

August 17 – Afterfeast of the Dormition. Martyr Myron the presbyter.

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! // sing of His name, give glory to His praise! (*Psalm 65/66:2*)
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name! // make known His deeds among the nations! (*1 Chronicles 16:8*)

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

In the city of the Lord of hosts; // in the city of our God! (*Psalm 47/48:8*)

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

His sanctuary is in the city of peace, // and His dwelling in Sion! (*Psalm 75/76:2*)

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

SECOND ANTIPHON

The Lord loves the gates of Sion // more than all the dwellings of Jacob! (*Psalm 86/87:2*) **O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Glorious things are spoken of you, // O City of our God! (*Psalm 86/87:3*) **O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

God has established her forever! // We have thought upon Your mercy, O God, in the midst of Your people! (*Psalm 47/48:8-9*) **O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

The Most High has sanctified // His tabernacle! (*Psalm 45/46:4*) **O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready! I will sing and give praise to Your glory! (*Psalm 107/108:1*) **Tone 1** In giving birth you preserved your virginity. In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? (*Psalm 115/116:12*) In giving birth ...

TROPARIA

Tone 1 In giving birth you preserved your virginity. / In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Tone 4 In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy Father Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION

Tone 2 The Birthgiver of God, unsleeping in intercessions
and in protections, unwavering hope,
tomb and death did not rule;
for as Mother of Life //
He who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb moved her into life.

The prokeimenon in the third tone: My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. (Luke 1:46-47)

v: For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. (Luke 1:48)

THE READING IS FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS. (3:4-11) Brethren: if it is fitting that I go also, the Galatians will go with me. Now I will come to you when I pass through Macedonia (for I am passing through Macedonia). And it may be that I will remain, or even spend the winter with you, that you may send me on my journey, wherever I go. For I do not wish to see you now on the way; but I hope to stay a while with you, if the Lord permits. But I will tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost. For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries. And if Timothy comes, see that he may be with you without fear; for he does the work of the Lord, as I also do. Therefore let no one despise him. But send him on his journey in peace, that he may come to me; for I am waiting for him with the brethren. Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to come to you with the brethren, but he was quite unwilling to come at this time; however, he will come when he has a convenient time.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear. (Psalm 44:11)

v. Before your face the richest of people will pray. (Psalm 44:13)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (21:28-32)

COMMUNION HYMN

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
(Psalm 115:4)