Rejoice, O life-bearing Cross, invincible

Triumph of godliness, gate of Paradise, and protection

Of the faithful! The Cross is the might of the

Church, through which corruption is abolished,

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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)

Sticheron 2

Rejoice, O Cross of the Lord, through which mankind has been delivered from the curse! Thou art a sign of true joy, shattering our enemies by thine Exaltation. O Cross, worthy of all honor, thou art our help, thou art the strength of kings.

[Thou art the power . . .]
Thou art the power of the righteous. Thou art the majesty of priests. All who sign themselves with thee are freed from danger. O rod of strength, under which we like sheep are tended, thou art a weapon of peace around which the angels stand in fear. Thou art the [divine glory . . . ]
v. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth! (Ps. 73:13)

Sticheron 3

Rejoice, O guide of the blind, physician of the sick and resurrection of all the dead; thou hast raised us up when we were fallen into mortality.

divine glory of Christ, // Who grants the world great mercy.

v. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth! (Ps. 73:13)
O precious Cross, through thee corruption has been destroyed, and incorruption has blossomed forth. We mortals are made divine, and the devil is completely overthrown. Today, as we see thee exalted by the hands of bishops,

[we exalt Him . . .]
we exalt Him Who was lifted up upon thee,

and we fall down in worship before thee, // drawing rich streams of great mercy.