

*Saturday before the Exaltation*Holy Hieromartyr Autonomus*Leavetaking of the Feast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos*

Troparion, tone 4: Your nativity, O Mother of God [Theotókos], * has made joy known to all the world, * for from you dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. * He abolished the curse * and gave the blessing; * and by making death of no effect * He bestowed on us eternal life.

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, * now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, tone 4: By your birth, O Immaculate One, * Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, * and Adam and Eve * from the corruption of death. * And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins, * celebrate as they cry out to you: * “The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God [Theotókos] * and nourisher of our Life.”

Prokimenon, tone 3, song of the Theotókos: My soul magnifies the Lord, * and my spirit has rejoiced in God, my Saviour. (Lk. 1:46-67)

Verse: Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid; for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. (Lk. 1:48)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:6-9, pericope 126

Alleluia, tone 8: Hear, O daughter, and see and incline your ear. (Ps. 44:11)

Verse: The rich among the people shall entreat you countenance. (Ps. 44:11)

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-11:1, per. 39

Instead of It is truly right, we chant: O my soul, magnify the Virgin Mary born from a barren womb.

And Hirmos, tone 8: Virginité is alien to mothers * and childbearing is foreign to virgins; * yet in you, O Mother of God [Theotókos], both of them came together. * Therefore we and all the nations of the earth * without ceasing magnify you.

Communion Verse: I will take the chalice of salvation, * and I will call upon the name of the Lord. (Ps. 115:4) Alleluia. (3)

At all Hours

- Troparion: feast
- Kontakion: feast