The Twelve Great Feasts, Volume I: Feasts of the Theotokos

Traveling on the Ark of Salvation

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We’re traveling on the Ark of Salvation!
The Theotokos is showing us the way.
From beginning to the end,
She’s our faithful guide and friend,
Mother, Intercessor, Blessed of God!

Charting our course, planning the way,
The church will bring us safely to God.
Every hour and every day,
We remember how to pray.
The Theotokos shows us how to live for Christ.

We get started with our blessing and baptism.
Every choice we make’s important in our lives.
The Holy Virgin showed us how
When she said yes to God,
And she’ll guide us surely to our heavenly home.
O Champion General
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O Champion General, I your city now inscribe to you
Triumphant anthems, as the tokens of my gratitude
Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos.
In as much as you have power unassailable
From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you
I may cry aloud, “Rejoice! O Unwedded Bride!”
Everyday, in every way, we make a choice.
Will we obey, will we delay, what will we do?
How can we know, which way to go?
The answer’s clear, I’ll say it here,
Follow the Theotokos.
She said,

Yes, I will do this awesome thing.
Yes, I will trust in the Lord.
Yes, I will follow God. Yes, I will do his will.
Yes, Lord, I am your servant.

What will I do? Will I follow through? The choice is mine.
Pick up my toys? Stop making noise? I must decide.
Follow or turn? Sway or stand firm?
What would she do? That’s what I’ll do,
Follow the Theotokos.
I’ll say,

Yes, I will do this awesome thing.
Yes, I will trust in the Lord.
Yes, I will follow God. Yes, I will do his will.
Yes, Lord, I am your servant.
By the Prayers of the Theotokos

By the prayers of the Theotokos,
Savior, save us.
Dormition Hymn
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In giving birth you retained your virginity.

And in dormition you did not forsake the world,
O Theotokos.

You were translated unto life, being the Mother of Life.
And thus by virtue of your intercessions you deliver our souls from death.