

August 15, 2020
Dormition of our Most Holy Lady
Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

Troparion:

In giving birth, you preserved your virginity! In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos! You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death!

Kontakion:

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One who dwelt in her virginal womb!

Prokeimenon in the 3rd Tone:

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

(Vs.) For He hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden, for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

Epistle:

The reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Philippians (2:5-11)

Brethren, have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Alleluia Verses:

Arise, O Lord, into Thy resting place, Thou and the ark of Thy holiness.

(Vs.) The Lord hath sworn to David a sure oath and will not change His mind.

Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke. (Chapter 10:38-42; 11:27-28)

At that time Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him to her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also seated herself at the Lord's feet, and listened to His word. But Martha was worried about much serving. And she came up and said, "Lord, is it no concern of yours that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her therefore to help me." But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; and yet only one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the best part, and it will not be taken away from her." Now it came to pass as He was saying these things, that a certain woman from the crowd lifted up her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that nursed you." But He said, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it."