Dormition of the Theotokos

AUGUST 15

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the stichera and readings of the feast
Melody: Mother of God (JMT)

1. Death defeated! Love is reigning o'er the pow'rs of sin and hell!
2. As the Ark was brought in triumph to the place which David planned,
3. Praise to Father, Source of blessing; praise to Christ, true Light from Light;

Let the songs of all the faithful with the hymns of angels swell.
So has Mary, Tabernacle, come at Christ's right hand to stand.
Praise to Spirit, life's own Giver: God of love and God of might!

Mary, Theotokos blessed, now with Christ in triumph reigns.
Immortality has clothed her who, as mortal, had to die;
As Our Lady has been granted life abundant at your side,

She in heaven, both soul and body, has escaped corruption's chains.
Now the Church, God's faithful people, sing this endless hymn on high:
Lead us on in faithful service till we all in heaven abide.