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In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst
Keep and preserve virginity; and in thy
falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the
world; for living thou wast translated, being
the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine
intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Troparion



Dormition of the Theotokos

August 15 / 28

As with other feast days of the Theotokos, we find the event described in sources other than Scripture. We know that Jesus, as He hung on the cross, commanded St. John the Evangelist to take care of the Theotokos.

In the icon, her death is portrayed as peaceful. She is surrounded by the apostles. Christ is shown holding the soul of the Theotokos, ready to transfer her to life eternal. God's plan for the salvation of mankind is completed with the bringing of the Theotokos, truly a human being, into heaven. Mary's entry into heaven paves the way for our own. We celebrate the event on August 15/28.

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