

Divine Liturgy Variables on August 15
Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

REFRAINS OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

1. Shout with joy to God, all the earth, give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Name. Declare His works among the nations.
2. In the city of our God, in His holy mountain, His place hath been made in peace, and His dwelling in Zion.

REFRAINS OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON

1. The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the Saints; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

2. God hath laid her foundation unto eternity. We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people. The most-high hath hallowed His tabernacle.

REFRAINS OF THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath given me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE ONE

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death. (*cadence*)

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY WEEKDAYS

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the Saints; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

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DO NOT SING WHEN THOU O LORD

KONTAKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE TWO

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, who is never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But being the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-Virgin womb did translate her to life. (*cadence*)

THE EPISTLE

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (2:5-11)

Brethren, have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name which is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:38-42; 11:27-28)

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Him and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As He said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that Thou didst suck!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

MEGALYNARION OF THE FEAST IN TONE ONE

All generations bless thee, O thou only Theotokos.

In thee, O spotless Virgin, the laws of nature were suspended; for thy virginity was preserved in thy child-bearing, and Life is joined with death. Thou, O Theotokos, didst remain a Virgin after child-birth, and after death thou art still alive and dost ever deliver thy heritage. (*cadence*)

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

CLERGY COMMUNION HYMN

I will re - ceive the cup of sal - va - tion, and call u - pon the
name of the Lord. Al - le lu - i - a, al - le - lu - i - a, al - le - lu - i - a.

KOINONIKON

Refrain:

Soprano
Alto



I will take _____ the cup of sal - va - - - tion,

Tenor
Bass



Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the Refrain. It features two vocal parts: Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass. The Soprano/Alto part is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The Tenor/Bass part is written on a bass clef staff with the same key signature. The lyrics are: "I will take _____ the cup of sal - va - - - tion,". The music consists of a series of chords and single notes, with some notes tied across measures. The Soprano/Alto part has a melodic line with some ties, while the Tenor/Bass part provides a harmonic accompaniment.



and I will call up - on the name of the Lord.



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Verses:

- (1) My vows unto the Lord will I pay in the presence of all His people. (*Psalms 115:5*)
- (2) Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (*Psalms 115:6*)
- (3) O Lord, I am Thy servant; I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaid.
Thou hast broken my bonds asunder. (*Psalms 115:7*)