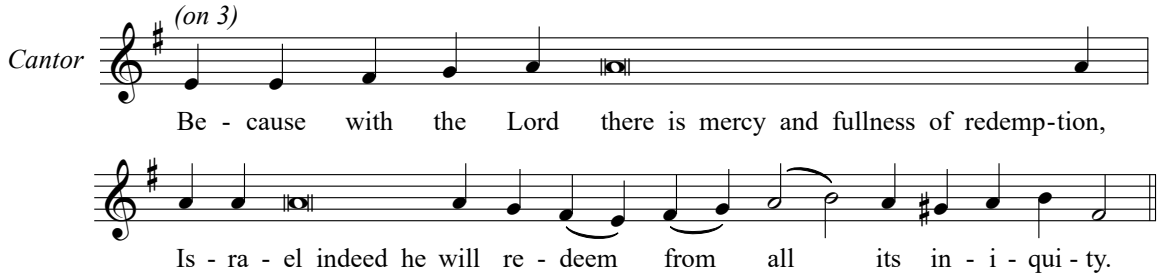
Vigil Divine Liturgy, August 15*

THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

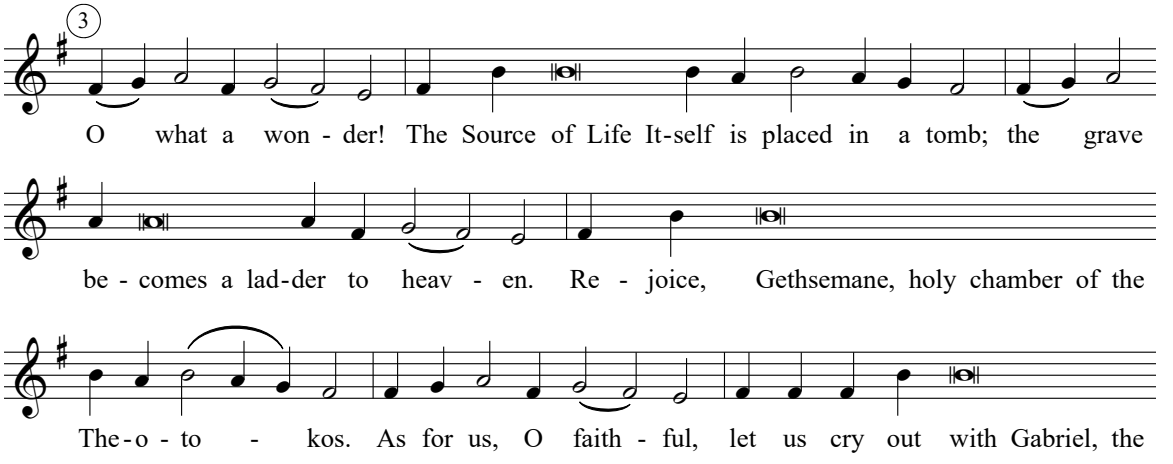
Tradition relates that the Mother of God died in Jerusalem, after a visit with all of Christ's apostles. They carried her coffin to the Garden of Gethsemane where it was placed into a tomb. The apostle Thomas came late, and asked that the tomb might be opened so that he could reverence her body. When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

Supplement for ***The Divine Liturgies of our holy fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great,*** *2006*

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 Tone 1 (page 123). At the Psalm verse "on 3" toward the bottom of page 116, continue as follows:*



Stichera of the Dormition - *Tone 1 samohlasen*



* to be sung on the evening of August 14

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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.
(on 2)
Cantor
Praise the Lord, all you na-tions, ac-claim him all you peo - ples!
2
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.
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
(on 1)
Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith - ful for - ev - er.
1
Be - hold, all the heav'n - ly hosts: the Do - min - ions, the Thrones and
Prin-ci - pal - i - ties, the Vir - tues, Powers, Cheru-bim, and Ser - a - phim,
sing a hymn of glory to your Dor - mi - tion. The en - tire hu - man race rejoices
at your glo - ry; and kings sing out to you, to - geth - er with the Angels
and Arch-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
Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ev - er



Doxastikon of the Dormition - *Tone 1 samohlasen*




that nev - er fades, be - cause, through her, sal - vation was made possible for our
hu - man race. She is the One up-on whom no one may gaze, and to whom
no one is able to render suf-fi - cient glo - ry, for the spe - cial honor that made
her sublime is beyond un - der - stand - ing. There-fore, O most pure
The - o - to - kos, for - ev - er alive with your Son, the Source of Life,
do not cease to in - ter - cede with him that he may guard and save your people
from ev - 'ry trou - ble; for you are our in - ter - ces - sor. To you we
sing a hymn of glo - ry with loud and joyful voic-es
now and for ev - - - er.

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".

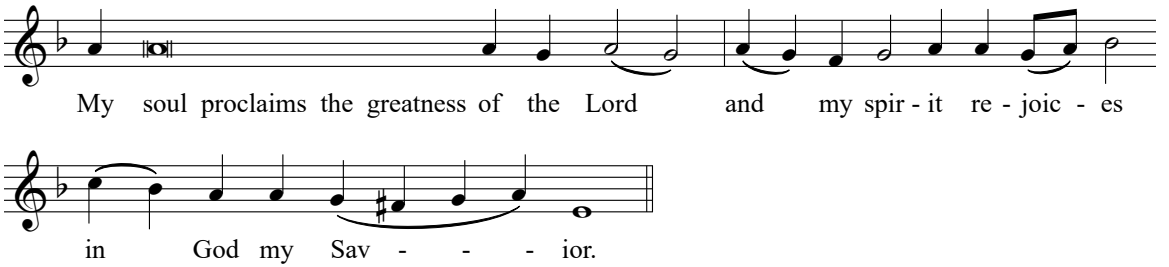
The prokeimenon of the day of the week is sung (pages 120-121)

Then the following Old Testament readings are chanted. One reading may be chosen if desired.

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.*

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



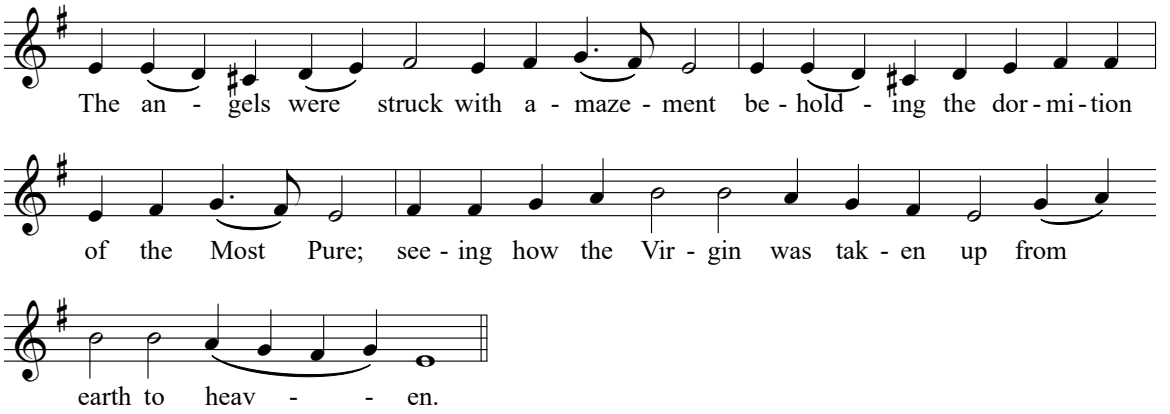
Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant;
from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

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



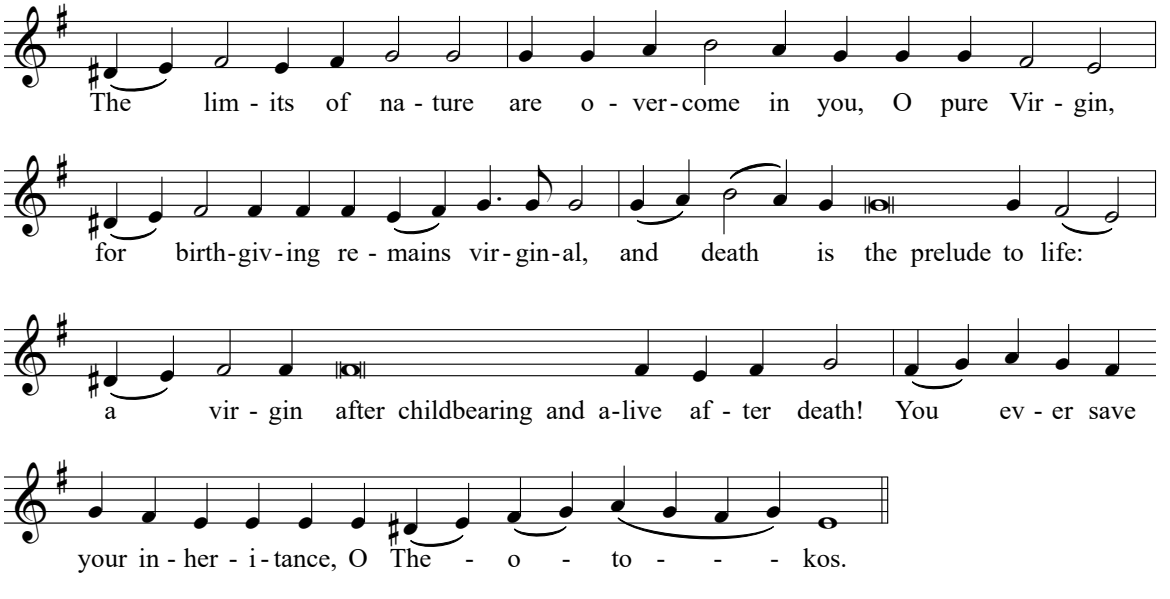
Verse: Go up, Lord, to your rest, you and your holy ark.
Verse: The Lord swore a true oath to David; he will not go back on his word.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . .":
Magnification:



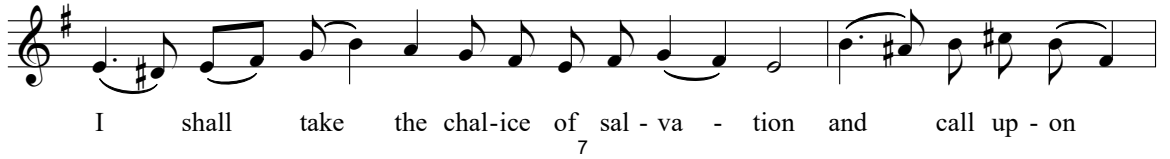
Irmos:

Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting



Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):

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the name of the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Hymn

melody: Veselisja vo čistotji / Rejoice, O purest Mother



1. Re - joice, O pur - est Moth - er, full of grace, most in - no - cent.
2. An - gel - ic hosts sur - round you, sing - ing prais - es of es - teem.
3. You, O Vir - gin Moth - er of Christ, all cre - a - tion holds you dear.
4. The bright rays of the sun won - drous - ly en - light - en you.
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 sa - cred 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 - - - y.



Help us all who call on you.