It was right that the eye witnesses and ministers of the Word should see the Dormition of His Mother according to the flesh: the final mystery concerning her; so that they might be witnesses not only to the Ascension of the Savior, but also to the translation of her who gave Him birth. Assembled from all
parts of the earth by divine power, they came to ZìoN, and sent

forth to heaven the Virgin who is higher than the Che-ru-bim. We

also venerate her, for she prays for our souls.

Sticheron 2
Tone 2
by Anatolios

She who is higher than the heav-ens and more glorious

than the Che-ru-bim, she who is held in greater honor than
all creation, she who by reason of her surpassing purity became the vessel of the everlasting Essence,

to-day commends her most pure soul into the hands of her Son. //

With her all things are filled with joy, and she bestows great mercy on us.
The spotless Bride, the Mother of Him in Whom the Father was well pleased, she who was preordained by God to be the dwelling place of His union of two natures without confusion, today delivers her blameless soul to her Creator and her God. The spiritual powers receive her with the honors due to God, and she
who is truly the Mother of Life departs to life, the lamp of the

unapproachable Light, the salvation of the faithful and hope of our souls.

Come, all you ends of the earth, let us praise the most holy translation of the Mother of God; for she has placed her
spotless soul into the hands of her Son. Therefore the world, restored to life by her holy Dormition, in radiant joy celebrates this feast with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs together with the Angels and the Apostles.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Come, all who love to keep the feasts! Come, let us form a choir!

Tone 5 by Theophanes
Come, let us crown the Church with songs, as the Ark of God goes to her rest! For today heaven opens wide as it receives the Mother of Him Who cannot be contained. The earth, as it yields up the source of Life, is robed in blessing and majesty. The hosts of Angels, present with the fellowship of the Apostles, gaze in great fear at
her who bore the Author of life, now that she is translated from life to life. Let us all venerate and implore her: “O Lady,

forget not your ties of kinship with those who keep in faith the feast of your all-holy Dormition!”

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Sing, O people! Sing the praises of the Mother of our God;
for today she delivers her soul, full of light, into the hands of Him

Who became incarnate of her without seed. And she en-

treats Him without ceasing to grant the earth peace and great

mercy.