It is Truly Right

First Mode
adapted from Gregory the Protopsaltis (d. 1822)

'Hχος lescope

It is truly right to call thee blest, O

Theo-tos the ever blessed,

thou who art most pure and all immaculate

and the Mother of our God,

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond
Be not drunk with wine, wherein is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

Eph: 5:18-19
It is Truly Right

First Mode (Heptaphonic)
adapted from Michael Hatziathanasiou (d. 1948)
the Professor of Music at the Theological School in Chalki

"Ἡχος Ἡ Πα"
When you worship God with hymns, you should be worshipping Him with your entire being; your voice should sing; your heart should also sing; and your life should also sing. Everything should sing!

—Blessed Augustine
It is Truly Right

Second Mode
adapted from the ancient melody
according to the oral tradition of the Holy Mountain

Ἡχὸς Ἡμῶν

It is truly right to call thee blest,

Ο Θεότοκος, η ευλογημένη

O The- o- to- kos, the ev- er bless-

θαυματουργήτης και τοῦ Θεοῦ Ο- θον- τος

im- mac- u- late and the Moth- er of our God.

Our- a- ble than the Che- ru- bim,
It is Truly Right - Second Mode - Ancient Melody

and beyond compare more

glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption didst give birth to God

the Word, the Very The

o-tokos, thee do we magnify.
It is Truly Right

Second Mode "Deuteroprotos"
adapted from Peter Philanthidis,
Protopsaltis of Mt. Athos (1885-1915) and Kyzikos

"Hχσς, Δ:

't_____ is____ truly_____ right to call___ thee____ blест,______

O The- o- to- - - - - kos, thē ev- - - - er_

____ bless- - - - - ed, thou who art_______most_____

pure and all im- mac- - - u- - - - late_______

and the Moth- - - - - er____ of_______our_________ God.

More____ hon- 'ra- ble________________ than the Che- - ru- - -
My lips shall rejoice when I chant unto Thee,  

yea, even my soul which Thou hast redeemed.  

Psalm 70: 23
It is Truly Right

Third Mode
adapted from Theodore Phokaeus (1790-1851)

"Ἡχός γ'· Γα

It is truly right to call thee blest, O Theodore to-

- - - - - kos, the ever blessed, thou who

art most pure and all im-mac-u-late and the Moth-

er of our God. More hon-our-a-ble

than the Che-rubic, and beyond com-pare more glo-

rious than the Ser-a-phet, who
It is Truly Right - Third Mode (Enharmonic) - Phokaeus

It is with- out corrup- tion didst give_ 

birth to God the Word, 

the ver- y The- 

os, thee do we mag- ni- fy.
It is Truly Right

Third Mode
adapted from Gregory Levitis the Protopsaltis (1777-1822)

"It is truly right to call thee blest, O Thou most pure and all immaculate and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherus bim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim,"

κόσμος, θείος, εὐχαριστηθείς, ὁ ὁ πιστεύω πεπληρωμένος ἁγίου, καθά πεπληρωμένος ἁγίου, καθά πεπληρωμένος ἁγίου, καθά πεπληρωμένος ἁγίου, καθά πεπληρωμένος ἁγίου, καθά πεπληρωμένος ἁγίου, καθά πεπληρωμένος ἁγίου,
who without corruption didst give birth to God

the Word, the very O-T-O-Kos, thee do we magnify.

At all times, but most of all while chanting,
let us be still and undistracted.

For through distractions,
the demons aim to ruin our prayer.

—St. John of the Ladder
It is Truly Right

Fourth Mode "Legetos"
adapted from Gregory Levitis the Protopsaltis (1777-1822)

It is truly right to call thee blest, O Theokos, ever blessed, thou who art most pure and all immaculate

and the Mother of our God. More honorable

than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption didst give birth to God
the Word, the very The- o- to-

thee do we mag- ni- fy.
It is Truly Right

Fourth Mode
adapted from Gregory Levitis the Protopsaltis (1777-1822)

It is truly right to call thee blest, O Theokos, the ever blessed, thou who art most pure and all immaculate and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption didst give birth to God the
It is Truly Right - Fourth Mode "Agia" - Gregory

The "Axion Estin" was chanted for the first time in 980 A.D. by the Archangel Gabriel in front of this icon.
It is Truly Right

Plagal First Mode
The Patriarchal Melody

adapted from Constantine Pringos (1892-1964)
the Presiding Protopsaltis of the Patriarchate of Constantinople (1939-1960)

\[ \text{'H} \chi \sigma \varsigma \frac{\lambda}{\pi} \dot{q} \Pi \alpha \]

\[ \text{t is truly right}_4 \text{ to}_4 \text{ call thee}_4 \text{ blest,}_4 \text{ O} \]

\[ \text{The}_4 \text{ o}_4 \text{ to}_4 \text{ kos}_4 \text{ the ever bless}_4 \text{ ed,}_4 \text{ thou}_4 \text{ who}_4 \text{ art}_4 \text{ most}_4 \text{ pure and all} \]

\[ \text{im}_4 \text{ mac}_4 \text{ u}_4 \text{ late}_4 \text{ and the}_4 \text{ Mother}_4 \text{ er} \]

\[ \text{of}_4 \text{ our}_4 \text{ God.}_4 \]

More\_ hon\_ 'ra\_ ble\_ than\_ the\_ Cheru\_
It is Truly Right - Plagal First Mode "Patriarchal" - Pringos

bim,____ π' and beyond compare__________ more π glo-rious__

than___ the__ Se- - - - ra- - - - phim,______ who

with- out corrup- - - - tion θ didst give birth__________

to____ God____ the________ Word,_______ the__ ver-

y____ The- - o- - to- - - - kos,___ thee_____ do___ we_____

mag- - - - ni- - - - - fy.________________________

*Alternate Ending:
It is Truly Right

Plagal First Mode (Phrygian)
by Michael Hatzianastassiou (d. 1948)

Ὁ Ἀγαθὸς ὁ Πάπας

it is truly right to call thee blest

Ὁ Θεοτόκος the ever blessed,

thou who art most pure and all immaculate

late and the Mother of our God.

More honorable than the Cherubim,

and beyond compare more glorious than the
Sing to God in love and humility of spirit, for the Lord rejoiceth therein.

—St. Silouan the Athonite
It is Truly Right

Plagal Second Mode
adapted from Theodore Papaparaschou "Phokaeus" (1790-1851)

It is truly right to call thee blest, O Theodosios, they ever blessed, thou who art most pure and all immaculate and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim,
who without corruption didst give birth to God the Word, the very


The o - to - kos, thee do we magnify.
IT IS TRULY RIGHT

Plagal Second Mode
adapted from an anonymous composition

It is truly right to call thee blest, O Theotokos, forever blessed, thou who art most pure and immaculate and the Mother of our God. More hon-
* Alternate Ending:

\[ \text{Alternate Ending:} \]
**It is Truly Right**

Grave Mode (Diatonic)

adapted from Theodore Papaparaschou "Phokaeus" (1790-1851)

"Ἡχος βαρύς ᾽Ζω

It is truly right to call thee blest,

O The- o- to- - - - - - - kos, ever bless- ed,

thou who art most pure and all im- mac- u- - - - late and the Moth- - - er of our

_ God. More_ hon- - - 'ra- - - ble_ than the Che- ru- -

bim, and be-yond com- pare _ more_ glo- - - ri-
Our psalmody should be angelic,
not unspiritual and secular.

For to psalmote with clamour
and a loud voice is a sign of inner turbulence.

—St. Gregory of Sinai
It is Truly Right

Grave Mode (Enharmonic)
adapted from Theodore Papaparaschou "Phokaeus" (1790-1851)

ο Ἕχος βαγός Ζω

I t is tru- ly right____ to____ call thee____ blst,_

Ο The-o-to- - - - -kοs,___ tē_ ev_ er bless-

ed,___ thou_ who_ art_____most_ pure__ and__ all__ im_ mac-

late____ and the Moth- - - -er__ of________

our________ God._ More hon'-ra-ble_____ than the__Che-

ru- - - - bim,_______ and be-yond com-pare more__ glo- - ri- -
It is Truly Right - Grave Mode (Enharmonic) - Phokaeus

ou__ than__ the_____ Se - - ra - - phim, who____ with - out
cor - rup - - - - - tion_____ didst give birth_______ to____
__ God____ the_______ Word,____ the ver - y The-o - - to - -
kos,____ A thee_____ do_______ we mag - ni - - - fy.______

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It is Truly Right

Plagal Fourth Mode
adapted from Anastasios from Parla of Pisidia

It is truly right to call thee blest, O Theotokos, the ever blessed, thou who art most pure and all immaculate and the Mother of our God.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare.
It is Truly Right - Plagal Fourth Mode - Anastasios

more glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption didst give birth to God the Word, the y The- o- to- kos, thee
do we magnify.

H Panagia
"Portaitissa"

This miracle-working icon of the Panagia on the Holy Mountain bled when it was stabbed in the neck.
It is Truly Right

Plagal Fourth Mode
adapted from Haralambos Papanikolaou (d. 1929)
the Protopsaltis of Kavala

'Hχος Νη

It is truly right to call thee blest,

O Theotokos, the ever blessed, thou

who art most pure and all immaculate and the Mother of our


More honorable than the Christ, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption didst give birth to God the Word, the very Word.

The o-tokos, thee do we magnify.

* Alternate ending: