

August 31

**The Placing of the Sash of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God in
Calcoprateia (942)**

VESPERS

At Psalm 140

In Tone 4

3. For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him there is plentiful redemption;
and He shall redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

The shrine which holds your belt, O Theotokos,
is ever known by your servants to be an ark of sanctification.

It is our glory and boast; a sacred wall surrounding us;
a fountain of healings!

Therefore being divinely gathered today,
we hymn your mighty acts
and the vast abyss of your wonders!

2. Praise the Lord, all the nations;
proclaim His glory, all you people.
Behold the all-glorious place!

Behold the ever-radiant temple in which a treasure has been laid:
the belt of the Mother of the divine Son!

People, come! Draw forth enlightenment and mercy,
and shout with a grateful heart: all-holy Virgin, we bless you,
for we have been saved by your childbearing!

1. Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
eternally will His truth endure.

We rejoice and keep the feast of the placing of your belt, O Theotokos,
for today you have granted it to your people,
it is a sacred garment, wealth that cannot be stolen,
a precious gift and river of healings
overflowing with spiritual treasures!

In Tone 2, Glory... Now...

All-pure Theotokos, the Church of God is robed in your holy belt,
as with a supremely shining diadem!

It is radiant today and cries out to you rejoicing,
rejoice, sovereign Lady!

Precious diadem and crown of divine glory!

Rejoice, for you alone are the fullness of glory and everlasting gladness!

Rejoice, refuge of those who run to you:
our intercessor and salvation!

Readings

Genesis 28:10-17

Ezekiel 43:27; 44:1-4

Proverbs 9:1-11

Aposticha

In Tone 2, Glory... Now...

Having cleansed our heart and mind,
let us keep feast together with the angels,
joyfully addressing the song of David
to the maiden Bride of the King of all, Christ our God,
saying: arise, Lord, into your resting place,
both You and the ark of Your holiness!
For You have adorned her as a beautiful palace,
giving her as an inheritance to Your people, O Master,
to preserve and shelter them from their enemies,
by Your mighty power, through her supplications!

Troparion

In Tone 8

Protection of humans, ever-Virgin Mother of God* as a mighty bulwark for your city* you gave
your pure body's robe and sash.* They remained incorrupt by your giving birth without seed.*
For in you are nature and time made new.* Therefore, we pray you, give peace to your city**
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DIVINE LITURGY

Troparia and Kontakia

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

Kontakion, Tone 2: Your womb which received divinity* was girded about by your precious sash, O Mother of God.* It became an unconquerable force for your city* and a generous treasury of good things:* O you, the only virgin who ever gave birth.

Prokeimenon, Tone 3

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.

verse: Because he has regarded the humility of His handmaid; for behold, all generations shall call me blessed. (Luke 1:46-48)

Epistle

Hebrew 9:1-7

Alleluia, Tone 8

verse: Rise up, O Lord, to the place of Your rest, You and the ark of Your holiness.

verse: The Lord swore an oath to David, and will not go back on His word. (Psalm 131:8,11)

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Communion Hymn

I will take the cup of salvation;* and I will call upon the name of the Lord.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 115:13)