

Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God



Sunday, August 16th
11th Sunday after Pentecost
Tone 2 Matins Gospel XI

Tropars and Kondaks

Tone 2

When You went down into the grave, O Christ, You destroyed the chains of death. When You raised the dead from the depths of the earth, all the angels cried out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You.

Tone 1

O Mother of God, in giving birth You still preserved virginity; and in your falling-asleep you did not forsake the world. You are the Mother of Life and have been transferred to life and through your prayers have delivered our souls from death.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 2

O Almighty Savior, You arose from death and the grave, seeing this miracle, was struck with fear and released the dead. At this sight all creation rejoices with You. Adam joins in the celebration and the whole world sings Your praises forever, O Savior.

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Tone 2

The grave and death did not detain the Mother of God. She prays perpetually and is our unfailing hope of intercession; for He Who dwelt in the womb of the Ever-Virgin, transferred to life the Mother of Life.

PROKIMENON

My strength and my praise is the Lord /
and He has been my Savior

*I was punished by the Lord /
but not doomed to die*

My soul extols the Lord, /
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior

Epistle: 1 Corinthians §141 [9:2-12].

ALLELUIA

My strength and my praise is the Lord /
and He has been my Savior

*The Lord swore an oath to David I He will not go
back on His word.*

Gospel: Matthew §77 [18:23-35].

IRMOS - Hymn to the Mother of God

Seeing the Dormition of the Most Pure One, the Angels
were filled with awe at how the Virgin went from earth
to heaven. In you, O Pure Virgin, the laws of nature
were overcome: in giving birth you remained a virgin,
and in you death heralded life. You remained a virgin
after giving birth, and remained alive after death,
always saving your descendants, O Mother of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the Heavens:,

Praise Him in the highest.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

I will take the cup of salvation/
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

AMBON PRAYER

O Christ our God, You transferred Your incorrupt Mother from life to death to the fullness of life. Though she was buried in a grave of corruption, beyond our understanding You lifted her on high and gathered Your apostles from everywhere to be at her side. By her prayers, ransom all of us who celebrate the feast of her transference from all deadly thoughts and deeds and free us from spiritual corruption. Save us from the death of despair, and keep us from disbelief or any memory of bad faith. Put to sleep all tyranny and treachery against governments following the true way. Put to death the audacity of barbarous people and humble all who rise to scoff at Your teachings. Make all of us worthy of eternal life, for You want all men to be saved, and to You belongs glory together with Your eternal Father, and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever.
People: AMEN.

BLESSING OF FLOWERS

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord
People: Lord, have mercy

O Almighty, eternal God, by Your word alone You created out of nothing the heavens, earth, sea and all things visible and invisible. You commanded that the earth give forth plants and flowers for the enjoyment of both men and women. We beseech You, bless these flowers and bestow upon them your blessing and endow them with your power so that they may serve mankind. For You are our God, and we give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.
People: AMEN