

August 21st

After-Feast of the Dormition

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 2

Special melody: *O house of Ephratha*

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Verse: Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest, Thou and the ark of Thy holiness.

2) Come, form a joy - ous choir, ye earth-born with the An - gels,

Un.

to - day up - on the hal - lowed Dor - mi - tion of the

Vir - gin and on - ly Moth - er of our God.

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Verse: The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David, and He will not annul it.

The musical score consists of three stichera in D major, each with lyrics in English. The first two stichera begin with a melodic line labeled 'D' above the staff, followed by lyrics: '3) Thy bod - y is be - yond the reach of all cor - rup - tion; for by the law of na - ture it en - ter - eth the'. The third stanza begins with a melodic line labeled 'Un.' above the staff, followed by lyrics: 'grave, yet re - main - eth whol - ly in - cor - rupt.'. The music is written in common time with a treble clef, and the key signature is D major (two sharps). The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, sixteenth) and rests, with some notes connected by beams. The lyrics are aligned with the corresponding musical notes.