

Protection of the Theotokos

OCTOBER 1



1. Sure de - fense of all who sor - row, O pure Mo - ther of our God,
2. Strong pro - tec - tress of God's peo - ple, Depth of mer - cy, Font of grace,
3. Awe - some beau - ty, true ful - fill - ment of the things the pro - phets told,



Read - y help to those in trou - ble, be for us both staff and prod.
Through your womb has been born for us Christ, the Sa - vior of our race.
Joy of mar - tyrs, pride of vir - gins, o'er us now your man - tle hold!



Ma - ry, full of grace, be joy - ful! for with you is God, our Lord,



And through you grants his great mer - cy to the world with grace out - poured.

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Melody: *Mother of God* (JMT)