

Saint Mary the Virgin

The Dormition of The Theotokos

August 15/28



Processional Hymn: Ye who own the faith of Jesus,
sing the wonders that were done
when the love of God the Father
over sin the victory won,
when he made the Virgin Mary
mother of his only Son.
Hail Mary, full of grace.

Blessed were the chosen people
out of whom the Lord did come;
blessed was the land of promise
fashioned for his earthly home;
but more blessed far the mother,
she who bare him in her womb.
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Wherefore let all faithful people
tell the honor of her name;
let the Church, in her foreshadowed,
part in her thanksgiving claim;
what Christ's mother sang in gladness
let Christ's people sing the same.
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Let us weave our supplications,
she with us and we with her,
for the advancement of the faithful,
for each faithful worshiper,
for the doubting, for the sinful,
for each heedless wanderer.
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May the Mother's intercessions
on our homes a blessing win,
that the children all be prospered,
strong and fair and pure within,
following our Lord's own footsteps,
firm in faith and free from sin.
Hail Mary, full of grace.

For the sick and for the aged,
for our dear ones far away,
for the hearts that mourn in secret,
all who need our prayers today,
for the faithful gone before us,
may the holy Virgin pray.
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Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
praise thy Savior Christ, thy Son,
praise the everlasting Spirit,
who hath made thee ark and throne
o'er all creatures high exalted,
lowly praise the Three in One.
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The First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-11

In those days the prophet spoke: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Or

Judith 13:18-20; 15:10

In those days the prophet spoke: "O daughter, you are blessed by the Most High God above all women on earth; and blessed be the Lord God, who created the heavens and the earth, who has guided you to strike the head of the leader of our enemies. Your hope will never depart from the hearts of men, as they remember the power of God. May God grant this to be a perpetual honor to you, and may he visit you with blessings, because you did not spare your own life when our nation was brought low, but have avenged our ruin, walking in the straight path before our God." You have done great good to Israel, and God is well pleased with it. May the Almighty Lord bless you for ever!"

The Gradual *Audi, filia, Psalm 45:11a, 12a, 14* TONE III



"Hear, O daughter; ↓ consider and listen closely; *

The king will have pleasure in your beauty;

All glorious is the princess as she en-ters; *

her gown is cloth-of-gold.

The Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7

Brethren: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim,
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you brought forth God the Word;
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The Gospel Luke 1:41-55

Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of

your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Nicene Creed

Offertory: **Inimicitias ponam, Genesis 3:15**

TONE III



V. I will put enmity between you and the Woman, *
and between your seed and her Seed.

Festal Hymn:

1. Sing of Mary, pure and lowly, Virgin Mother undefiled;
sing of God's own Son most holy, who became her little Child.
Fairest Child of fairest Mother, God the Lord who came to earth,
Word made flesh, our very brother, takes our nature by his birth

2. Sing of Jesus, son of Mary, in the home at Nazareth,
toil and labor cannot weary love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love he gave her,
though he went forth from her side,
forth to preach, and heal, and suffer, till on Calvary he died.
3. Glory be to God the Father; glory be to God the Son;
glory be to God the Spirit; glory to the Three in One.
From the heart of blessed Mary, from all saints the song ascends,
and the Church the strain reechoes unto earth's remotest ends.

The Prayer over the gifts:

O Lord, may the offering of our devotion ascend to you and through the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary who was taken into heaven. may our hearts be inflamed with the fire of love and continually long for you; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen.*

Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary

It is truly right and just, our joy and helpful to salvation,
that we, always and everywhere give thanks to you,
O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and eternal God:

And to praise, bless, and extol you on the Dormition of blessed Mary, ever Virgin. For she conceived your only-begotten Son by the over-shadowing of the Holy Spirit, and keeping the glory of her virginity, brought forth for the world the everlasting light: Jesus Christ our Lord.

And therefore with the angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the array of the heavenly choirs, we sing this hymn to your glory, evermore acclaiming:

The Festal Blessing:

The Lord's Prayer is said followed by Deliver us O Lord. The Priest turns to the People, stepping away to the Gospel side so as not to turn his back on the Holy Sacrament and prays:

Priest: May Almighty God, Who has been pleased to redeem the human race through the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary, fulfill in you His gracious benediction.

People: Amen

Priest: May you now and always, here and everywhere, know the encouragement of her intercession, from whose virgin womb the Author of life itself was born.

People: Amen

Priest: And may you, who honor her with all devotion, rejoice to obtain your eternal reward.

People: Amen

Priest: May the Lord God Almighty, Whose glorious Kingdom endures for ever, be pleased to bestow these blessings upon you; and...

Priest: The ✠ Peace of The Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Communion: Beatam me dicent, Luke 1:48 TONE I



V. All generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me.

The Postcommunion Collect:

God of grace, today we raise our voices to magnify your holy Name, and, in our own generation, to call her blessed who became the Mother of our Savior Jesus Christ. May we who have shared these holy mysteries continue, with her, in your glorious kingdom, founded and established in Jesus Christ our Lord; through the same Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen.*

The Blessing:

Priest: May the Son of God who was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and redeemed mankind; enrich you with his grace.

People: Amen

Priest: May you who received the Author of Life through Mary; always rejoice in her loving care.

People: Amen

Priest: May you, when turning to Mary, hear the words she gave to the stewards at Cana: "Do whatever He tells you".

People: Amen

Priest: May you who have come to rejoice at Mary's feast; be filled with the joys of the Spirit and the gifts of your eternal home.

People: Amen

Priest: The blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever.

People: Amen

THE BLESSING OF FLOWERS

The people bring to the church flowers in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Blessing.

The priest stands before the table set in the midst of the church with the flowers.

The server stands beside him with holy water.

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty Father, grant to us grace to remember always the abundance of your goodness to us, especially do we remember on this day the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos, the fairest flower of your creation and mother of the Church. As she is with Jesus Christ your Son, may we, too, attain the blessedness of eternal life through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen.*

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord

R. Who made heaven and earth.

V. The eyes of all look to you, O Lord.

R. And you give them their food in due season.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us pray:

Bless ✠ O Father, these new flowers of the earth, and grant that all who enjoy them may give you glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The priest sprinkles them with Holy Water and then prays:

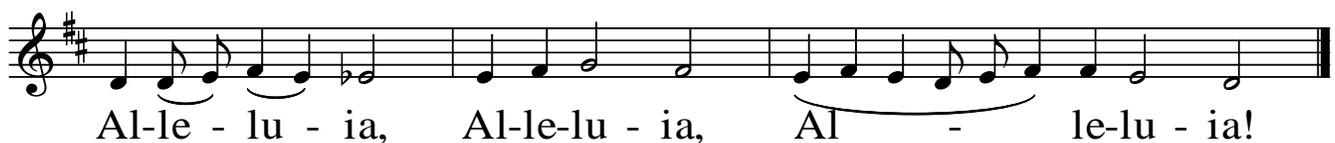
Almighty God, by the obedience of Mary you repaired the sin of Eve: Grant that we who have venerated the glorious and ever-virgin Mother may imitate her purity, rejoice in her nurture, and share her triumph; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Deacon now distributes the flowers as the Alleluia before the Gospel is sung again or the hymn following, or another hymn is sung.

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The Dormition Hymn:

Hail! holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!

Hail! Mother of mercy and of love, O Maria! **Refrain:**

Refrain: Triumph, all ye cherubim, Sing with us, ye seraphim.

Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:

Salve, salve, salve Regina!

Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!

Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria! **Refrain:**

To thee we cry, poor sons of Eve, O Maria!

To thee we sigh, we mourn, we grieve, O Maria! **Refrain:**

This earth is but a vale of tears, O Maria!

A place of banishment, of fears, O Maria! **Refrain:**

Turn then, most gracious advocate, O Maria!

Toward us thine eyes compassionate, O Maria! **Refrain:**

When this, our exile, is complete, O Maria!

Show us thy Son, our Jesus sweet, O Maria! **Refrain:**

O clement, gracious, Mother sweet, O Maria!

O Virgin Mary, we entreat, O Maria! **Refrain:**