Come, O faithful, let us venerate the life-giving Wood on which Christ the King of Glory voluntarily stretched out His hands and raised us up to our ancient bliss, though formerly the enemy had despoiled us through pleasure [and made us exiles ...]
and made us exiles from God. Come, O faithful, let us

venerate the Wood through which we have been accounted

worthy to crush the heads of our invisible enemies.

Come, all you kindred of the nations, let us honor in

hymns the Cross of the Lord: "Rejoice, O Cross, complete

[deliverance of fallen . . .]
deliverance of fallen Adam. In thee our faithful rulers
make their boast, since by thy power they subjugate the
people of Ishmael. As we Christians now kiss thee with
fear, we glorify God who was nailed upon thee, and we
say: 'O Lord, who on the Cross wast crucified, have
[mercy on us,]
mer-cy on us, // as Thou art good and lov-est man-kind.”

Today, as the Tree of Life rises up from the hidden places of the earth, it confirms our faith in the resurrection of Christ Who was nailed upon it. And as it is raised aloft by priest-ly hands, it proclaims His [elevation to heaven,]
elevation to heaven, by which our nature, from its fallen state on earth, becomes a citizen of heaven. Therefore let us cry out in thankfulness, “O Lord, Who wast lifted up on the Cross and through it didst lift us with Thy self, // count worthy of heavenly joy those who sing Thy praise.”
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Sticheron 3

The voice of Thy prophet Moses, O God, has been filled, for he said: "You will see your Life hanging before your eyes." Today the Cross is lifted up and the world is set free from error. Today the church of Christ’s Resurrection celebrates its dedication, and the [of the earth ...]
ends of the earth rejoice like David with cymbals, offering

Thee a hymn and saying: "Thou hast worked salvation

in the midst of the earth, O God — Thy Cross and Resurrection, through which Thou hast set us free, as Thou art
good and lovest mankind. // O Almighty Lord, glory to Thee!