

**Vesper Propers, September 21, 2008**  
**Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
**Leavetaking of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*Psalm 140, Tone 2 (begins on page 36), stichera 10-7*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive?  
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

*Tone 6 podoben: Vsju otloživše*

⑥ & ⑤

By its el - e - va - tion, the Cross is like an appeal to the whole cre - a - tion.

We a - dore the blessed passion of Christ our God, who was sus - pen - ded

on it. By this Cross, Christ destroyed the one who had de - stroyed us.

In his great good - ness, he brought us back to life after we had been dead.

In his mer - cy he clothed us with beau - ty and made us wor - thy

of hea - ven. There - fore we exalt his name with great re - joic - ing,

and glo - ri - fy his infi - nite com - pas - - sion.

**Cantor:** My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.  
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.  
(Repeat "By its elevation...")

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

④ & ③

O pre-cious Cross of the Lord, Mo - ses pre - fig - ured you when he stretched out  
his arms to hea - ven, and thus defeated the haugh-ty A - ma - lek.  
You are the pride of the faith - ful, and the strength of those who  
strug - gle, the glo - ry of the Apostles, the cour-age of the just, and the  
sal - va - tion of the saints. There - fore, at the sight of your el - e - va - tion,  
the whole cre - a - tion rejoices, exalts, and glo - ri - fies Christ, whose good - ness  
joined to - ge - ther those who had strayed.

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (Repeat "O precious Cross...")

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations,  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

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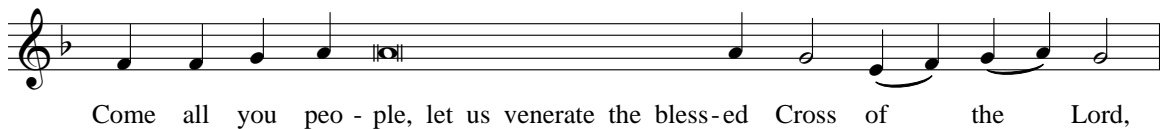


O most ven - er - a - ble Cross of the Lord, an - gels sur - round you with joy today  
at your e - le - va - tion. You raise up those who had fallen and had been  
de - li - vered to death for hav - ing eat - en of the for - bid - den tree.  
There - fore, we praise you with our lips, beg - ging for sanctifica - tion, say - ing:  
Ex - alt Christ our gracious God, O you na - tions, and for - ev - er  
a - dore his di - vine foot - steps.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever. (*Repeat "O most venerable Cross..."*)

**Cantor:** (*Tone 2*) Glory...

**Doxastikon of the Exaltation of the Cross - Tone 2 samohlasen**



Come all you peo - ple, let us venerate the bless - ed Cross of the Lord,



through which e - ter - nal jus - tice came to us. He who de - ceived Ad - am,



the first man, was con - quered by a tree, and the same who fettered the royal



cre - a - tion by his cun - ning, was cast down in - to noth - ing - ness.



The ven - om of the serpent has been washed a - way by the di - vine



blood of Christ. The curse of the rightful sen - tence was lift - ed



when the just Christ was con - demned un - just - ly. By God's plan, death that



had come from a tree would be con - quered by a Tree, and suf - fer - ing



would be healed by the suf - fer - ing of the Lord. Glo - ry to the ac - tive pres - ence



of your prov - idence in our lives, O Christ our King. Through it you have



brought sal - va - tion to all, for you are gra - cious and the Lov - er of us all.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, page 42).*

### Hymns of the Litija

*Bolhar Tone 1*



The proph - e - cy of Da - vid is tru - ly ful-filled to - day, for we now



bow down be - fore your foot - stool in the shad - ow of your wings,



O God of love. Filled with hope, we cry out:



Let the light of your face shine up - on us, and raise up all



the faith - ful Chris - tians by the ex - al - ta - tion of your



pre - cious Cross, O Christ, our God of ten - der - ness and mer - - - cy.

*Additional hymns of the Litija, if desired, can be taken from the propers of the feast.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory...now and ever...

**Doxastikon of the Litija - Tone 4 Bolhar**



Mo - ses pre - fig - ured the pow'r of your pre - cious Cross, O Christ, when he  
con - quered A - ma - lek, his en - e - my in the wil - der - ness of Si - nai.  
When he stretched out his arms in the form of a cross, the peo - ple were  
strength - - - ened. Now these im - a - ges are ful - filled in us.  
To - day the Cross is ex - al - ted and the dev - ils are put to flight.  
To - day all cre - a - tion is freed from cor - rup - tion. Through the Cross  
ev - 'ry gift of grace has shone up - on us. There - fore, re - joic - ing, we bow  
down be - fore you and say; How mar - vel - ous are your works, O  
Lord, glo - - - ry to you!

## Aposticha

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, page 43), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory... Now and ever...

### **Aposticha Doxastikon of the Exaltation - Tone 8 samohlasen**

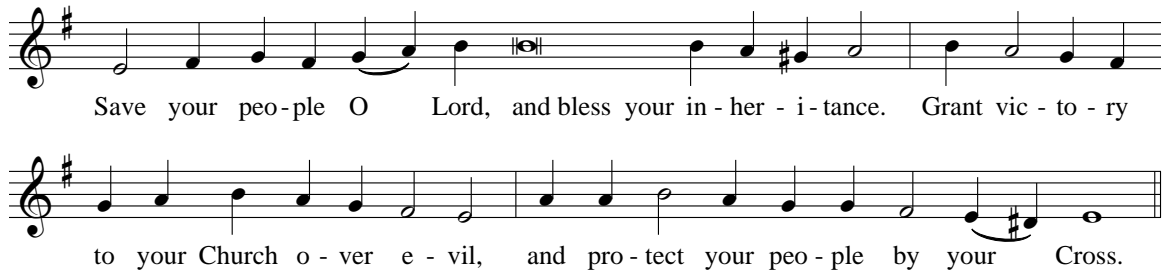
Of old, Mo-ses pre-fig - ured your Cross while van - quishing Amalek and obtaining  
vic-t'ry o - ver him. Da-vid the psalm-ist called it your foot - stool and di-rect-ed  
us to a - dore it. We sin - ners indeed venerate your Cross to-day,  
O Christ our God. With our unworthy lips we ex - tol you,  
for you deigned to be cru - ci - fied on it; and we en - treat you, O Lord:  
To - gether with the thief, make us wor - - thy of your king - dom.

## Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the tone of the week (Tone 2, page 47).*

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Glory... Now and ever...

### **Troparion of the Exaltation of the Cross - Tone 1**



Save your peo-ple O Lord, and bless your in-her-i-tance. Grant vic-to-ry  
to your Church o-ver e-vil, and pro-protect your peo-ple by your Cross.

*The service continues with the Blessing of Bread, p. 119*