

## THE GENERAL KATAVASIA OF THE THEOTOKOS

**Katavasia I:** I shall open my mouth, \* and be filled with the Spirit, \* and utter discourse to the Queen and Mother; \* and be seen radiantly keeping festival, \* joyfully praising her wonders.

**Katavasia III:** O Theotokos, thou living and plentiful fount, \* establish in spiritual fellowship those who sing hymns to thee, \* and in thy divine glory \* grant them crowns of glory.

**Katavasia IV:** He who sitteth in glory upon the throne of the Godhead, \* Jesus the true God, \* is come in a swift cloud \* and with His sinless hands he hath saved those who cry: \* Glory to Thy power, O Christ.

**Katavasia V:** All creation stands in awe of thy divine glory; \* for thou, O Virgin who hast not known wedlock, \* didst contain within thy womb the God of all, \* and gave birth to the timeless Son, \* bestowing peace, upon all who hymn thee.

**Katavasia VI:** Celebrating the divine and solemn feast \* of the Mother of God \* O ye divinely wise, \* let us come, clapping our hands, \* and glorify God who was born of her.

**Katavasia VII:** Refusing to worship created things \* in place of the Creator, \* the divinely wise youths bravely trampled down the threatening fire \* and rejoicing they sang aloud: \* O supremely hymned Lord and God of our Fathers, Blessed art Thou.

**Katavasia VIII:** The Offspring of the Theotokos \* saved the holy children in the furnace. \* He who was then prefigured hath now been born on earth, \* and He gathereth all creation to hymn thee: \* all ye works praise ye the Lord \* and supremely exalt Him throughout all ages.

**Katavasia IX:** Let every mortal born on earth, \* radiant with light, in spirit leap for joy; \* and let the host of the angelic powers \* celebrate and honor the holy feast of the Mother of God, \* and let them cry aloud: \* Rejoice! O all-blessed Theotokos, \* thou pure Ever-Virgin.