Having acquired thee as an unassailable ram-part and a fount of miracles, we, thy servants, set at naught armies of adversaries, O most pure Theotokos. Wherefore, we entreat thee: Grant peace to our native land and great mercy to our souls.
Come, ye faithful, let us radiantly celebrate

the wondrous appearance of the most precious image of the Mother of God,

and drawing grace therefrom, let us cry out with compassion:

Rejoice, O Theotokos, blessed Mary Mother of God!

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