

VERSES TO THE LIFE-GIVING CROSS

sung after the Dismissal
at the veneration of the Holy Icons

Tone 6

WE ARE DEFENDED BY THE CROSS, THE EN - E - MY IS OP - POSED.

FEAR NOT HIS DEV - IL - TRY AND SNARES: FOR THE PROUD ARE A - BOL - ISHED,

THEY WILL ALSO DIS - AP - PEAR ON A TREE BY THE POW -

ER OF THE CRU - CI - FIED CHRIST. O GOD, BLESS THY CROSS:

FOR BY IT THERE WILL BE HEALING OF THOSE IN - FIRM THROUGH SINS:

FOR THIS REASON WE FALL DOWN BE-FORE THEE, HAVE MER-CY ON US.

Tone 8

LORD, THY CROSS GAVE US ARMOR AGAINST THE DEV-IL FOR

HE TREM-BLES AND SHAKES NOT SUFFERING TO BE-HOLD ITS

POW-ER: FOR THE DEAD RISE AGAIN, AND DEATH IS A-BOL-ISHED.

FOR THIS REASON WE VEN-ER-ATE THY BUR-I-AL AND RIS-ING.

* This is usually followed by "Beneath your compassion"