



Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God (Theotokos) and Ever-Virgin Mary - Aug 15

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Troparion (Tone 1): In giving birth you retained your virginity,* in falling asleep you did not abandon the world, O Mother of God.* You passed into life, for you are the Mother of Life,* and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 2): The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God,* unceasing in her intercession and an unfailing hope of patronage,* for, as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life* by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Prokimenon (Tone 3): My soul magnifies the Lord,* and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour (Lk 1:46-47).

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Epistle: (Phil 2:5-11): *Brethren,* Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Alleluia (Tone 8):

verse: Rise up, Lord, to the place of Your rest, You and the ark of Your holiness (Ps 131:8).

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Gospel: (Lk 10:38-42, 11:27-28): *At that time Jesus* entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.' While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, 'Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!' But he said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!'

Instead of **“It is truly...”**: Seeing the pure one’s falling asleep, angels marvelled in wonder how the Virgin could ascend from earth to heaven.

Irmos (Tone 1): O pure Virgin, in you are conceived the bounds of nature, for childbirth remains virginal and death is betrothed to life. Virgin after childbearing and alive after death, O Mother of God, never cease to save your inheritance.

Communion Verse: I will take the chalice of salvation;* and I will call upon the name of the Lord (Ps 115:13). Alleluia! (3x)