

The 2nd Day of July

Ⲅ Commemoration of the Placing of the Precious Robe of our All-holy Lady, Theotokos, in the Church of Blachernæ.

Vespers

After the Introductory Psalm, “Blessèd is the man...,” the first Kathisma.

At “Lord, I call...,” 6 stichera, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “Thou hast given a sign....”*

In Thy compassion, O Lover of mankind, /
Thou hast given Thy Mother as a helper to Thy servants /
And through her Thou hast fulfilled /
Thine ineffable and awesome dispensation /
And restored us to our divine first-created estate. /
Therefore, as we praise her, we praise Thy dominion, ///
O Almighty Jesus, the Savior of our souls. *(twice)*

O all-praised Theotokos, /
We worthily glorify thee /
For thou dost protect us with thy precious robe /
From famine, earthquake, and from civil war, /
And from our godless enemies, O pure one. /
Therefore, we glorify thee, O Virgn who knowest no wedlock, ///
As the helper of mankind, O All-holy Bride of God. *(twice)*

O Lady, full of divine grace, /
Thou hast given to us thy precious robe. /
It is truly a treasure that cannot be taken away, /
Our shelter and glory, an invincible citadel, /
A treasury of healings, a ready haven of salvation for those tossed upon the seas. /
Therefore, we worthily sing thy praises, ///
O All-honored Lady Theotokos.

Come, O ye people, /
And draw forth the healing of our body and soul /
At the shrine which holds the precious robe of the Ever-virgin Lady. /
From which pour forth streams of wonders /
That wash away the darkness of our hearts /
And the defilement of the passions, ///
Sanctifying the souls of the faithful with divine grace.

Glory..., now and ever..., in Tone 2:

Having cleansed our hearts and minds /
Let us celebrate together with the angels /
And joyfully sing the song of David /
To the maiden bride of Christ our God, the King of all, /
Singing: Arise, O Lord, into Thy resting place, /
Thou and the ark of Thy holiness! /
For having adorned her as a beautiful palace, Thou hast given her to us as an
 inheritance /
To establish and protect us through her prayers, from our godless enemies ///
By Thy power, O Master.

Or the Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week if a Resurrection Service.

At the Aposticha, these stichera, in Tone 1: To the melody, “O all-praised martyrs...”

Thou alone art the living palace of the God /
And thou hast given us thy precious robe /
To be preserved as a treasure in thy holy house /
As a sanctification and invincible protection for the faithful, /
Through which we are saved, O Mother of God ///
As we sing and praise thy divine authority.

Verse: Arise, O Lord, into Thy resting place, Thou and the ark of Thy holiness.

Thou hast given to us thy precious robe /
Which had clothed thine honored and holy body, O pure Lady — /
It is a fountain flowing with the eternal waters of grace, /
And we celebrate its deposition for us, ///
And we honor thee, O Theotokos, who hast bestowed this great honor on us.

Verse: The rich among the people shall pray before thy face.

Thy temple, preserves thy holy robe, O Lady, /
As a treasure of holiness, /
Rightly sanctifying those come before thee with faith. /
Therefore, we ever bléss and honor thee ///
As the strength and hope and the steadfast protection of our souls.

Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion, in Tone 2:

O pure Lady Theotokos, /
The Church of God is adorned today /
With the beauty of thy precious robe, /

THE PLACING OF THE PRECIOUS ROBE AT BLACHARNÆ

She rejoices and mysically dances and cries to thee: /
Rejoice, O precious diadem, the crown of divine glory! /
Rejoice, magnificent splendor of the fulfillment and eternal gladness! /
Rejoice, O haven and protection, ///
Rejoice, thou deliverance of those who run to thee.

The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 8:

O Ever-virgin Theotokos, refuge and protection of the human race, /
Thou hast given thy people a most powerful inheritance: /
Thy holy mantle and sash which remained incorrupt because of thy virginal
childbearing. /
Both time and nature are renewed in thee. /
So we beseech thee to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

Matins

The Kontakion, in Tone 4:

O pure Lady, full of grace divine, /
Thou hast given to all the faithful a garment of incorruption, /
The holy mantle that covered thy sacred body /, /
And with love we celebrate its placing at the Church in Blacharnæ, ///
So we joyfully cry to thee: Rejoice, most honored Virgin, thou boast of all
Christians.

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