

Most Holy Theotokos, pray for us!



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

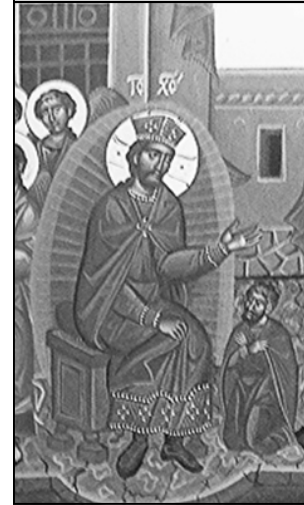
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Forgive, and be forgiven!



Have you ever told on somebody... about something *you've* done too? You might have told your parents or your teacher on a brother or sister or classmate. "He hit me!" "She called me a mean name!" "He wrote on the wall!" "She broke my Lego creation!" But maybe you did that too!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear a story about just that same thing. A king asked his servants to pay him back what they owed him. Well, sadly, it was a lot of money, and one servant couldn't pay it all. He begged the king, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything!" The king felt sorry for him, and he said the servant didn't have to pay it. The king forgave him.

After that, that same servant found somebody who owed *him* money. He told him to pay him the money back. Remember, even though the king forgave him, he wouldn't forgive the other guy!

That story in the Bible is about forgiving others. It is about treating others as *you* would want to be treated. It is about not complaining about our friends and our classmates, when we've done the same wrong thing!

Let's remember how much our Lord forgives us every day. When we remember that, we will know we shouldn't talk about other people who do the same wrong things!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- DORMITION
- EXAMPLE
- FORGIVE
- KING
- LOVE
- MOTHER
- SERVANT
- THEOTOKOS
- UNFORGIVING

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What's in an icon?

This is the very top part of the Dormition icon. It shows Christ and the disciples around the body of Mary, the Theotokos, after she died.

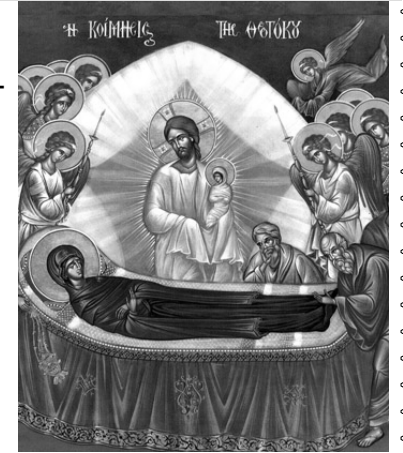
Do you see the angels who are ready to welcome her to heaven?



WORLD'S BEST MOTHER

THE THEOTOKOS, THE MOTHER TO US ALL

On Mother's Day, do you make a card for your mother? You might say something like "Number 1 Mom" or "You're the best!" Your mother might have a coffee mug that says "World's Best Mom" or something like that.



This week, we celebrate a great feastday for somebody who really is the "World's Best Mom." Who is that? It's Mary, the Theotokos, the Mother of God! We honor her this week, on the day that she died. We honor the Theotokos because she made a good choice to be the mother to Jesus, Who is God Himself. We honor her because she loved Him and took care of Him as a child. We honor her because she saw her Son die on the Cross. We honor her because she has a special place with God.

We know Mary is so close to God, so we can pray to her. Then, she will ask her Son to help us. For the last two weeks, we have been praying special prayers to the Theotokos. Lots of times, we say, "Through the prayers of the Theotokos, Savior, save us." Mary, the Theotokos, listens to everyone who calls to her. That's why we call her the "Mother to us all." That's why she is really the "World's Best Mom"!



We celebrate the Dormition on Wednesday, Aug. 15th (August 28th, OC).