Stichera Aposticha

The Elevation of the Holy Cross – September 14

Tone 5
Sticheron 1

Kievan Chant
arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Re-joice, O life-bearing Cross, invincible

tri-umph of god-li-ness, gate of Paradise, and protection

of the faith-ful! The Cross is the might of the

Church, through which corruption is aboli shed,

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through which the pow-er of death is crushed, and we are raised from earth to heav-en. O in-vincible weapon, the adversary of de-mons, the glo-ry of mar-tyrs, the true adornment of ven-‘ra-ble saints, and the ha-ven of sal-
va-tion, // which grants the world_ great mer-cy.
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! You are a sign of true joy, shattering our enemies by your

Exaltation. O Cross, worthy of all honor,

you are our help, you are the strength of kings.
You are the 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
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; you have raised us up when we were fallen into mortality.

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Who grants the world
great mercy.

divine glory of Christ,
O precious Cross, through you corruption has 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 ...]
we exalt Him Who was lifted up upon you,

and we fall down in worship before you, // drawing rich

streams of great mercy.