

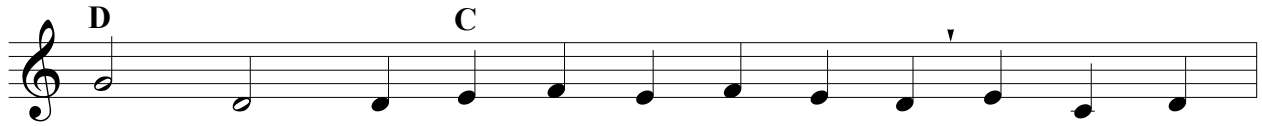
September 14th

Elevation (Exaltation) of the Holy Cross

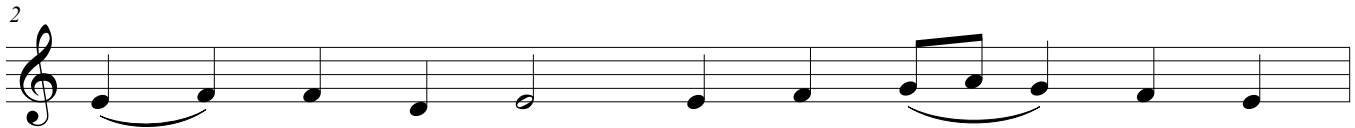
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: *O strange wonder*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih
from various sources



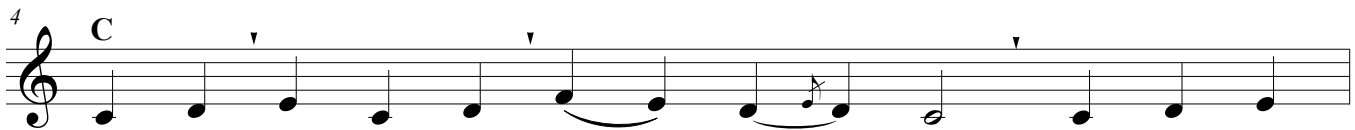
1) O strange won - der, great and mar - vel - ous! To - day the
2) *O strange won - der, great and mar - vel - ous! The Cross, which*
3) O strange won - der, great and mar - vel - ous! The length and



life - bear - ing Tree, thē all - ho - ly and
held the Most High like a grape - clus - ter
breadth - of the Cross is thē ē - qual of



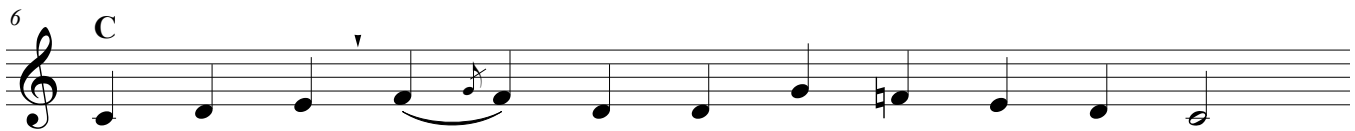
pre - cious Cross,, be - ing lift - ed up on high,
full of life, clear - ly doth ap - pear this day
Heav - en's span, for by means of grace di - vine



is made man - i - fest o - pen - ly. All of thē
lift - ed high up a - bove the earth. Through it, we
it doth hal - low the ū - ni - verse. By this, bar -



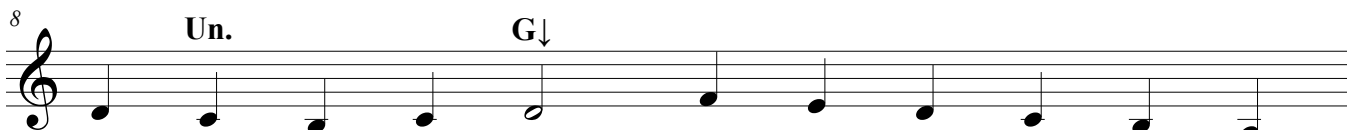
ends of the earth give glo - ry now,
all have been drawn nigh un - to God,
- bar - i - an na - tions are sub - dued;



and all the de - mons are sore - y ter - ri - fied.
and death is ut - ter - ly swal - lowed up at last.
by this, the scep - ters of princ - es are made strong.



O _____ what a gift is this, kind - ly grant - ed to us
 O _____ thou un - sul - lied Tree! through which, as we send up
 O _____ lad - der most di - vine! Where - by we as - cend un -



mor - tal men, O Christ! Where - by save our souls, since
 glo - ry un - to Christ, we par - take of E - den's
 - to the Heav - ens' heights, while ex - alt - ing Christ the



Thou a - lone art mer - ci - ful.
 come - ly and im - mor - tal fruit.
 Lord with hymns and songs of praise.