Divine Liturgy, August 15

THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS 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.

Hymn

melody: Veselisja vo čistotji / Rejoice, O purest Mother

1. Re-joice, O pur-est Moth-er, full of grace, most in-no-cent.
3. You, O Vir-gin Moth-er of Christ, all cre-a-tion holds you dear.
5. Come dear Moth-er, you are cho-sen; now your Son ad-dress-es you.
6. The whole world gives you glo-ry; they ex-alt you in their faith.

E-ven an-gels in their glo-ry nev-er shone more ra-di-ant.
Cher-u-bim and Ser-a-phim know that you are heav-en's Queen.
See-ing you, as the most pure One af-ter your dor-mi-tion.
You shook loose the dust of earth, nev-er burn-in sac-red bush.
You have found your ho-ly sta-tion in the king-dom of the Lord.
Will you be our in-ter-ces-sor? You are free of ev-'ry sin.

Pray for me, pray for me, heav-en's Queen Mar-ry.

Help us all who call on you.
**Troparion of the Dormition - Tone 1:**

O The-o-to-kos, in giv-ing birth you preserved vir-gin-i-ty; and in your fall-ing a-sleep you did not for-sake the world. You are the Moth-er of Life and have been transferred to life, and through your pray'rs you de-liv-er our souls from death.

**Cantor**

Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it, now and ev-er and for-ev-er. A-men.

**Kontakion of the Dormition - Tone 2:**

The grave and death did not de-tain the The-o-to-kos. She in-ter-cedes with-out rest and is our unfa-il-ing hope of pro-tec-tion; for he who dwelt in the
womb of the Ever Virgin transferred to life the Mother of Life.

Prokeimenon - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant; from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

Alleluia - 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.

Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”

Magnification:

The angels were struck with amazement behold the dormition of the Most Pure; seeing how the Virgin was taken up from earth to heaven.
The limits of nature are overcome in you, O pure Virgin,
for birth-giving remains virginal, and death is the prelude to life:
a virgin after childbearing and alive after death! You ever save
your inheritance, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):
I shall take the chalice, the chalice of salvation and call upon the
name of the Lord, and call upon the name of the Lord.
Refrain
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!