July 2nd
The Placing of the Theotokos' Robe at Blachernae
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: As one valiant

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1) For thy servants, the hallowed shrine that containeth thy
   spotless robe daily is made known as an
   ark of holiness, a sacred fortress a-
   round us and our glory, our joy, and boast,
   God. Free ly approach, O ye sons of men,

2) Lo, the place passing glorious, lo, that house ever
   full of light, where in grace hath treasured the
   pure and honored robe of the most pure Child of
   deigned to give it unto thy chosen flock

3) We all keep as a festival the divine depo-
   -sition of thine all sacred raiment, where -
   on we are made glad. For on this day, thou hast

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and a spring of endless cures, O all-pure Mother
draw forth from it on this day pardon, grace and end
as a sacred covering, as a safe-guard in-
of our God. Where-at, on this day, we have sacredly
light-ment, and cry out to her with a heart full of
vincible, as a precious gift, a secure wealth of
gathered here to praise in hymns thy might-y deeds un-
gratitude: We bless thee, O supreme holy healing, a great river of the Holy Spirit's
-num-bered and the great sea of thy miracles.
Virgin, we whom thy childbirth hath truly saved.
graces, O Sovereign Lady and Bride of God.