August 15th: At Small Vespers for the Dormition of the Theotokos  
August 16th: When this day falls on a Sunday  
August 17th: For the After-Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 2  
Special Melody: With what fair crowns  
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1) We who are vain and vile, with
Byzantine Tone 2
Special Melody:
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what lips shall we bless the august
Theotokos, who greatly exceedeth in holiness all of the Angels and Cherubim, more honorable than the whole creation; the firm and unshaken throne of the one King of all; the house in which the Most High hath made His dwelling place;

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she is the whole world's salvation, God's own sanctuary, she who granteth to the faithful

Great Mercy abundantly upon her divine memorial.

2) What were those dread and most awesome songs that they offered to thee then, O Virgin, when all the apostles of God

the Word stood in great reverence about

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thy bed while crying aloud in their amazement: The palace of the great King departs hence on high; in glory, the ark of holiness is taken up. Hence, O ye gates be ye opened, that the holy gate of God may now enter in with great joy, while asking unceasingly Great Mercy and peace for all the world.
3) What fair and spiritual songs and hymns shall we sing thee, O all-holy Lady? For now at thy deathless Dormition, thou hast thereby sanctified all the world, while passing to world transcending regions to look on the endless beauty of Almighty God and, being His Holy Mother, to rejoice with Him;

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and thou art thither escorted by the ranks of

Angels and the souls of all the righteous,

with whom, do thou, O pure one, ask

peace and Great Mercy for us all.