Magnification

O Virgin Theotokos,

hope of all Christians,

protect, preserve and aid

all who put their hope in thee.
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O faithful, let us magnify the first-born Son, eternal Word of God the Father, and first-born of Virgin Mary, Christ the Lord. For in the shadow of the Law and in the Scriptures we behold a sign, that every first-born male is holy to our God of old.