

# Samopodoben – Rejoice, O Life-bearing Cross – Tone 5

*Sticheron at the Aposticha, vespers of the Exaltation of the Cross*

Pattern: A-B-C-D A-B-C-D A-B-C-D E

Χαίροις ἀσκητικῶν  
Радуйся, живоносный кресте

Optina hermitage chant

Re - joice, O Life - bear - ing Cross, the in - vin - ci - ble ban - ner of

god - - li - ness, the gate of par - a - dise, the pro - tec - tion

of the faith - - ful. The Cross is the might of the Church.

Through it cor - rup - tion is a - bol - - ished. Through it the

pow'r of death is crushed, and we are raised from earth to heav - en.

**A** **B**

The in - vin - ci - ble wea - pon of peace! The Cross is the en - e - my of

**C** **D**

de - - mons, the glo - ry of the Mar - - tyrs, the ha - ven of

**E**

sal - va - - tion, which grants to the world great mer - - cy.