

# VENERATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

## Kontakion - Tone 7

Russian Imperial Court Chant  
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

Now the flam - ing sword no longer guards the gates of

E - den; it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood

of the Cross! The sting of death and the victory of hell

have been van - quished; for Thou, O my Savior, hast come and

cried to those in hell: // "En-ter a-gain in-to par - a - dise."