

11th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 2)
Dormition of the Theotokos
Philippians 2: 5 – 11 **Luke 10: 38 – 42, 11: 27 – 28**

Beatitude Verses
6 from Octoechos for Resurrection,
4 from Festal Menaion for Dormition

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!

Reader: O Savior, we offer You the cry of the robber, and we pray: Remember us in Your kingdom.

People: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled!

Reader: For the forgiveness of transgressions we offer to You the Cross which You accepted for our sake, O You who loves mankind.

People: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!

Reader: O Master, we bow down in worship before Your burial and rising, whereby You have rescued the world from corruption, O You who loves mankind.

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

Reader: O Lord, by Your death has Death been slain, and by Your resurrection You have saved the world, O Savior.

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

Reader: Risen from the tomb, You met the myrrh-bearing women; and You told Your disciples to announce Your arising.

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

Reader: Upon seeing You, O Christ the Light, those who slept in darkness, in the nethermost parts of Hades, were raised from the dead.

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

Reader: The glorious apostles knew you, O Virgin without spot, to be a mortal woman and at the same time, beyond and above nature the Theotokos. Therefore they touched you with their fearful hands, as they gazed upon you shining with glory as the habitation that had held God.

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

Reader: God preserved with the glory of His divinity the honor due to the living ark in which the Word took flesh, when in His just vengeance He intervened to cut off the sacrilegious hands of the presumptuous unbeliever.

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

Reader: O pure Virgin, sprung from mortal loins, your end was comfortable to nature: but because you have carried the true Life, you have departed to dwell with the divine life Himself.

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

Reader: O lady, at an all-powerful command, the assembly of the apostles from the ends of the Earth, and the multitude of angels from above, made haste to Zion, to serve in a fitting manner at your burial.

Troparia & Kontakia

Resurrection Troparion Tone 2

People:
When You descended into the realm of death O Life Immortal, /
You struck Hades dead with the lightning of Your Divinity, /
And when You also raised the dead from the deepest depths, /
All the Heavenly Powers cried out: //
O Christ our God, the Giver-of-Life, glory to You!

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.

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!

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

Resurrection Kontakion
Tone 2

People:

You arose from the tomb, O omnipotent Savior, /
and Hades was terrified seeing this wonder; /
and the dead arose, /
and at this sight creation rejoices with You. /
Adam also is joyful, //
and the world praises You forever O my Savior.

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:

Resurrection: Praise the Lord in the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

Theotokos:

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.