

Dormition of the Theotokos Aug 15/28
Philippians 2: 5 – 11 **Luke 10: 38 – 42, 11: 27 – 28**

Beatitude Verses

4 verses from Ode 3, Canon 1; 4 verses from Ode 6, Canon 2

People: In Your kingdom remember us, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom.
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted!
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth!
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled!
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!

Reader: O all-immaculate Lady, seeing you to be a mortal woman, yet in a manner transcending nature, the glorious apostles perceiving you to be a habitation acceptable to God touched you with their hands with awe. O Theotokos, resplendent in glory!

People: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God!

Reader: O all-immaculate Lady, seeing you to be a mortal woman, yet in a manner transcending nature, the glorious apostles perceiving you to be a habitation acceptable to God touched you with their hands with awe. O Theotokos, resplendent in glory!

People: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God!

Reader: When God preserved with the glory of His divinity the honor of the animate ark wherein the Word became flesh, the judgment of retribution overtook the insolent one through the severing of his audacious hands.

People: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven!

Reader: When God preserved with the glory of His divinity the honor of the animate ark wherein the Word became flesh, the judgment of retribution overtook the insolent one through the severing of his audacious hands.

People: Blessed are you when people revile you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake!

Reader: For you did Life shine forth, leaving intact the seal of your virginity. How, therefore, has your all-pure and life-giving body been permitted to be tempted by death?

People: Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven!

Reader: For you did Life shine forth, leaving intact the seal of your virginity. How, therefore, has your all-pure and life-giving body been permitted to be tempted by death?

People: **Glory** to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Reader: As the temple of Life, you attained eternal life; for, having given birth to the hypostatic Life, you passed through death on to life.

People: **Now** and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: As the temple of Life, you attained eternal life; for, having given birth to the hypostatic Life, you passed through death on to life.

Troparia & Kontakia

Troparion of the Dormition of the Theotokos Tone 1

People:

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

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion of the Dormition of the Theotokos Tone 2

People:

Neither the grave, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, /
who is constant in prayer and our sure hope through her intercessions. /
As the Mother of Life, she was translated to life //
by the One who dwelt in her ever-virginal womb!

Dormition Prokeimenon Tone 3

(The Song of the Theotokos. Luke 1: 46 - 48)

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 3rd Tone: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

People: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

Reader: For He has looked at the humble state of His handmaid. For behold, from now on, all generations shall call me blessed!

People: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

Reader: My soul magnifies the Lord.

People: And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Philippians.

Deacon: Let us attend.

**Epistle
Philippians 2: 5 – 11**

Reader: Brethren, let the following be in your mind, which was also in the mind of Christ Jesus. He who existed in the form of God did not consider equality with God as something to be taken by force. Instead, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a bondservant, being made in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross! Therefore, God highly exalted Him, and gave Him the Name which is above every name; so that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow in Heaven, on Earth, and under the Earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Priest: Peace be to you the reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Alleluiarion Tone 2

Reader: Alleluia in the 2nd Tone.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Arise, O Lord, into Your rest, You and the ark of Your holiness.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: The Lord swore to David this truth, and He shall not reject it.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Deacon: Bless Master, him who proclaims the Holy Gospel of the Holy, Apostle and Evangelist Luke.

Priest: May God, through the intercessions of the holy, glorious, all praised Apostle and Evangelist Luke, enable you to proclaim the Good News with great power, for the fulfillment of the Gospel of His Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon: Amen.

Priest: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

Deacon: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

Priest: Let us attend.

Deacon: **Luke 10: 38 – 42, 11: 27 – 28**

People: Glory to You, Lord, glory to You.

The Hymn to the Theotokos

Or the Magnification (Megalynarion) of the Feast

Instead of "It is truly right..." we sing the Irmos of the 9th Ode of the First Canon of the Dormition:

Tone 1

Refrain

The angels having seen the Dormition of the most pure Lady /
were struck with wonder, //
at how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

Irmos

In you, O Virgin without spot, /
the bounds of nature are overcome: /
for childbirth remains virgin /
and death is betrothed to life. /
O Theotokos, Virgin after bearing child and alive after death, //
Always protect and save your inheritance.

Communion Verse (Koinonikon)

People:

Dormition: I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.