Lamentations of the Dormition of the Theotokos - First Stasis

1. In a grave they laid you yet, O Christ, you are life and they now have laid the Mother of Life as well: both to angels and to men a sight most strange!

2. We exalt you greatly, Theotokos most pure, and we glorify your holy dormition now, as we bow before your honored precious tomb.

3. In your womb you held him who cannot be contained; you are life to all the faithful: how can you die, and your body be contained within a tomb?

4. You brought forth, Pure Maiden, God the heavenly King, and today in manner royal are carried forth to the Kingdom of the Heavens as a Queen.

5. Holy Theotokos, You have passed from this world, in departing not forsaking those left on earth, but delivering this world from every ill.
6. All the earth sings glory at your grave side, O Christ, with all reverence, O Master, we also praise the entombment of your Mother, ever Pure.

7. Overcome with wonder, are the angels in awe in beholding you, Pure Maiden, laid out as dead, for from you has Light beamed forth to all the world.

8. Maiden Pure and Spotless, and our Heavenly Queen, once again has God sent Gabriel down to earth with the joyful news that you have left this life.

9. Now the Bridegroom calls you, to rejoice, Bride of God, in a manner both divine and most beautiful in the Bridal Chamber, holy and divine.

10. You, O Virgin, come now to the throne seat of God where the awesome unapproachable Light shines forth from the Trinity, and lights where you repose.
11. From the earth departing, You appeared before God. You were not, O Theotokos, removed from God, nor has God been parted from His mother’s heart.

12. Your most honored Body, Theotokos, remained uncorrupted by decay as you lay entombed but it passed with you to heaven from the earth.

13. Your all holy face shines Purist Maiden, in death, and your countenance appears now as Paradise, breathing forth to all believers grace and life.

14. We your children offer lamentations and love unto you who are our Mother: accept our gift which we offer from the depthness of our souls.

15. Look upon your children who are gathered this day: may your honored eyes be open that you behold those who glorify with honor your repose.
16. To us grant your blessing when you open your lips O Most Holy Theotokos, departing now at the ending of your time upon the earth.

17. Leave us not as orphans when you leave us on earth, for, O Mother, you are taken to heaven now, to abide there with your Son and with your God.

18. Gathered 'round your bedside, we are calling to you, our all holy Virgin Mother, with fervent voice, "Save the faithful and have mercy upon us!"

19. Mother Anna, join us Come and stand in our midst! Come and lead the celebration of this glad feast of your holy daughter, Mother of our God!

20. Come and let us raise up praise and glory to God who has summoned to the Holy of Holies now one yet greater than the Holiest of Saints.
21. Filled with gladness, Heaven is receiving her Queen for the Mother of creation in glory comes and appears in glory, reigning with her God.

22. Now the God of Glory takes His mother to Him and the Son who has received you, O Purist One, has prepared for you a seat at His right Hand.

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

23. Now unto the Father and the Holy Spirit we with gladness sound forth hymns, Word and God of all, and we glorify your countenance divine.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

24. Every generation comes to know you as blest, and your holy pure dormition we glorify Theotokos, ever Virgin, Sovereign Queen!

Repeat first verse.
1. Truly it is right that we magnify you who bestows life, just as your pure Mother you magnify for her life-creating falling into sleep.

2. Truly it is right that we magnify you, Theotokos, you took your divine and all-blameless soul and entrusted it into the Hands of God.

3. Wonder strange and new! For the Door now passes through the Doorway, Heaven enters Heaven! We stand in awe as the Throne of God ascends the Throne of God!

4. All angelic hosts stood and marveled when beholding Christ God, who is unapproachable now approach to give honor to His mother as a Son.

5. Angels shook with fear to behold their God again descending, with His mother’s soul carried in His hands, He arose again in glory most divine.
6. Heaven shall be awed, and the earth unto these words shall hearken;

God above all things, who did once come down, for His mother's sake a second time descends!

7. Wisdom now has moved from her dwelling place on earth to heaven.

and has filled her heavenly mansion there with the glory that has come from God above.

8. Virgin Bride of God, who did not descend to us from Heaven,

by her giving birth unto heaven's King from this world unto the heavens now ascends

9. mankind now may pass into heaven for the Way is open.

Come therefore, all Christians who bear His name: Let us rise up with the Mother of our God.

10. Down into the earth You, the Lord's unplant ed land, descended,

Out of you has sprung forth the Grain of Life, and unto the Land of Heaven you arise.
11. Mother of the Light! Now the sun which once beheld the setting of the Sun of Righteousness now beholds You, O Virgin, as the setting of the moon.

12. Darkness of the tomb now conceals the Lord’s light-bearing Mountain which once covered Heaven with Virtue’s light, but now lies beneath the shadows of its shroud.

13. Taken from the earth you arose to be with God in heaven. All the earth rejoices along with you and it glorifies, O Virgin, your repose.

14. Pure and incorrupt, now your body lies enclosed in Heaven while your grace, O Virgin, is pouring forth and illuminates the face of all the earth.

15. Filling up your days singing hymns to God with prayer and fasting You, O Virgin Maid­en, await the time when you come before the Lord in your repose.
16. Faithful souls rejoice, and their faces are a-light and shining. Our all-holy Lady, because of you, who, departing now from us, will join the Lord.

17. See before your tomb standing piously the true believers; hear the lamentations our voices raise unto you, who are the Author of our Life.

18. Early in the dawn we the faithful rise to sing your glory praising your dormition, with all our love, Sovereign Virgin Maiden, free from any sin.

19. Virgin Bride of God! When you enter into heaven's kingdom, Grant that you remember the faithful here who now honor your dormition with our hymns.

20. As you once foretold, you are magnified now, most pure Virgin, by the very power which did create both the heavens and the earth and all there in.
21. Standing face to face where the Seraphim their faces cover, you behold the

Trinity that is God one in essence, and which nothing can divide.

22. All the earth is glad and the heavens sing in celebration; angels raise their voices to join with men and as you ascend to heaven they rejoice!

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

23. God beyond all time, with the Word and Spirit everlasting, in that You are God, merciful and good, let the clarion of Christians be extolled!

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

24. Life was born of you, who are holy and most pure, O Virgin, as you now depart from this world to Life, grant true life to us who faithfully believe.

Repeat first verse.
Lamentations of the Dormition of the Theotokos - Third Stasis

1. Every generation offers hymns, O Virgin, to honor your entombment.

2. Come with all creation to sing the hymns of parting as you are raised, O Virgin.

3. Disciples of my Lord Christ, arrive to tend the body of my God's purest Mother.

4. Invisibly attending, the archangels and angels in ranks sing hymns to praise you.

5. The women high in honor along with the apostles are crying out and weeping.

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6. O Virgin ever-wedded, the Mother of the Most High, how shall we bear this passion?

7. The time of your departing holds joy for all creation, but leaves us weeping, mournful.

8. O Mother, do not leave us behind you now as orphans, without your love and caring.

9. Our Light are you, O Virgin, how then shall we bear this: no more to see your sweet eyes?

10. Alas! Your lips which loved God and ever spoke about Him have now been bound by silence.
11. “We shall not abandon the Mother of our Teacher!” the Lord’s apostles cried out.

12. On upborne clouds, O Virgin, again we go before you unto the gates of Heaven.

13. The holy staff is laid down inside the tomb and hidden and from it Life has blossomed.

14. By giving birth she raised up the dead from their entombment, and yet, she lies entombed now.

15. “Where, Virgin, are you going?” her loved one and defender calls out as Son to Mother.
16. You, who are God’s Mother with joyful heart now enter into your Son’s glad presence.

17. Called with the apostles are you again attending the wedding feast at Cana?

18. Take me, your child, O Virgin today as you are raised up to be with your divine Son.

19. To Heaven you are taken, and with your Son are living: Let me be also taken.

20. Together in the Heavens, may we now stand in glory who at your cross in pain stood.
21. Gethsemane, be joyful! Great hosts endowed with reason descend now with the Master.

22. Be jubilant, be joyful, O Chorus of Disciples, Behold the Lord in glory!

23. Once more is God descending! Today let all creation behold Him make merry.

24. Let us go forth, O people, in haste to greet the Lord, who is once again descending.

25. This day may we all listen to God as He is speaking with His all-spotless Mother.
26. Come now, sweetest Mother, and enter with rejoicing your sweetest Son’s glad presence.

27. Let your eyes behold now your Son who comes to take you unto His own, O Mother.

28. “I come to see the glory of my Mother shining before my Father’s glory.”

29. “My God,” avows your Mother, “I glorify your mercy, and utter loving kindness.”

30. “I glorify you, kneeling bowed down, my Son, in worship of your majestic glory.”
17. Since You, who are the nearest to me, from earth have risen even unto my Father draw near.

32. Enclosed are you, O Garden, in which we will discoverer The Tree of Life Unending.

33. Sealed are you, O Fountain, from which the streams of life pour most wondrously with sweetness.

34. “My lips shall sing the praises of your divine dominion My son and sovereign Godhead.”

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

35. My God, who are three persons, Father, Son, and Spir-
- it, on all the world have mercy!

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

36. Deem your servants worthy to enter in the kingdom that is your Son's, O Virgin.

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