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]
pleasure 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:
of the Lord: “Re – joice, O Cross, complete deliverance of
fall – en Ad – am! In thee our faithful rul – ers
make their boast, since by thy pow – er they
subjugate the people of Ish – ma – el. As we Chris –
tians now kiss thee with fear, we glorify God Who was
[nailed upon thee . . . ]
nailed upon thee, and we say: 'O Lord, Who on the

Cross wast crucified, have mercy on us, // as Thou art

good and lovest mankind.'"

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 priestly hands, it pro-

claims His 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
ness, “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.”

Tone 8
Sticheron 3
The voice of Thy prophet Moses, O God, has been filled, for he said: “You will see your Life hanging be-
fore 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 ends of the earth rejoice like David with cymbals, offering Thee a hymn and saying: “Thou hast worked salvation in the midst...
vation 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!