Today the holy saying of David truly has come to pass, for behold, in the sight of all, we venerate the footstool of Your undefiled feet, and, putting our hope in the shadow of Your wings, we cry aloud to You, O
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!”
Sticheron 2

The Tree of True Life was planted in the Place of the 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,
heaven rejoice, and men upon earth are glad,

crying aloud with David and saying: “Exalt the Lord

our God and worship at His footstool, // for He is holy, granting the world great mercy!”

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 vici-
tory to Your Orthodox people, // as You once
gave it to Constantine!”
Di-vine treasure hid-den in the earth, the Cross of the

Giver of Life appeared in the heavens to the god-ly

ing-and its inscrip-tion spiritually signified his victory

o-ver the en-e-my. Re-joic-ing with faith and

love, and in-spi-red by God he made haste to

[raise on high the . . .]
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 of our souls.

When the Patriarch Jacob crossed his hands while [blessing his children]
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; and, casting down by it the arrogance of *Be - li - al we put to flight the all-destroying power of hateful Am - a -
lek. Now as the Cross is lifted on high, we the faithful piously offer it to Your goodness for the cleansing of our sins, crying out in a loud voice: "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 protection. Sanctify me by your might, // that I may

venerate and glorify you in faith and love!

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Sticheron 7

Let us proclaim today a festival of song, and with

radiant faces and with our tongues let us cry aloud:

["O Christ, You have ..."]
“O Christ, You have accepted condemnation for us,
and, being spat upon, and scourged, You were robed in purple and ascended 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, 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 ...]
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 . . .]
shout aloud, as we ex-alt you to-day: "Enlighten us

with your brightness, O life-bear-ing Cross! Sanctify us by your

might, O all-ven-ra-ble Cross, and strengthen us through your

Ex-al-ta-tion, // when you are lifted on

high before the ranks of our en-e-mies!"