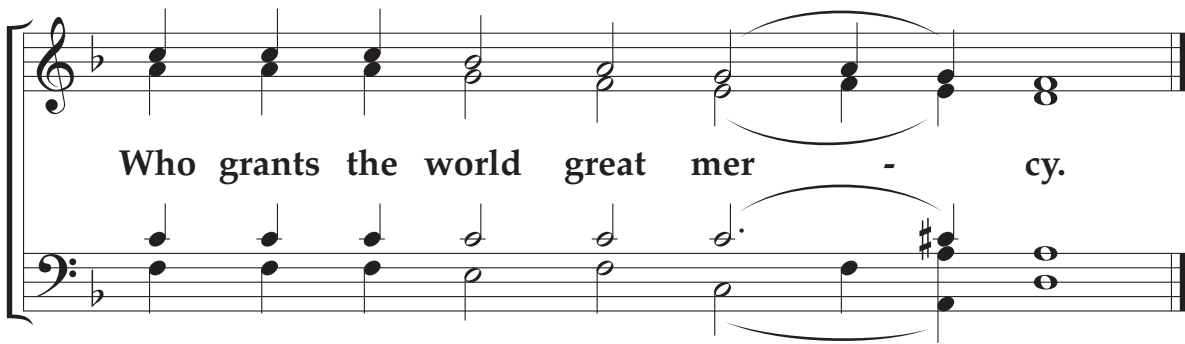
power of the right-eous. You are the maj-es-ty of priests.

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

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

you are a weapon of peace around which the angels stand in

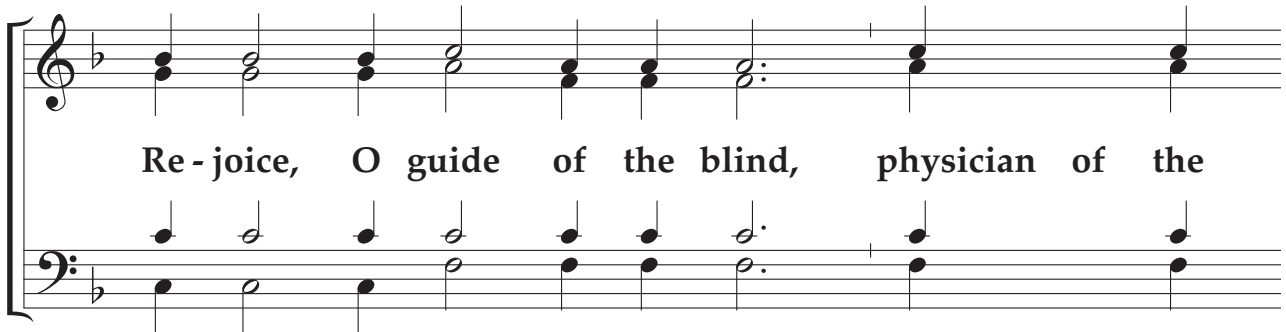
fear. You are the di-vine— glo-ry of Christ, //



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)

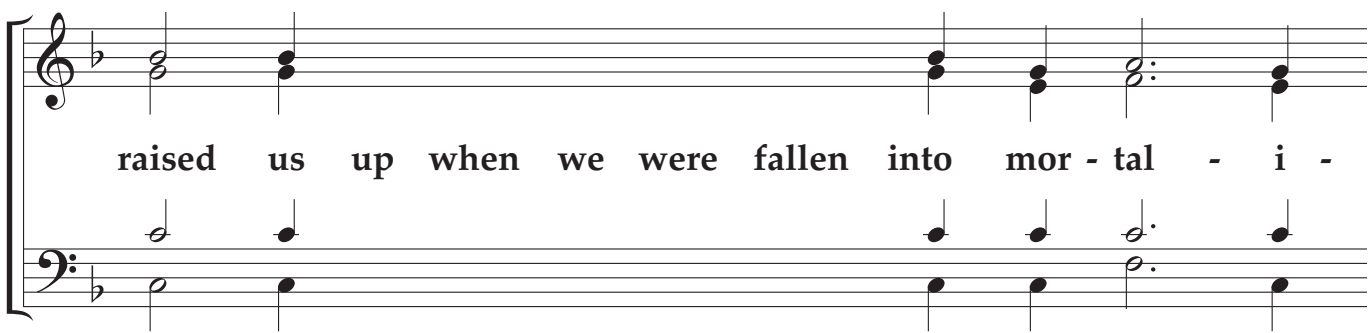
Sticheron 3



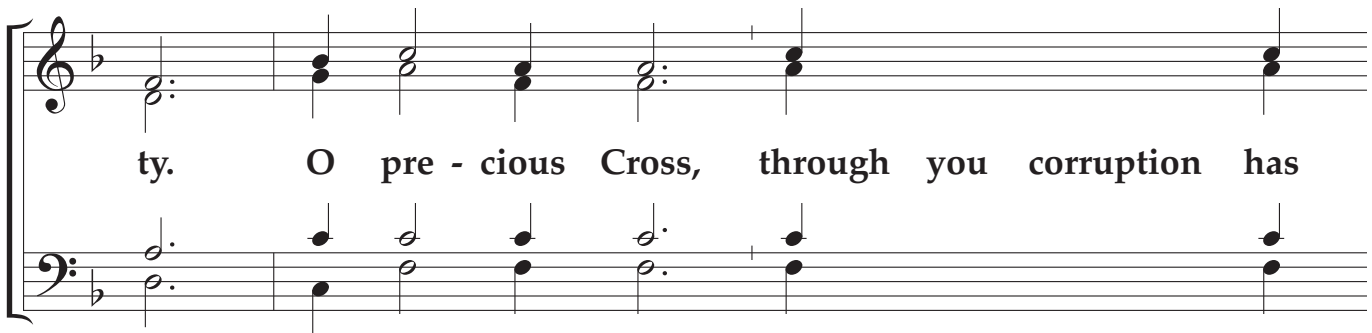
Re - joice, O guide of the blind, physician of the



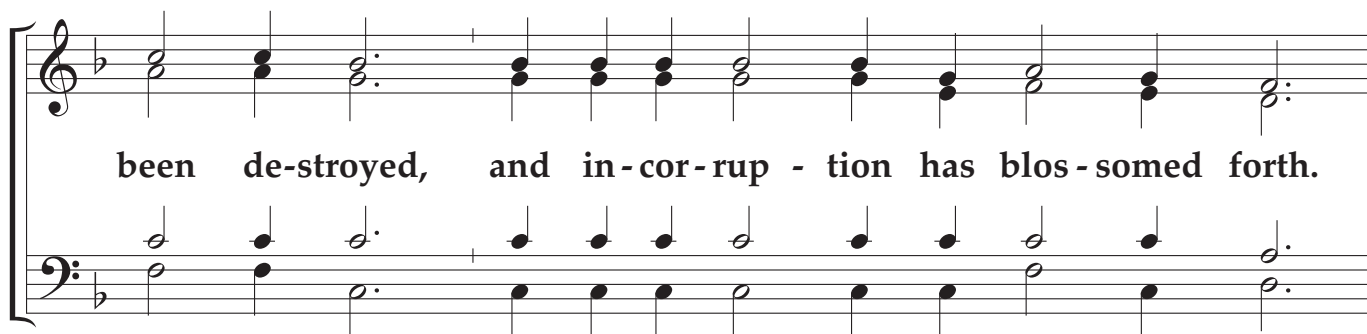
sick and res - ur - rec - tion of all the dead; you have



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



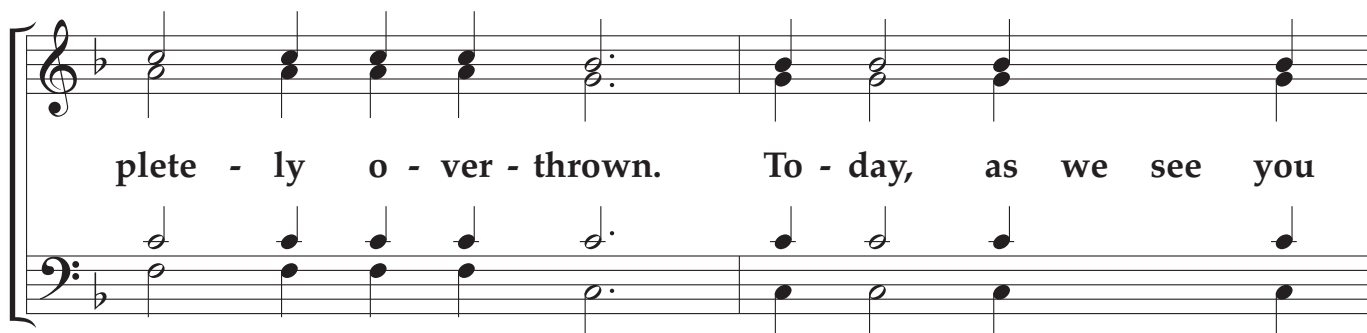
ty. O pre - cious Cross, through you corruption has



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



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



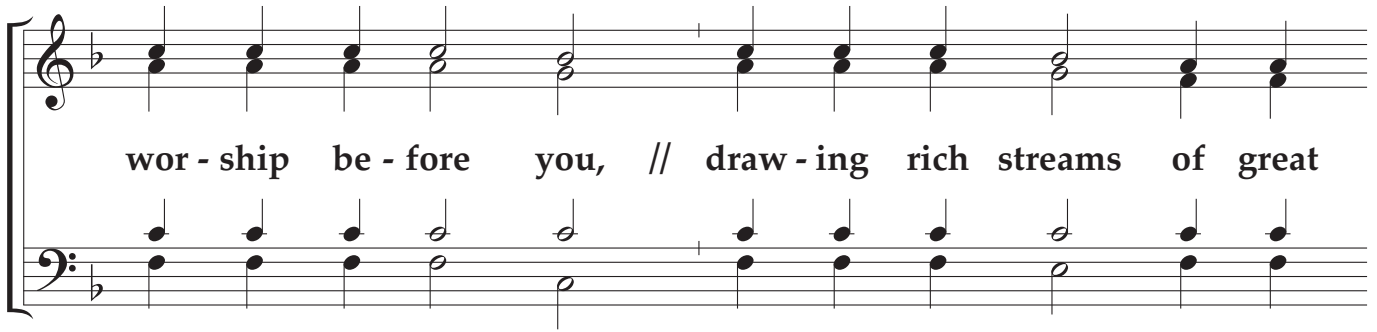
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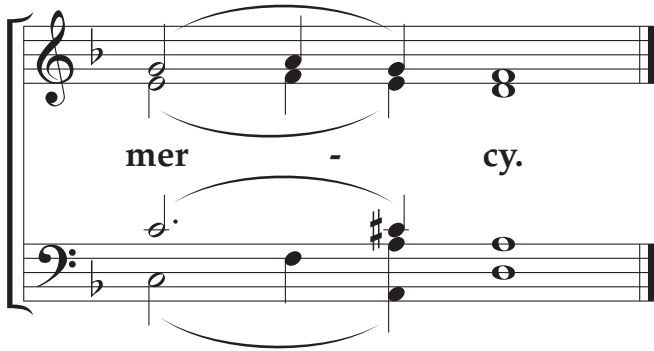
exalted by the hands of bish - ops, we ex - alt



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



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



mer - cy.