

# ANTIPHONS FOR THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

September 14-21

## First Antiphon (Psalm 21, LXX), Verses in Second Tone:

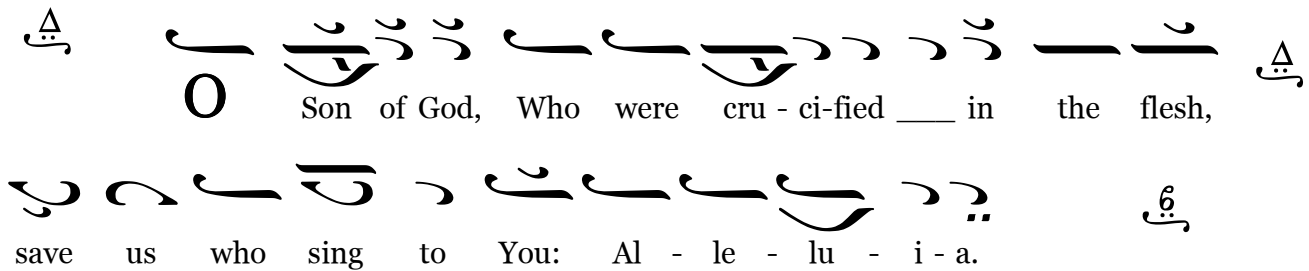
1. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
2. Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning?
3. But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel.

*Refrain:* Through the intercessions of the Theotokos...

## Second Antiphon (Psalm 73, LXX), Verses in Second Tone:

1. O God, why have You cast us off forever?
2. Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, this Mount Zion where You have dwelt.
3. For God is my King from of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

*Refrain:*

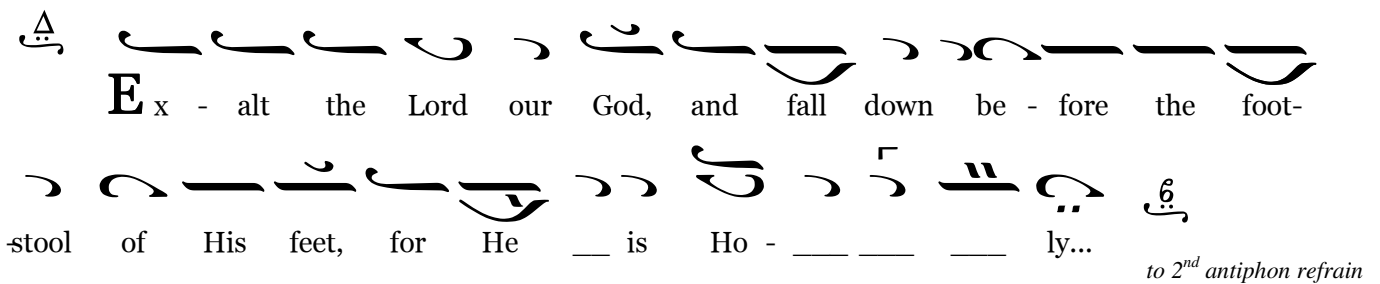


O Son of God, Who were cru - ci - fied \_\_\_ in the flesh,  
save us who sing to You: Al - le - lu - i - a.

## Third Antiphon (Psalm 98, LXX), Verse in First Tone: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

*Chant the Apolytikion of the the Holy Cross. Then...*

## Small Entrance Hymn, for the feast and the leave-taking of the feast (September 21).



Ex - alt the Lord our God, and fall down be - fore the foot-  
stool of His feet, for He \_\_\_ is Ho - \_\_\_ ly...  
*to 2<sup>nd</sup> antiphon refrain*

*If on the feast, segue immediately to the 2nd antiphon refrain above.*

*If on the leave-taking, segue immediately to the Sunday 2nd antiphon refrain,  
"O Son of God, risen from the dead....".*

*Repeat the Apolytikion of the Holy Cross.*