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In the year 614, the Persian King Chosroes II conquered Jerusalem and took the Cross of Our Lord, which had been uncovered miraculously by St. Helena three centuries earlier. The Byzantine emperor Heraclius went to war against the Persians to reclaim the Cross. He obtained victory near the ancient city of Nineveh and recovered this great relic. The Cross was brought back to Jerusalem, in great ceremony and rejoicing.

On the traditional calendar, we remember and celebrate this restoration of the Cross to Christendom. The mystery celebrated on this feast is very efficacious for these times of crisis in the Church. For a period of time, the Cross of Our Lord disappeared. His enemies, the pagan Persians, appeared to triumph and carried off the instrument of our redemption, yet Our Lord did not abandon His Church. After this period of darkness, the Cross was exalted and returned to Jerusalem. Likewise in our times, the enemies of the Cross revel in their apparent victory. Doctrine, morals, and fitting liturgy appear to have vanished from the face of the Church. And yet, everything is still here, although hidden. We know through the supernatural virtue of hope that the Cross will once again be restored to its proper place. We do not know the place or time of that victory, but we know it will come. This feast reminds us not to lose hope.

In the meantime, *Catholic Family News* strives to play its humble role in this grand work of Christ the King. We work to keep the traditional Faith and praxis known in the darkness of our neo-pagan times. At the heart of our apostolate is our monthly newspaper, available in both print and electronic versions. In seeking to use the tools of our times, we have expanded in recent years to disseminate free content through video, audio, and web content to reach as many lost souls as possible, as well as to bring reassurance and truth to those faithful Catholics working to practice the Faith of our fathers as they wait for the Cross to be restored.

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All of us here wish you a holy feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross!

In Christ the King,

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