

**August 19 - Afterfeast of the Dormition. Martyr Andrew Stratelates and those with him
(2,593 soldiers) in Cilicia (4th c.).**

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! // sing of His name, give glory to His praise!
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name! // make known His deeds among the nations!
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

In the city of the Lord of hosts; // in the city of our God! **Through the prayers of the
Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

His sanctuary is in the city of peace, // and His dwelling in Zion! **Through the prayers of the
Theotokos, 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 Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

SECOND ANTIPHON

The Lord loves the gates of Zion // more than all the dwellings of Jacob! **Through the prayers
of Your saints, O Savior, save us.**

Glorious things are spoken of you, // O City of our God! **Through the prayers of Your saints,
O Savior, save us.**

God has established her forever! // We have thought upon Your mercy, O God, in the midst of
Your people! **Through the prayers of Your saints, O Savior, save us.**

The Most High has sanctified // His tabernacle! **Through the prayers of Your saints, 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. Only-begotten Son...**

THIRD ANTIPHON

O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready! I will sing and give praise to Your glory!
(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?

(Tone 1) In giving birth you preserved your virginity...

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) Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, / who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, // she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

The Prokeimenon in the Third Tone: My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

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

THE READING IS FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS. (3:4-11) Brethren: we have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear.

v. Before your face the richest of people will pray.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (23:29-39)

COMMUNION HYMN

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!