

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 your 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

you, 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 you,

[and when they saw you]

and when they saw you 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 you a -

lone by your child - bear - ing // have joined together

[things on earth . . .]

things on earth with those on high!

Sticheron 3

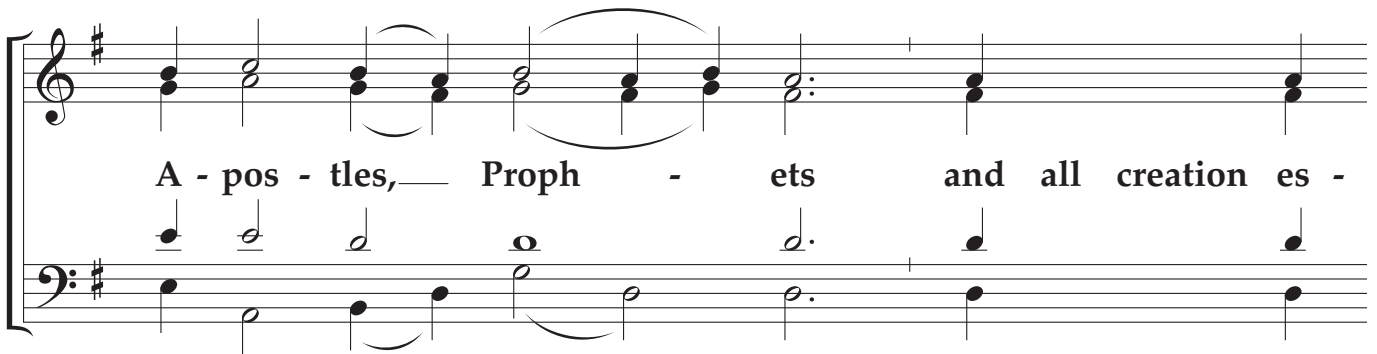
Vir - gin Moth - er, Bride of God, who carried the

Life with - in thy womb, by your re - vered

fall - ing a - sleep you have passed over to im - mor - tal

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

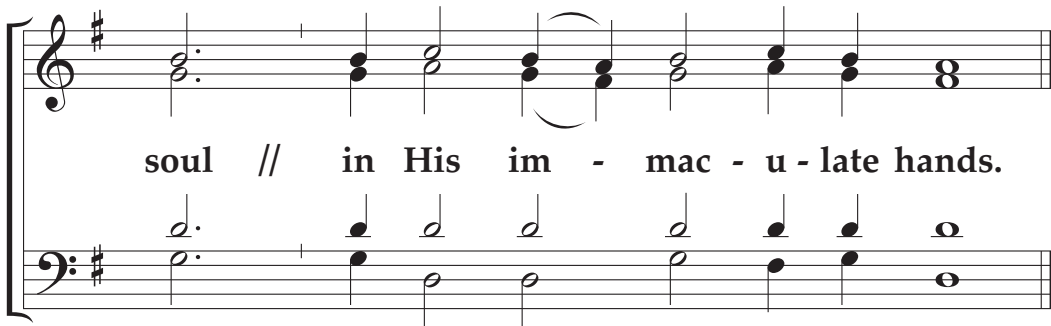
[A-pos-tles, Proph-ets,]



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



cort - ed you, / and your Son re - ceived — your most pure



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