Magnification

O Theotokos,

thou hope of all Christians; keep and shelter

and preserve them that set their hope in thee.

Ode 9

Let us magnify, O believers, the

first born Son, the eternal Word of the Father, First born of a Mother who knew no man;

for we have beheld in the shadow of the law and the Scriptures a sign, that every first born male that

openth the womb is called holy to God.