

# Stichera at the Praises

*The Dormition of the Theotokos - August 15*

Tone 4

Model melody: "As One Valiant among matryrs"

Sticheron 1

Optina Monastery Melody

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

At thy glo - rious Dor - mi - tion the heav -

ens rejoice, and the ar - mies of An - gels ex - ult. The

whole earth is glad, addressing its funeral hymn to

thee, the Moth - er of the Mas - ter of all things,

[all-holy Vir-gin,]

all - ho - ly Vir - gin who knew not wed - lock, /

who hast de - liv - ered the hu - man race // from the an -

ces - tral con - dem - na - tion.

Sticheron 2

At a di - vine command, the chief A - pos - tles

ga - thered from the ends of the earth to bur - y thee,

[and when they saw thee]

and when they saw thee be-ing tak - en

from the earth to heav - en, they cried

out with joy in Ga - bri - el's words: "Rejoice, chariot

of the whole God - head! / Re-joyce, for thou a -

lone by thy child - bear - ing // hast joined together

[things on earth . . . ]

things on earth with those on high!"

Sticheron 3

Vir - gin Mother, Bride of God, who didst carry

the Life within thy womb, by thy re-ved

fall - ing a-sleep thou hast passed over to im-mor - tal

life. An - gels, Rul - ers and Pow - ers,

[A-pos-tles, Proph-ets,]

A - pos - tles, — Proph - ets and all creation es -

cort - ed thee, / and thy Son re - ceived — thy most pure

soul // in His im - mac - u - late hands.