

August 15th: At Small Vespers for the Dormition of the Theotokos

August 16th: When this day falls on a Sunday

August 17th: For the After-Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 2

Special Melody: *With what fair crowns*

Arranged by Basil Crow

1) We who are vain and vile, with what lips shall we bless the august Theotokos, who greatly exceedeth in holiness all of the Angels and Cherubim, more honorable than the whole creation; the firm and unshakable throne of the one King of all; the house in which the Most High hath made His dwelling place;


The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of eight staves of music. Above the notes are various musical markings: 'Un.' (unison), 'G' (G major), 'F' (F major), and 'E' (E major). There are also dynamic markings like '>' (accent) and 'F' (forte). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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G *E* *Un.* *F>* *G*

 she is the whole world's sal - va - tion, God's own sanc - tu -

E *Un.*

 - ar - - - y, she who grant-eth to the faith - ful

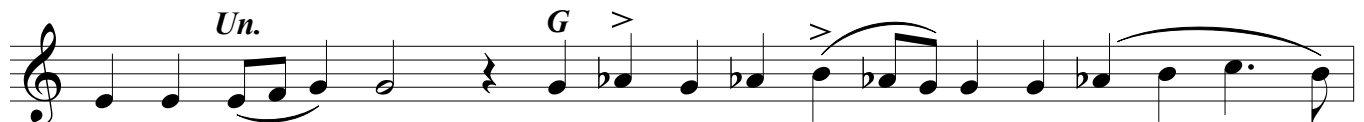
G *F>* *G*

 Great Mer - cy a - bun - - - dant - - - ly up -

Un. *G*

 - on her di - vine me - mo - - ri - - - al.

Un. *G* *Un.* *E*

 2) What were those dread and most awe - - -

G *Un.* *E*

 - some songs that they of - fered to thee

Un. *G*

 then, O Vir - gin, when all thē a - pos - tles of God

F *G* *Un.* *E*

 the Word stood in great rev - 'rence a - bout

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thy bed while cry - ing a - loud in their

a - maze - ment: The pal - - ace of the great King de -

- part - eth hence on high; in glo - ry,

thē ark of ho - li - ness is tak - en up.

Hence, O ye gates be ye o - pened, that the ho - ly

gate of God may now en - ter in with great joy,

while ask - ing un - ceas - - - ing - - - ly Great

Mer - cy and peace for all the world.

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3) What fair and spir - it - ual songs
and hymns shall we sing thee, O all -
- ho - ly La - dy? For now at thy death - less Dor - mi -
- tion, thou hast there-by sanc - ti - fied all
the world, while pas - ing to world - tran - scend -
- ing re - gions to look on thē end-less beau - ty
of Al - might - y God and, be - ing
His Ho - ly Moth - er, to re - joice with Him;

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and thou art thith - er _____ es - cort - ed by the ranks _____ of _____

An - - - gels and the souls of all _____ the right - eous,

with whom, do thou, O _____ pure _____ one, ask

peace and Great Mer - cy _____ for _____ us _____ all.