

Stichera at the Litya

The Dormition of the Theotokos - August 15

Tone 1
Sticheron 1

Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

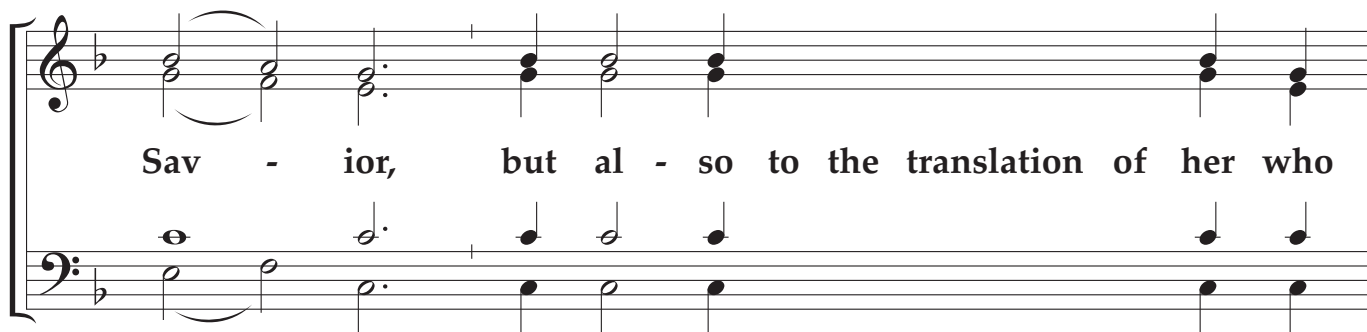
It was right that the eyewitnesses and min - isters of the

Word should see the Dormition of His Mother ac - cord - ing to the

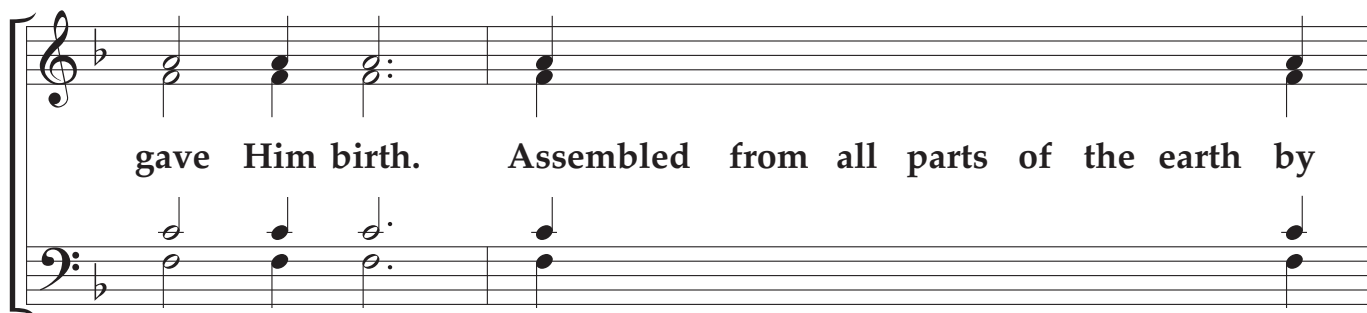
flesh: the fi - nal mys - ter - y con - cern - ing her; so that

they might be witnesses not only to the As - cen - sion of the

[Savior, / but also ...]



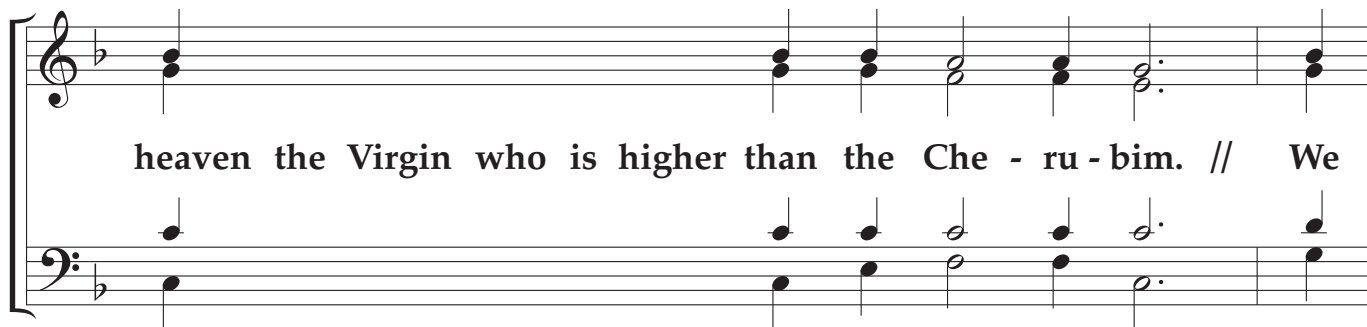
Sav - ior, but al - so to the translation of her who



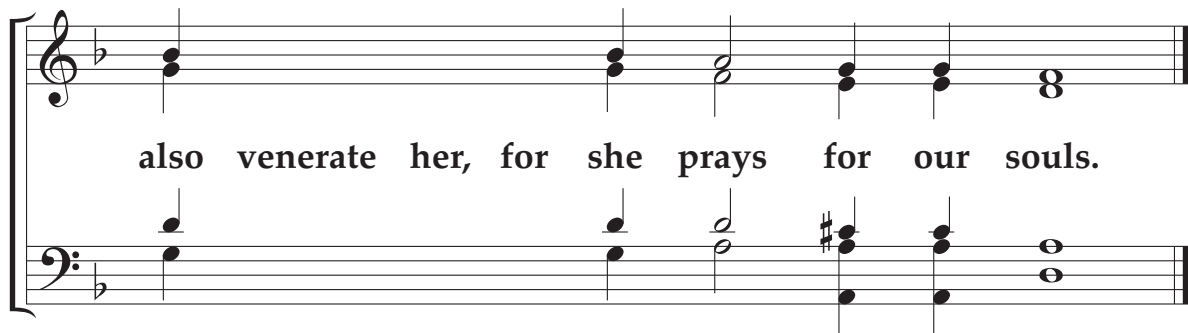
gave Him birth. Assembled from all parts of the earth by



divine power, they came to Zi - on, and sent forth to



heaven the Virgin who is higher than the Che - ru - bim. // We



also venerate her, for she prays for our souls.

Tone 2
Sticheron 2

She who is higher than the heav - ens and more

glorious than the Che - ru - bim, She who is held in

greater honor than all cre - a - tion, she who by reason of

her surpassing pur - i - ty became the vessel of the everlasting

es - sence, to - day commends her most pure soul into the

[hands of her Son.]

hands of her Son. // With her all things are filled with

joy, and she bestows great mer - cy on us.

Sticheron 3

The spotless Bride, the Mother of Him in Whom the

Fa - ther was well — pleased, she who was preor - dained by

God to be the dwel - ling place of His union of two

[natures without confusion]

natures without con - fu - sion, today delivers her blameless

soul to her Cre - a - tor and her God. The spiritual powers

receive her with the honors due to God, and she who is

truly the Mother of Life de-parts to life, the lamp of the

un - ap - proach - a - ble Light, // the salvation of the faithful and

[hope of our souls.]

hope of our souls.

Tone 3
Sticheron 4

Come, all you ends of the earth, let us praise the most

holy translation of the Mother of God; for she has

placed her spotless soul in - to the hands of her Son.

Therefore the world, restored to life by her holy Dor-mi - tion,

[in radiant joy celebrates . . .]

in radiant joy celebrates this feast with psalms and hymns and

spir - it - ual songs // together with the An - gels and the A -

pos - tles.