Forefeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
Stichera at the Praises

August 14th

1) At an almighty beck, the band of Christ's disciples
from all the farthest regions is gathered now to
bury the Mother that gave birth to God.

2) Now doth the Bride of God, the Sovereign Queen and Virgin,
the glory of the chosen, the joy and boast of virgins, make passage hence unto her Son.

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3) From the ends of the world, the choir of Christ's disciples is wonderfully here gathered to bury thy divineness and all spotless body in the grave.