

August 14th

# Forefeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

## Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4  
Special Melody: *As one valiant*

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E Un.

1) Let the cym-bals re-sound to-day, let us cry out with

E

songs of joy and be-gin a feast— for de-

- par-ture from this life; and let us bright-ly and

joy-ous-ly sing fū-ner-al songs and hymns.

For the Moth-er of our God, thē all-gold-en and

ho-ly ark, doth pre-pare her-self now to pass— from thē

G

earth un-to the heights, be-ing trans-lat-ed to a

E

God-like and life-re-new-ing re-splen-den-cy.

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2) Come, as - sem - ble most won - drous-ly from thē ends of thē

**E**



earth to - day, O ye cho - sen band of A -



- pos - tles, for, be - hold, the liv - ing cit - y of



God the Lord of all hāst - eth glo - rious - ly



to be tak - en up on high, to that king - dom most



great of all, that she might re - joice with her Son. Where-fore,

**G**



at her ho - ly bur - i - al, with one mind, sing her

**E**



dirg - es with the ce - les - tial an - gel - ic hosts.

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3) O as - sem - bly of sa - cred priests, kings and princ - es of

E



god - ly mind, and ye ranks of vir - gins, an -



- tic - i - pate the feast; and all ye peo - ple, come



gath - er\_\_\_ and send up\_\_\_ grave - side dirg - es now.



For the Sov - 'reign Queen of all on the mor - row shall



end this life and com - mit her soul to the hands\_\_\_ of her

G



Son, and shall be won - drous - ly trans - lat - ed to a

E



dwel - ling that shall a - bide\_\_\_ for ē - ter - ni - ty.