

Divine Liturgy Propers, October 1

THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY. On October 1, 911, during the reign of emperor Leo the Wise, there was an all-night vigil in the Blachernae church of the Theotokos in Constantinople. Standing near the rear of the church was St. Andrew the Fool for Christ, and his disciple Epiphanius. At four o'clock in the morning, the Theotokos appeared above the people with a veil spread over her outstretched hands, as if to protect them. She was surrounded by angels and saints. Seeing this, Andrew asked his disciple, "Do you see the Queen and Lady of all is praying for the whole world?"

Hymn

melody: Matir Bože / Mother of God



1. Sure de - fense of all who sor - row, O pure Moth - er
2. Strong pro - tec - tress of God's peo - ple, Depth of mer - cy,
3. Awe - some beau - ty, true ful - fill - ment Of the things the



of our God, Read - y help to those in trou - ble,
Font of grace, Through your womb has been born for us
proph - ets told, Joy of mar - tyrs, pride of vir - gins,



Be for us both staff and prod. Mar - y, full of grace, be
Christ, the Sav - ior of our race.
O'er us now your man - tle hold!



joy - ful! For with you is God, our Lord, And through you grants



His great mer - cy To the world with grace out - poured.

Troparion - Tone 4:



Pro-TECT-ed by your appear-ance, O Moth-er of God; to-day, we devout people



sol-EMN-ly cel-e-brate. Gaz-ing up-on your most pure i-con, we fer-vent-ly say:

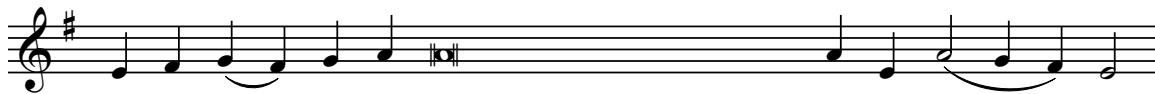


Pro-TECT us with your ho-ly veil, and de-liv-er us from all e-vil,



im-plor-ing your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls.

Cantor



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it,



now and ev-er and for-ev-er. A-men.

Kontakion - Tone 3



To-day the Vir-gin is pres-ent in the Church, and with the



choirs of saints, invisibly prays to God for us. The an-gels wor-ship

with the hier - archs, the a - pos - tles re - joice with the proph - ets;
 be - cause the The - o - to - kos prays for us to the e - ter - nal God.

Prokeimenon - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es
 in God my Sav - - - ior.

Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant;
 from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

Alleluia - Tone 8 (Psalm 44:11,13):

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.

Verse: The rich among the people will seek your favor.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):

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I shall take the chal - ice, the chal-ice of sal - va - tion and call up - on the



name of the Lord, and call up - on the name of the Lord.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - a!