To-day the holy saying of David truly has come to pass,

for behold, in the sight of all, we venerate the

footstool of Your unde 마 -fi -ed feet, and, putting our hope

in the shadow of Your wings, we cry aloud to You, O

[all-compassionate Lord:]

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all compassionate Lord: “May the light of Your
countenance be marked as a sign upon us! Exalt the
horn of Your Orthodox people by the Exaltation of Your
precious Cross, // O Christ of many mercies!”

The Tree of True Life was planted in the Place of the

[Skull, and upon it...]
Skull, and upon it You, the eternal King, have worked salvation in the midst of the earth. Exalted today, it sanctifies the ends of the world, and the church of the Resurrection celebrates its dedication. Angels in heaven rejoice, and men upon earth make glad, crying aloud with

[David and saying:]
David and saying: "Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool, // for He is holy, granting the world great mercy!"

Sticheron 3

Prefiguring Your Cross, O Christ, Jacob the Patriarch, when he gave the blessing to his descendants,
laid his hands cross-wise upon their heads. And today, as we

exalt Your Cross, O Savior, we cry: “Give victory to Your

Orthodox people, // as You once gave it to Constantine!”

Tone 2
Sticheron 4

Divine treasure hidden in the earth, the Cross of the

Giver of Life appeared in the heavens to the godly king,

[and its inscription . . . ]
and its inscription spiritually signified his victory over the enemy. Rejoicing with faith and love, and inspired by God he made haste to raise on high the Cross which he had seen, and with great zeal he brought it forth from the bosom of the earth // for the deliverance of the world

[and the salvation . . .]
and the salvation of our souls.

When the Patriarch Jacob crossed his hands while blessing his children, he foreshadowed the mighty symbol of Your Cross. Having this as our unshakable safeguard, we drive out with almighty strength the ranks of [demons;]
de-mons; and, casting down by it the arrogance of *Be-li-

al we put to flight the all-destroying power of hate-ful

Am-a-lek. Now as the Cross is lift-ed on high,

we the faithful piously offer it to Your goodness for the

cleans-ing of our sins, cry-ing out in a loud voice:

*Pronounced: BEE - lee -uhl
"Have mercy, O Lord, made flesh of the Virgin; // take pity, O
good One, on the works that You have fashioned in Your
wisdom."

Sticheron 6

O three-branched Cross of Christ, you are my strong pro-
tec-tion. Sanctify me by your might, // that I may
[venerate and glorify . . .]
venerate and glorify you in faith and love!

Let us proclaim today a festival of song, and with radiant faces and with our tongues let us cry aloud: “O Christ,

You have accepted condemnation for us, and, being spat upon, and scourged, You were robed in purple and as-

[ascended the Cross.]
cended the Cross. Seeing You, the sun and the moon hid their light, the earth quaked in fear, and the veil of the Temple was torn in two. Grant us Your precious Cross as our guardian and protector, driving demons away, that we may all embrace it and cry out: ['Save us, O Cross...']
‘Save us, O Cross, by your might! Sanctify us by your radiance, O precious Cross, and strengthen us through your Exaltation; // for you have been given to us as the light and salvation of our souls!’’

You, O Cross, as a sign radiant with light, formed of stars,
have prophetically revealed a trophy of victory to the godly king; and when his mother Helen found you, she displayed you in the sight of all the world. And we the choirs of faithful shout aloud, as we exalt you today:

“Enlighten us with your brightness, O life-bearing Cross!”
Sanctify us by your might, O all-ven'ra-ble Cross,

and strengthen us through your Exal-ta-tion, //

when you are lifted on high before the ranks of our en-e-mies!"