Stichera Aposticha

The Elevation of the Holy Cross – September 14

Rejoice, O life-bearing Cross, invincible trophy of godli ness, gate of Paradise, and protection of the faithful! The Cross is the might of the Church, through which corruption is abolished, through which the...
power of death is crushed, and we are raised from earth to heaven. O invincible weapon, the adversary of demons, the glory of martyrs, the true adornment of venerable saints, and the haven of salvation // which grants the world great mercy.
v. Extol the Lord our God: and worship at His footstool, for He is holy! (Ps. 98:5)

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Re-joice, O Cross of the Lord, through which mankind has been de-liv-ered from the curse! You are a sign of true joy, shat-tering our enemies by your Exalta-tion. O Cross, worthy of all hon-or, you are our help, you are the strength of kings. You are the [power of the righteous.]
power of the righteous. You are the majesty of priests.

All who sign themselves with you are freed from danger.

O rod of strength, under which we like sheep are tended,

you are a weapon of peace around which the angels stand in fear. You are the divine glory of Christ,
v. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth! (Ps. 73:13)

Sticheron 3

Who grants the world great mercy.

Rejoice, O guide of the blind, physician of the sick and resurrection of all the dead; you have raised us up when we were fallen into mortality. O precious Cross, through you corruption has been destroyed.

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been destroyed, and incorruption has blossomed forth.

We mortals are made divine, and the devil is completely overthrown. Today, as we see you exalted by the hands of bishops, we exalt Him Who was lifted upon you, and we fall down in worship before . . .
worship before you, // drawing rich streams of great mercy.