

August 14th

# The Forefeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Katavasiae of Odes 1-8

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(Adapted for the Forefeast)

Byzantine Chant Tone 4

## Ode 1

1 **Un.** **E**  
I shall o - pen my mouth and it will be filled with the

2  
Spir - it, and I shall speak forth to the Queen and

3 **G**  
Moth - er. I shall be seen joy - ful - ly sing - ing her

4 **E**  
prais - es, and I shall de-light to sing of her Dor - mi - tion.

## Ode 3

5 **E**  
As a liv - ing and cop - ious foun - tain, O The - o - to - kos,

6 **Un.** **G**  
do thou strength - en those who hymn thy prais - es, and are

7 **E**  
joined to - geth - er in a spir - i - tual com - pa - ny for thy

8 **Un.** **E** **D** **E**  
ser - vice; and in thy di - vine glo - ry make them

9  
wor - thy of crowns of glo - ry.

### Ode 4

10 **G** **Un.**

He Who sits in clouds of glo - ry up-on the throne of the

11 **G** **E**

God - head, Je - sus the most - high God, came with

12

might - y hand and saved - those who cried out un - to Him:

13 **Un.**

Glo - ry to Thy pow - er, O Christ.

### Ode 5

14 **Un.** **E**

All cre - a - tion was a - mazed at thy di - vine - glo - ry,

15 **G** **E**

for thou, O un-wed-ded Vir - gin, wast trans-lat - ed from earth to thē e -

16

- ter - nal a - bodes, and to a life that nev - er doth end,

17

and dost grant sal - va - tion un - to all them that ac-claim thy name.

## Ode 6

18 **E** **D** **E**  
 As we, the God - ly - mind - ed, cel - e - brate this

19 **D** **Un.**  
 sa - cred and all hon - 'ra - ble feast of the Moth - er of God:

20 **E** **Un.** **E**  
 come, let us clap our hands to - geth - er and glo - ri - fy the

21  
 God Whom she bore.

## Ode 7

22 **E** **Un.** **E**  
 The God - ly - mind - ed chil - dren wor - shipped not the crea - ture

23 **G**  
 rath - er than the Cre - a - tor, but tram - pling up - on the threat of

24 **E** **Un.** **E**  
 fire in man - ly fash - ion, they re - joiced and sang:

25 **G**  
 O All - praised Lord and God of our Fa - thers,

26 **E**  
 bless - ed art Thou.

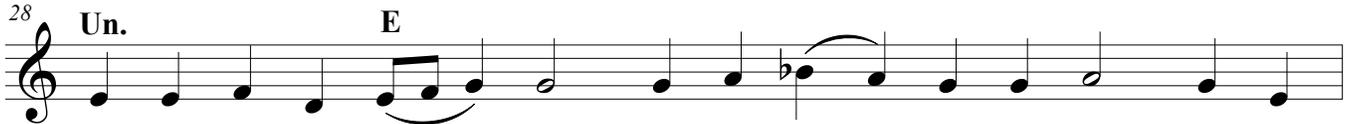
## Ode 8

27 **E**



We praise, we bless— and we wor - ship the Lord.

28 **Un.** **E**



The three ho - ly chil - dren in the fur - nace the Child of the

29 **Un.** **E** **Un.** **E**



The - o - to - kos save; then was the type, now is its ful - fill - ment, and the

30 **G**



whole world gath - ers to sing: All ye works praise the Lord

31 **E** **Un.**



and mag - ni - fy — Him un - to all ag - es.