

Communion Hymn for Sundays (Psalm 148:1):

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Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him in the high-est,  
 Refrain  
 praise him in the high-est. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Communion Hymn of the Dormition (Psalm 115:4):

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I shall take the chal - ice, the chal-ice of sal - va - tion and call up - on the  
 Refrain  
 name of the Lord, and call up - on the name of the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia!

Vigil Divine Liturgy, August 15, 2010\*  
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.** Tradition relates that the Mother of God died in Jerusalem, after a visit with all of Christ's apostles. They carried her coffin to the Garden of Gethsemane where it was placed into a tomb. The apostle Thomas came late, and asked that the tomb might be opened so that he could reverence her body. When opened, the tomb was found empty except for the winding sheet.

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*The Vigil Divine Liturgy begins on page 104 in the Divine Liturgies book. The beginning verses of the Lamp-lighting Psalms ("O Lord, I have cried") are sung in the Tone of the Week, (Tone 3, page 133). At the Psalm verse "on 3" toward the bottom of page 116, continue as follows:*

Cantor (on 3)  
 Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion,  
 Is - rael indeed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

Sticheron of the Resurrection - Tone 3 samoh.asen

By your cross, O Christ our Sav - ior, the pow'r of Death has been  
 van - quished and the deceit of the dev-il has been de - stroyed. The  
 hu - man race, saved by faith, of - fers you a hymn for - ev - er.

\* to be sung on Saturday evening, August 14.

*Cantor* *(on 2)*

Praise the Lord, all you na-tions, ac-claim him all you peo - ples!

**Stichera of the Dormition - Tone 1 samohlasen**

*(2)*

O what a won - der! The Source of Life It-self is placed in a tomb; the grave  
be - comes a lad - der to heav - en. Re - joice, Gethsemane, holy chamber of the  
The - o - to - kos. As for us, O faith - ful, let us cry out with Gabriel, the  
prince of an - gels: Re - joice, O wo - man full of grace, the Lord is with you!  
the Lord, who be-cause of you be-stows great mer - cy on our souls.

*Cantor* *(on 1)*

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith - ful for - ev - er.

*(1)*

O La - dy, marvelous are your mys - ter - ies. You have be - come the throne of the  
Most High, and to - day are taken from earth to heav - en.

*Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."*

**Magnification:**

The an - gels were struck with a - maze - ment be - hold - ing the dor - mi - tion  
of the Most Pure; see - ing how the Vir - gin was tak - en up from  
earth to heav - - - en.

**Irmos:**

*Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting*

The lim - its of na - ture are o - ver - come in you, O pure Vir - gin,  
for birth - giv - ing re - mains vir - gin - al, and death is the prelude to life:  
a vir - gin after childbearing and a - live af - ter death! You ev - er save  
your in - her - i - tance, O The - o - to - - - kos.

**Prokeimenon of the Resurrection - Tone 3 (Psalm 46:7,2):**

Sing praise to our God, sing praise; sing praise to our King, sing praise,  
sing praise to our King, sing praise!

*Verse:* All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with cries of gladness.

*And then immediately:*

**Prokeimenon of the Dormition - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spir-it re-joic-es  
in God my Sav-ior.

**Alleluia of the Resurrection - Tone 3 (Psalm 30:2,3):**

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

*Verse:* In you, O Lord, I have placed my trust; let me never be put to shame.

*Verse:* Be a protector for me, O God, and a house of refuge for my salvation.

*And then immediately:*

**Alleluia of the Dormition - Tone 8 (Psalm 131:8,11):**

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

*Verse:* Go up, Lord, to your rest, you and your holy ark.

[*Verse:* The Lord swore a true oath to David; he will not go back on his word.]

Your glo-ry shines forth with the radiance of di-vine grace and sur-pass-es  
ev-'ry oth-er splen-dor. Rise up to the heavens, all you vir-gins,  
to-geth-er with the Mother of the King, and cry out: Re-joice, O wo-man  
full of grace, the Lord is with you! the Lord, who be-cause of you  
be-stows great mer-cy on our souls.

*Cantor*

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ev-er  
and for-ev-er. A-men.

**Doxastikon of the Dormition - Tone 1 samohlasen**

The ho-ly apostles were taken up from ev'ry cor-ner of the world and car-ried  
up-on clouds by the com-mand of God. They gath-ered around your pure bod-y,

O Source of Life, and kissed it with reverence. As for the most sublime  
 powers of heaven, they came with their own leader to escort  
 and to pay their last respects to the most honorable body that had contained  
 Life itself. Filled with awe, they marched together with the apostles in silent  
 majesty, professing to the princes of heaven in a hushed voice: Lift up  
 your gates and receive with becoming majesty, the Mother of the Light  
 that never fades, because, through her, salvation was made possible for our  
 human race. She is the One upon whom no one may gaze, and to whom  
 no one is able to render sufficient glory, for the special honor that made

her sublime is beyond understanding. Therefore, O most pure  
 Theotokos, forever alive with your Son, the Source of Life,  
 do not cease to intercede with him that he may guard and save your people  
 from every trouble; for you are our intercessor.  
 To you we sing a hymn of glory with loud and joyful voices  
 now and forever.

*As the doxastikon is sung, the clergy enter the Holy Place with the gospel book and censer.*

*The service continues on page 117 with the singing of the Hymn of the Evening, "O Joyful Light".  
 The prokeimenon of Saturday evening is sung (page 118), and the following readings may be  
 chanted:*

- Readings:** Genesis 28: 10-17 (EOT 304-305)  
 Ezekiel 43:27 through 44:4  
 Proverbs 9: 1-11

*After the Small Litany (page 122), the Divine Liturgy continues with the Thrice-Holy Hymn  
 ("Holy God") on page 27 of the **Divine Liturgies** book.*