

The Dream of the Rood



*The Ruthwell Cross. From:
"The Anglo-Saxons", Ed.
by James Campbell,
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VatopaidiFriend: "The Dream of the Rood (=Cross)" is a wonderful Old English poem written in the 8th century (before the Schism). It tells of how the Cross appeared to a man in a vision and spoke to him. It provides profound Orthodox insight on the Mystery of the Atonement. The translation into modern English is by

Mary Rambaran-Olm. Note that today, with the Old (Julian) Calendar, we celebrate the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross (September 14/27).

1 Lo! I will tell of the best of dreams,
what I dreamed in the middle of the night,
after the speech-bearers were in bed.
It seemed to me that I saw a very wondrous tree
5 lifted into the air, enveloped by light,
the brightest of trees. That beacon was all
covered with gold. Gems stood [περισσότερα...](#)