The Dormition of Our Lady
the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary

August 15

Apolytikion

First Mode

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In the birth, thou didst preserve thy virginity;
in thy dormition, thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated unto life, since thou art the Mother of Life; and by thine intercessions dost thou redeem
* Finale:

our souls from death.
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Kontakion

Second Mode

he grave and death could not hold the The-o-to-

- - - kos, who is un-sleep-ing in her in-ter-ces-sions

and an un-fail-ing hope in her me-di-a-tions. For

as the Moth-er of Life she was trans-lat-ed to life by
Him Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.
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Vespers Doxasticon

First Mode

By divine command, the God-bearing Apostles were caught up and brought from over the world by the clouds on high.

Plagal First Mode

Reaching thine all-immaculate body, the source of Life, they kissed it with exceeding honour our.
Second Mode

The highest powers of the Heavens stood by with their own Master.

Plagal Second Mode

Seized with dread, they accompanied thine invisible olate bod that had held God, and in a manner transcending that of this world, they went on before thee crying unseen to
the hierarchies on high:

Behold, the Queen of all, the Maid of God, is come.

Third Mode

Lift ye up the gates, and in a manner transcending that of this world receive the Mother of the Everlasting Light.

Grave Mode

For through her the salvation of all mortals
hath come. We have not the

strength to look upon her,

and it is not possible to render her wor-

thy honour to our.

Fourth Mode

For her excellence is past all understanding.

Plagal Fourth Mode

Therefore, O immanuel, The- o- to- kos,
who, living for ever
with thee, Son, the life-bearing King, ever interceding that He guard and save from all adverse assault thy new people, for we possess thy protection.

First Mode

And unto the ages we bless thee in beauty and light.