

August 22nd – Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Sunday after the Feast

August 29th – Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Beheading of the Holy and Glorious
Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John

Congratulations to Peter and Peggi Alex on the birth of their daughter, Anastasia Violetta, on August 4th. Ana joins her sister, Maria, and brother, Mihali. Grandparents are Alex and Maria Alex, and Michael and Violet Kokolakis.

Dormition of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos

The term *Dormition* expresses the belief that the Virgin died without suffering, in a state of spiritual peace. "Dormition" and "Assumption" are the different names respectively in use by the Eastern and Catholic traditions relating to the end of Mary's life and to her departure from the earth. Although the beliefs are not necessarily identical, both views agree that she was taken up into heaven bodily.

The Dormition tradition is associated with various places, most notably with Jerusalem, which contains Mary's Tomb and the Basilica of the Dormition, and Ephesus, which contains the House of the Virgin Mary, and also with Constantinople where the Cincture (belt or sash) of the Theotokos was enshrined from the 5th through 14th centuries. It is now at the Vatopedi Monastery in Mount Athos.



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Dormition of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos
Today is Fast Free

Apolytikion of the Feast

You gave birth yet preserved your virginity. You fell asleep in death yet did not desert the world, O Theotokos. You were transported to life, as you are Mother of Life and, by virtue of your intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Resurrectional Hymn

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Kontakion

The Theotokos is undying in intercession. Immovable is our hope in her for protection. Neither death nor burial prevailed over her. As she is Mother of Life, she was removed to life by Him, the Lord who lived in her ever-virgin womb.

Epistle: St. Paul's Letter 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

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman called 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, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve you 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 you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

