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 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: “Rejoice, O Cross, complete deliverance of fallen Adam! In you our faithful rulers make their boast, since by your power they subjugate the people of Ishmael. As we Christians now kiss you with fear, we glorify God Who was [nailed upon you . . . ]
nailed upon you, and we say: ‘O Lord, Who on the
Cross were crucified, have mercy on us, // as You are
good and love mankind.”

Today, as the Tree of life rises up from the hidden
places of the earth, it confirms our faith in the
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 thankful-ness.
ness, “O Lord, Who were lifted up on the Cross

and through it lifted us with Yourself, // count worthy of

heavenly joy those who sing Your praise.”

Tone 8
Sticheron 3

The voice of Your prophet Moses, O God, has been filled, for he said: “You will see your Life hanging before your eyes.”
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 You a hymn and saying: “You have worked salvation in the midst...
vation in the midst of the earth, O God – Your Cross and

Resurrection, through which You have set us free, as You are good and love mankind. // O Almighty

Lord, glory to You!