The prophet David, has through thee become the forefather of God, O Virgin. In hymns of praise to the Lord, Who magnified thee, he spoke of thee, saying: "At thy right hand stood the Queen." Choosing to become incarnate without a father, God has made thee Mother and source of Life, that He might renew His own
image made corrupt in passions. Finding the lost sheep that had gone astray on the mountain,

He laid it upon His shoulders and brought it to His Father, and united it by His own will to the powers of heaven, and saved the world,

O Theotokos, for He is Christ great and rich in mercy.