

Tropars and Kondaks

Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad for the Lord has won victory over death. By His death He conquered Death. He has become the first born of the dead and, delivering us from the depths of the grave, has granted great mercy to our world.

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 3

Today You, O Merciful Lord, arose from the grave and rescued us from death. Today Adam sings in celebration and Eve rejoices. With them the prophets and patriarchs continually praise the might of Your divine power.

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

Sing Praise to God sing praise /
Sing praise to our King sing praise
*Clap your hands all you people /
Cry to God with shouts of joy*
My soul extols the Lord, /
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior

Epistle: 1 Corinthians § 158 [15:1-11].

ALLELUIA

*In You O Lord I take refuge /
Let me never be put to shame
Be a rock of refuge for me /
a mighty stronghold to save me*

Gospel: Matthew §79 [19:16-26].

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.