To-day the holy words of David have truly received
their fulfillment: for lo, in the sight of all the world we venerate the footstool of Your undeciled feet.
And putting our hope in the shadow of Your wings, we cry aloud unto You, all-compassionate Lord: May the light of Your [countenance...]

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countenance be marked as a sign upon us, and exalt

the horn of Your Orthodox people, by the Exaltation of Your

precious Cross, O Christ of many mercies.

**NOTE:** Melodies with the designation “Bolhar” are found in the Galician (Western Ukrainian) and Carpatho-Russian liturgical musical traditions. Although the melodies differ from one tradition to the other, “Bolhar” melodies are used to sing the stichera during the *Litya* procession in both traditions. In addition, the *Idiomela for the Departed* by St. John of Damascus are sung to the “Bolhar” melodies in Carpatho-Russian practice.
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 greatly rejoice...]

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heaven greatly rejoice and men upon earth make 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.
Chant Melody

Pre-fig-ur-ing_ Your_ Cross,_____ O Christ, Ja-cob the

Patriarch, when he gave the blessing to his descendants, laid his hands crosswise up-on___ their heads. And to-day as we ex-alt

Your Cross, O Sav-i-or, we cry: Give victory to Your Orthodox

people as You once gave it to Con-stant-tine.