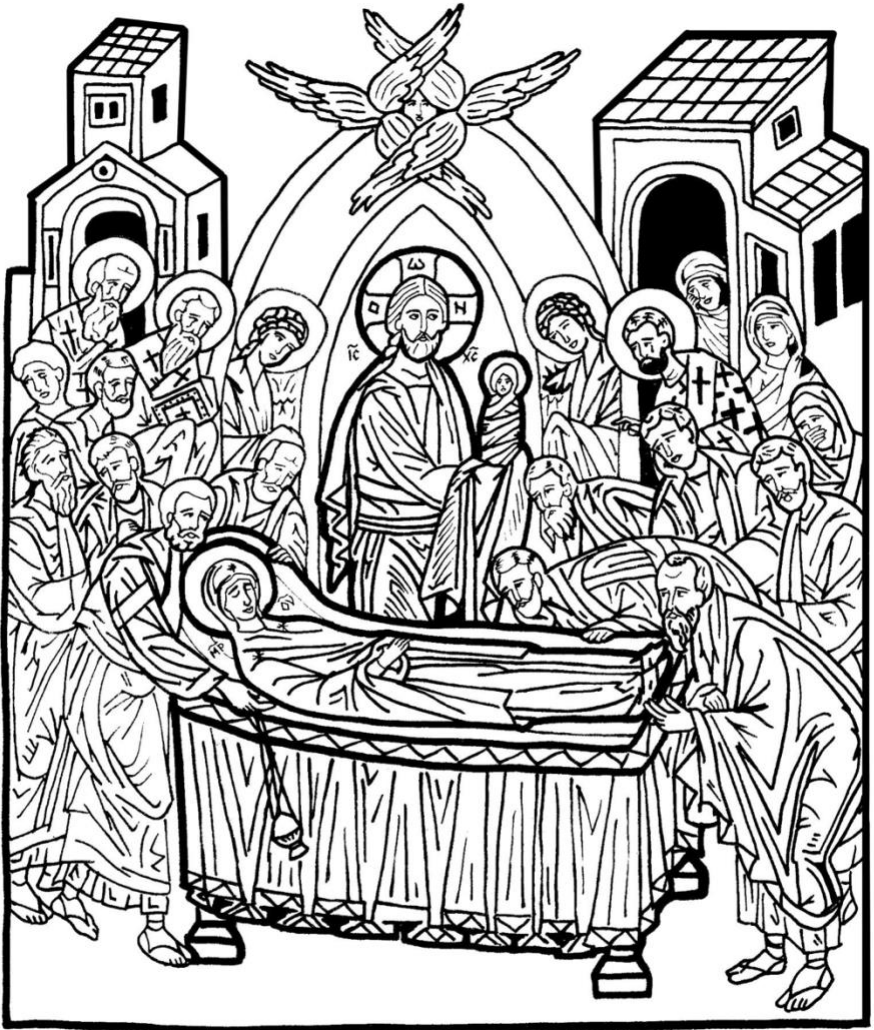


# Dormition of the Theotokos

## Activity Book



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Read the Account of the Dormition of the Theotokos

One day Mother Mary was praying on the Mount of Olives. Suddenly the Angel Gabriel appeared to her and told her that in a few days she would be taken up to Heaven by her Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Mother Mary was filled with joy.

She immediately told the believers and sent word to the Apostles, who were in many different parts of the world, because she wanted to see them one last time. As soon as the Apostles got the news they started traveling to Jerusalem to see Mother Mary. They all loved her very much. Some of the Apostles were so far away and would not be able to make it in time. Church tradition says that they were miraculously transported to Jerusalem by angels. The only Apostle who did not make it in time was St. Thomas.

At the appointed time Mother Mary was laying on her bed waiting to be taken to Heaven. While she was surrounded by the Apostles, her friends and believers, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared. He was accompanied by angels who were singing beautifully. It was then that He took her soul with him to Heaven.

The Apostles and the Disciples carried her body in a sad procession towards the Garden of Gethsemane. They buried her nearby. The funeral took 3 days because there were so many people gathered from many areas surrounding Jerusalem and they all wanted to pay their respects to the Mother of God.

On the third day the Apostle St. Thomas arrived. He was so sad that he had not come in time to see Mother Mary. He begged the other Apostles to let him see her body. They opened the grave and to everyone's surprise the body was not there! They understood that the body had been taken to Heaven by the Lord. Almost immediately an angel appeared to them and confirmed that the body of the Holy Theotokos had been taken by her Son, the Lord Jesus Christ into Heaven.

Scan the code to watch a video  
about the account and icon of the  
Dormition of Mother Mary.



## Word Search

G D Q L V B J S G R A V E E I I E C  
E O E R Z Z S N A U H P S O U L N A  
T R O X J K A E M I N E O E T E F N  
H M D O R M I T I O N F A S T L L G  
S I T I C O N T G B U T A V T V O E  
E T O X Y C T U X X I J T U E L W L  
M I E D E A P U I G O S T H G N E S  
A O M O T H E R M A R Y H O O U R S  
N N B C U Q T H E O T O K O S M S X  
E Z C R I J E R U S A L E M P Q A T  
F F P B A W R M S A I N T P A U L S  
Q M O U N T O F O L I V E S P U C Y

Find the following words in the puzzle.  
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

ANGELS  
APOSTLES  
AUGUST  
BISHOP  
DORMITION  
DORMITION FAST  
FLOWERS

GETHSEMANE  
GRAVE  
HEAVEN  
ICON  
JERUSALEM  
MOTHER MARY  
MOUNT OF OLIVES

SAINT PAUL  
SAINT PETER  
SAINT THOMAS  
SOUL  
THEOTOKOS

Identify the Parts of the Icon







Unscramble the Words

KTSHOOOTE

---

OICN

---

WOFSELR

---

HJNO

---

UGTASU EEFFTNIH

---

ETPRE

---

ITDRNOOIM

---

SLASPETO

---

MJSLEUAER

---

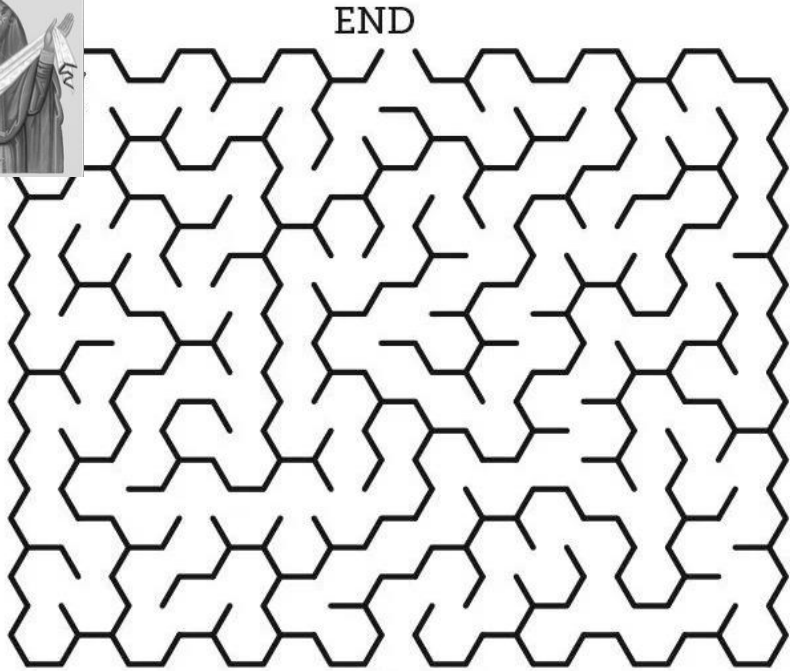
ULSCDO

---

HMROET RAMY

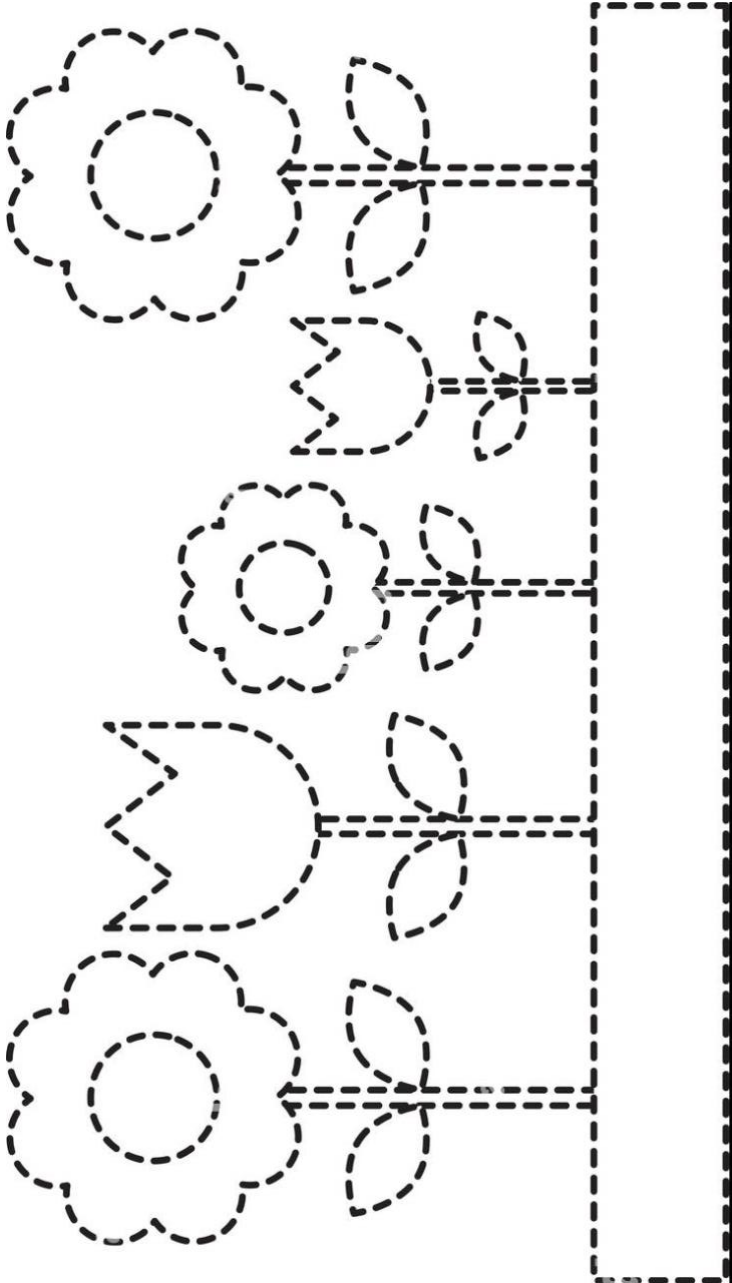
---

Maze – Help the Apostles Find the Way to Jerusalem





# Trace and Color the Flowers



Tradition states that when Mother Mary's grave was opened there was a sweet smell of flowers. That is why many people use flowers to decorate on the day of her Dormition.

We can decorate with flowers to celebrate the Dormition of the Theotokos

Match the Following



Jerusalem



Jerusalem



## Answer the Questions

### From the Account

- What is the date of the feast?
- What does the word 'Dormition' mean?
- What are the 14 days preceding the feast called?
- What is another name for Mother Mary?
- From where (3 places) do we get the account of the Dormition?
- Where was Mother Mary on the Day of Pentecost?
- Where was Mother Mary praying when the angel appeared to her to tell her she would soon be taken to heaven by her Son?
- What was Mother Mary's reaction to the news?
- What did the apostles do when they received the news?
- How did the apostles who were too far away reach Jerusalem?
- Which disciple did not make it on time?
- Where was her body buried?
- How long was the funeral and why was it that long?
- Who came on the third day?
- What did the apostles find when they opened the grave?
- Who told them that her body had been taken by her Son the Lord Jesus into heaven?
- From which century has this event been commemorated by the church and celebrated as a feast?

### From the Icon

- In the icon, who is on the death bed?
- Who stands in the middle of the icon above Mother Mary?
- Who is Jesus holding and what does this represent?
- What do St.Paul and St.Peter on the right and left represent?
- What does the Mandorla signify?
- Mary was loved for her \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Who are the bishops in the icon?
- Who is bowing at the feet of St.Mary's bed?
- Who is censuring the body? And what does this represent?
- Who is leaning on the body of Mother Mary?
- Some icons show the apostles carried by angels in the clouds, what does this represent?
- Death is the \_\_\_\_\_ to eternal life.
- We celebrate the Feast of Dormition with great \_\_\_\_\_.

## Listen to the Ancient Hymns of the Dormition of Mother Mary While You Color the Picture

Mother Mary is our example to follow and that is why her life and death are so significant for us. She is the first believer and evangelist in regard to her Son who is the ‘Source of Life’, and that is why she is called the ‘Mother of Life.’

### The Apolytikion of the Dormition

In birth, you preserved your virginity; in death, you did not abandon the world, O Theotokos. As mother of life, you departed to the source of life, delivering our souls from death by your intercessions.

### The Kontakion of the Dormition

Neither the grave nor death could contain the Theotokos, the unshakable hope, ever vigilant in intercession and protection. She being the Mother of life, He who dwelt in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to life.



Scan the code to  
listen to the hymns

