August 21st
After-Feast of the Dormition
Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 2
Special melody: *O house of Ephratha*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) **Un.** to Geth-semA-ne, the band of Christ's dis-ci-ples

is brought afar to bury thy God-receiving

bod-y, O Moth-er of the God of all.

*Verse:* Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest, Thou and the ark of Thy holiness.

2) Come, form a joy-ous choir, ye earth-born with the An-gels,

to-day upon the hal-lowed Dorm-i-tion of the

Vir-gin and on-ly Moth-er of our God.
Verse: The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David, and He will not annul it.

3) Thy body is beyond the reach of all corruption;

for by the law of nature it entereth the grave, yet remaineth wholly incorrupt.