

August 31st

# Placing of the Sash of the Theotokos in Halkopratea

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

Byzantine Mode 4  
Special Melody: *As one valiant*

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E Un.

1) For thy ser-vants, the hal-lowed shrine that con-tain-eth thy

E

spot-less sash dai-ly is made known\_ as an

ark of ho-li-ness, a sa-cred for-tress a-

-round us\_ and our glo-ry, our joy, and boast,

and a spring of end-less cures, O all-pure\_ Moth-er

of our God. Where-at, on this day, we have sa-cred-ly

G

gath-ered here to praise in hymns thy might-y deeds un-

E

-num-bered and the great sea\_ of thy mir-a-cles.

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**E** **Un.**



2) We all keep as a fes - ti - val the di - vine dep - o -

**E**



- si - tion of thine all - sa - cred sash, and we



might - i - ly re - joice. For on this day, thou hast



deigned to give it un - to thy cho - sen flock



as a sa - cred cov - er - ing, as a safe - guard in -



- vin - ci - ble, as a pre - cious gift, a se - cure wealth of

**G**



heal - ings, a great riv - er of the Ho - ly Spir - it's

**E**



grac - es, O The - o - to - kos and Bride of God.

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E Un.

3) Lo, the place pass - ing glo - ri - ous, lo, that house ev - er

E

full of light, where - in grace hath treas - ured the

pure and hon - ored sash of the most pure Child of

God. Free - ly ap - proach, O ye sons of men,

o - pen - ly draw forth to - day par - don, grace, and en -

-light - en - ment, and cry out to her with a heart full of

G

grat - i - tude: We bless thee, O su - preme - ly ho - ly

E

Vir - gin, we whom thy child - birth hath tru - ly saved.