

Vesper Propers, September 13, 2026
Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The commemoration of the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection of the Lord in Jerusalem. When St. Helena found the Lord's cross in Jerusalem, she stayed longer in the city and built churches in Gethsemane, in Bethlehem, on the Mount of Olives, and in other places connected to the life and death of the Lord. She began to build a huge church on Golgatha, which would house both the hill of Calvary and the tomb from which the Lord rose. St. Helena died before it was finished, and the church was consecrated on this date in 335.

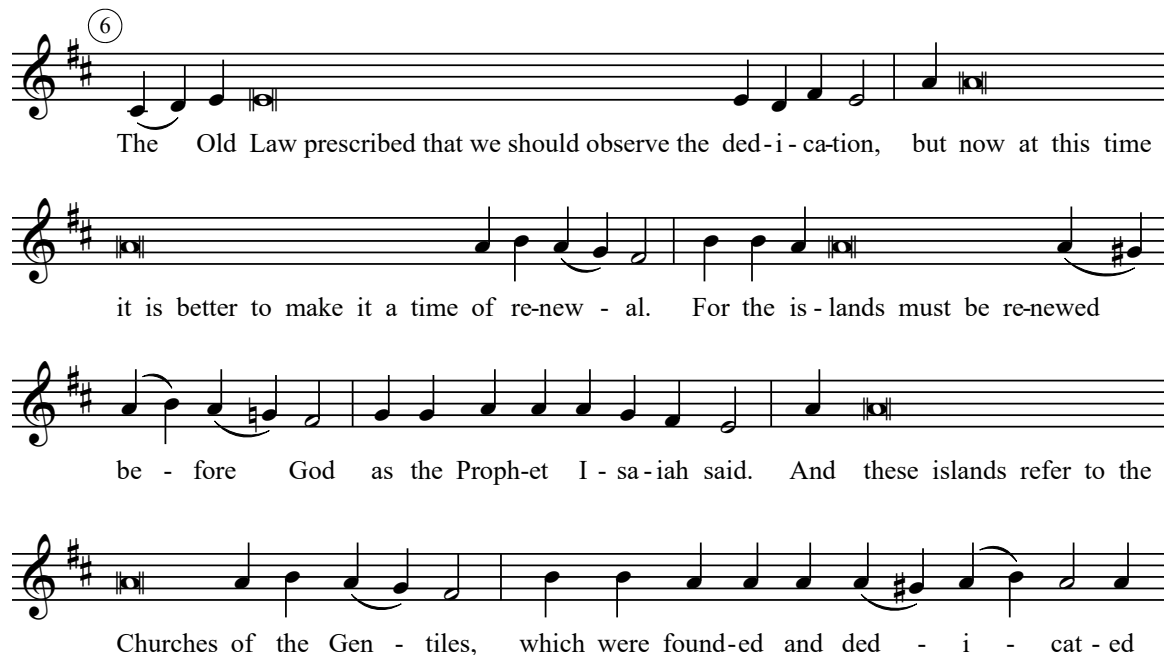
Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 92), 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.

Stichera of the Dedication - Tone 6 samohlasen

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The Old Law prescribed that we should observe the ded-i-ca-tion, but now at this time

it is better to make it a time of re-new-al. For the is-lands must be re-newed

be-fore God as the Proph-et I-sa-iah said. And these islands refer to the

Churches of the Gen-tiles, which were found-ed and ded-i-cat-ed

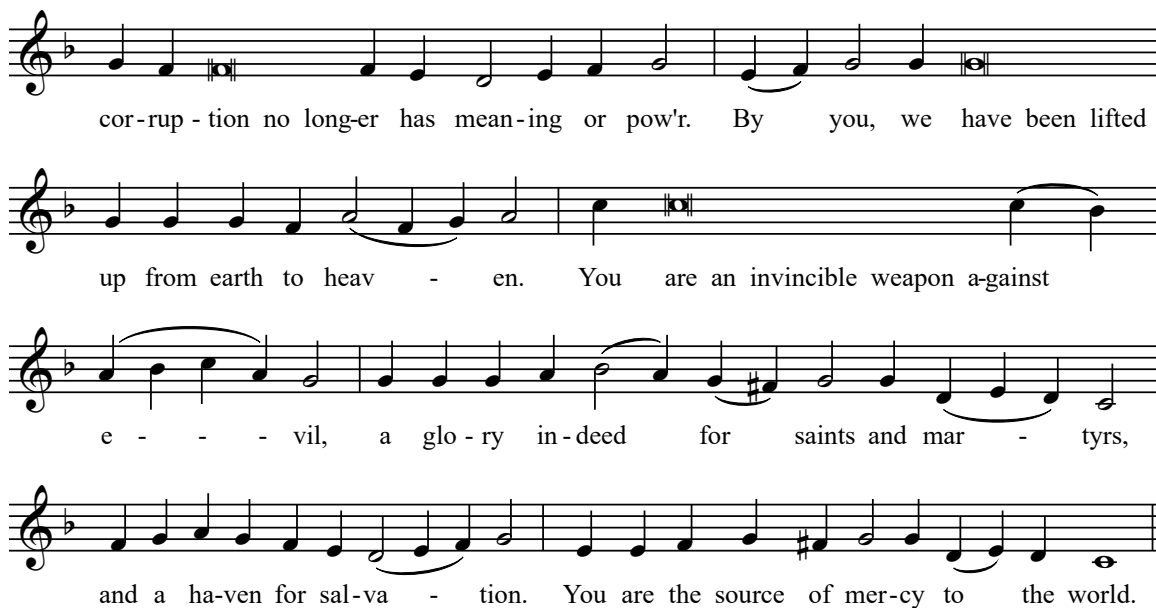


be-cause You found-ed it on the rock of faith. Be-cause of this,
it is immovable for all ag - es. You will remain with it to the end of days,
for You became man with - out change. We, there - fore, bless and
praise You, say - ing: You are with-out be - gin - ning and end.
O our King, glo - ry to You!

Cantor: (Tone 5) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

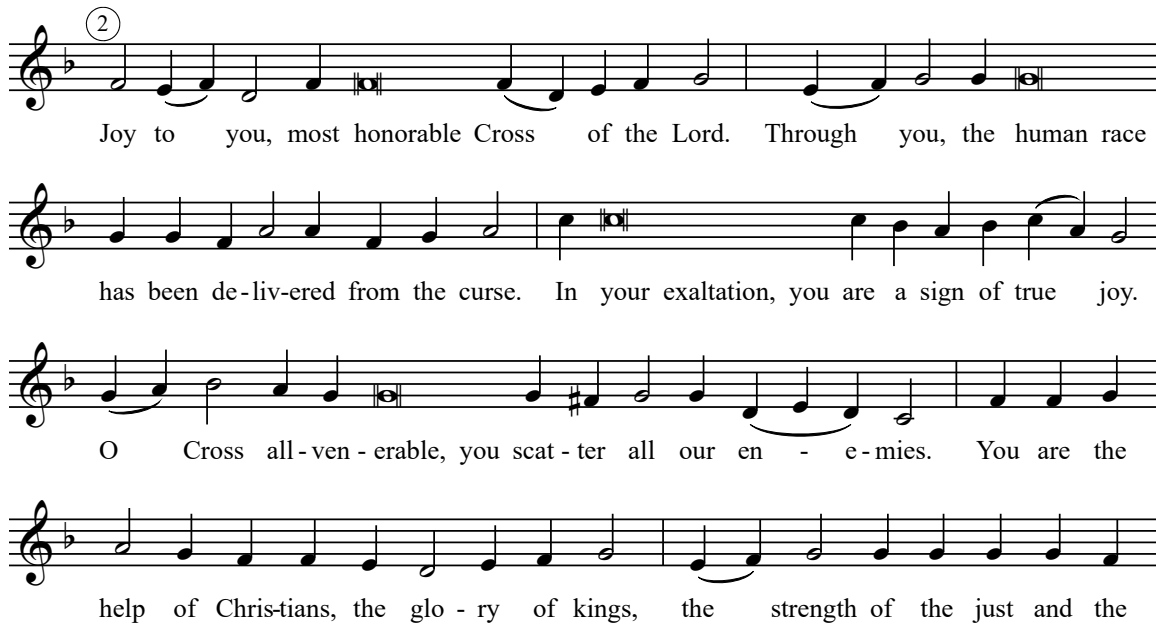
Stichera of the Pre-feast of the Exaltation of the Cross - Tone 5 *podoben: Radujsja živosnyj Kreste*

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Joy to you, life-bear-ing Cross of the Lord, in - vin - ci - ble triumph
of the true faith. You are the gate to Pa - ra - dise, the strength
of the faith - ful and the strong-hold of the Church. Be-cause of you,



cor-rup - tion no long-er has mean-ing or pow'r. By you, we have been lifted
up from earth to heav - en. You are an invincible weapon a-against
e - - - vil, a glo - ry in-deed for saints and mar - tyrs,
and a ha-ven for sal-va - tion. You are the source of mer-cy to the world.

Cantor: Praise the Lord all the nations;
(on 2) acclaim him all you people.



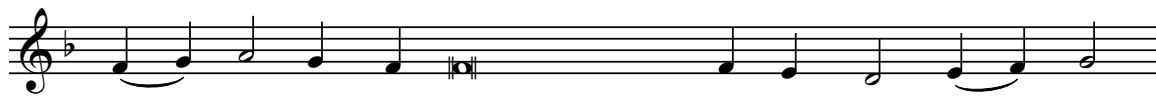
Joy to you, most honorable Cross of the Lord. Through you, the human race
has been de-liv-ered from the curse. In your exaltation, you are a sign of true joy.
O Cross all-ven - erable, you scat - ter all our en - e - mies. You are the
help of Chris-tians, the glo - ry of kings, the strength of the just and the



splendor of priests. All who sign themselves with you are freed from per - il.



You are the strength un - der which we are tend - ed like sheep.



The an - gels gath - er around you in awe as the source of peace.



You are the glo - ry of Christ, who grants great mer - cy to the world.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.



Joy to you, pre-cious Cross of the Lord, guide to the blind and phy-si-cian



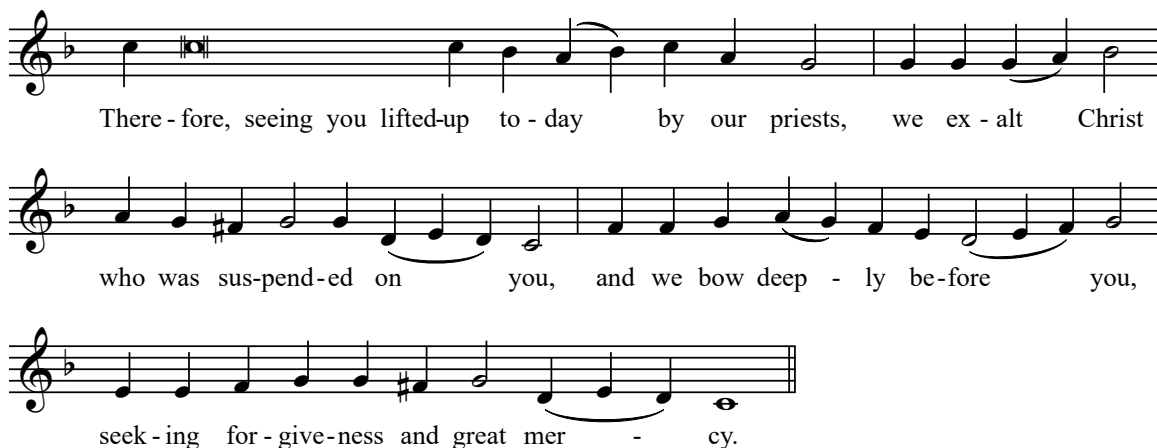
to the sick, and re - sur - rec - tion to the dead. You raised us out



of corruption and re - moved the curse. Through you we have been



made di - vine, and the pow - er of Hades has been de - stroyed in full.



There - fore, seeing you lifted-up to - day by our priests, we ex - alt Christ
 who was sus-pend-ed on you, and we bow deep - ly be-fore you,
 seek - ing for - give-ness and great mer - cy.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Glory...

Doxastikon of the Dedication - Tone 1 samohlasen



Cel - e - brate your renewal, O new Je - ru - sa - lem, for your Light has come
 and the glo - ry of the Lord shines up - on you. This house was built by the
 Fa - - - ther. This tem - ple was made firm by the Son.
 This dwell - ing is renewed by the Ho - ly Spir - it, who en - light-ens,
 strength-ens and sanc - ti - fies our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 7) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, page 98)

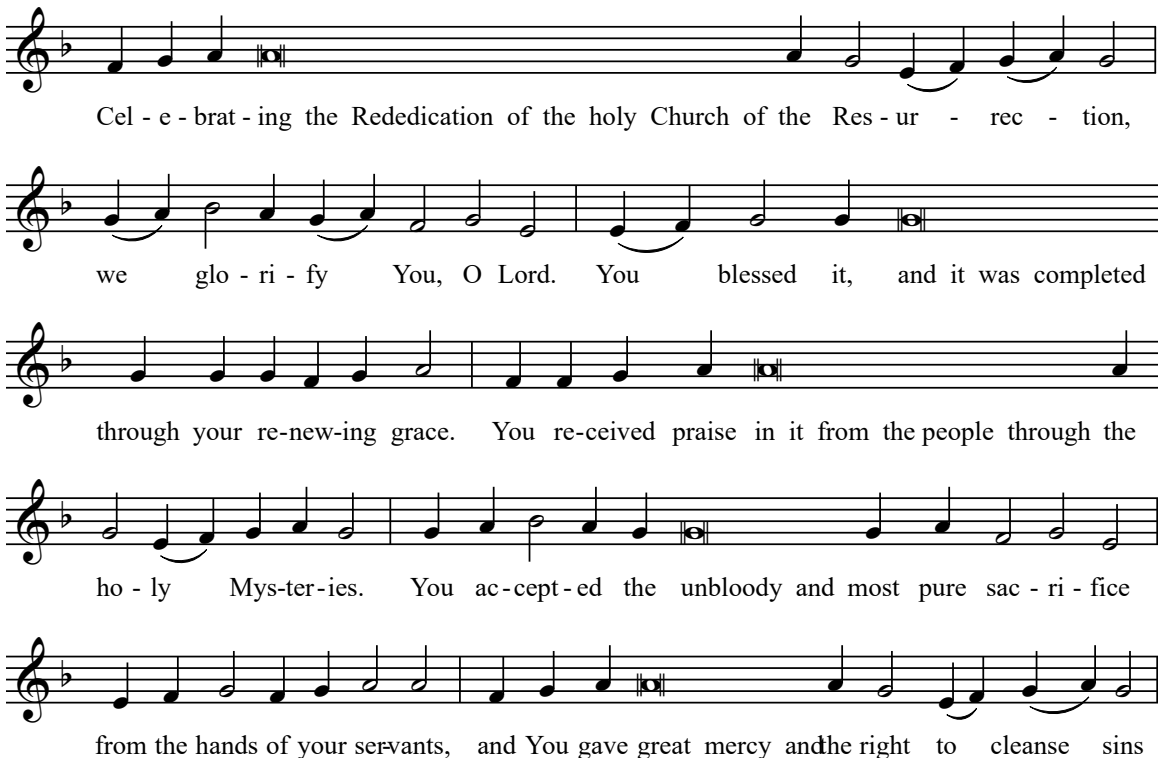
Readings: I Kings 8: 22-23, 27-30
Proverbs 3: 19-34
Proverbs 9: 1-11

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, page 99), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of the Dedication - Tone 2 samohlasen

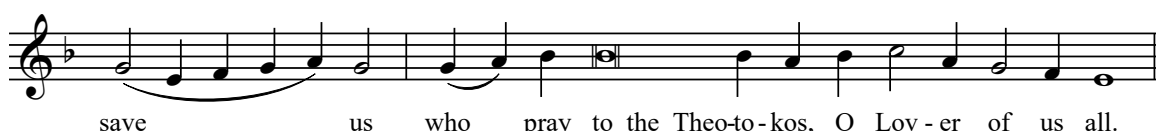
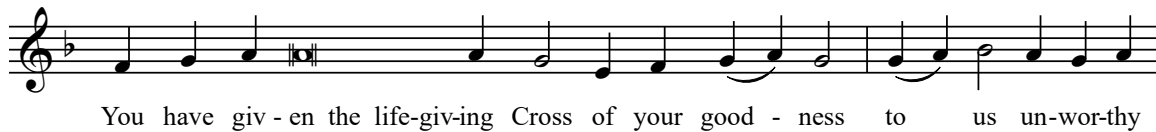


Cel - e - brat - ing the Rededication of the holy Church of the Res - ur - rec - tion,
we glo - ri - fy You, O Lord. You blessed it, and it was completed
through your re-new-ing grace. You re-ceived praise in it from the people through the
ho - ly Mys-ter-ies. You ac-cept-ed the unbloody and most pure sac - ri - fice
from the hands of your servants, and You gave great mercy and the right to cleanse sins



Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha doxastikon of the prefeast - Tone 2 samohlasen

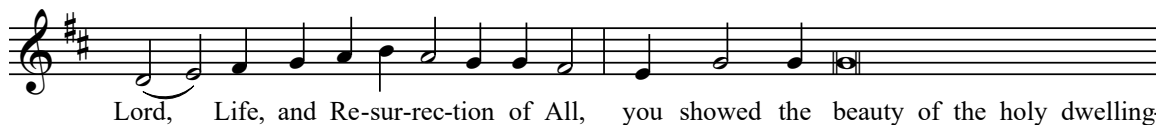


Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, page 101).

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

Troparion of the Dedication - Tone 4





Make it stand firm for-ev - er. Through the The-o - to-kos, ac-cept our pray'rs



which we unceasingly of-fer to you with-in it.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Troparion of the Pre-feast - Tone 4



Lord, we of - fer to you in in - ter - ces - sion the good-ness of your



life - cre - at - ing cross which you gave to us, your un-wor - thy peo - ple.



Save our na-tion and your Church which im-plores you through the The-o - to - kos.



For you a - lone love us all.