

The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

"Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come!"

*"For see, the winter is past,
the rains are over and gone.*

*The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of pruning the vines has come,
and the song of the dove is heard in our land.*

*The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines, in bloom, give forth fragrance.*

*Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one,
and come!*

*"O my dove in the clefts of the rock,
in the secret recesses of the cliff,
Let me see you,
let me hear your voice,
For your voice is sweet,
and you are lovely."*

Song of Songs 2:10b-1

"May you be blessed, my daughter, by God most high, beyond all women on earth; and may the Lord God be blessed, the Creator of heaven and earth. - *Judith 13:18*

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." - *John 14:3*

Her divine Son gave Her his blessing and in the presence of the courtiers of heaven spoke to Her these words : ***"My dearest Mother, whom I have chosen for my dwelling place, the hour is come in which thou art to pass from the life of this death and of the world into the glory of my Father and mine, where thou shalt possess the throne prepared for thee at my right hand and enjoy it through all eternity. And since, by my power and as my Mother, I have caused thee to enter the world free and exempt from sin, therefore also death shall have no right or permission to touch thee at thy exit from this world. If thou wishest not to pass through it, come with Me now to partake of my glory, which thou has merited."***

The most prudent Mother prostrated Herself at the feet of her Son and with a joyous countenance answered: *"My Son and my Lord, I beseech Thee let thy mother and thy servant enter into eternal life by the common portal of natural death, like the other children of Adam. Thou, who art my true God, hast suffered death without being obliged to do so; it is proper that, as I have followed Thee in life, so I follow Thee also in death."* Christ the Savior approved of the decision and the sacrifice of his most blessed Mother, and consented to its fulfillment. Then all the angels began to sing in celestial harmony some of the verses of the Canticles of Solomon and other new ones.

She pronounced those words of her Son on the Cross : "*Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.*" Then She closed her virginal eyes and expired. The sickness which took away her life was love, without any other weakness or accidental intervention of whatever kind. She died at the moment when the divine power suspended the assistance, which until then had counteracted the sensible ardors of her burning love of God.

Then this most pure Soul passed from her virginal body to be placed in boundless glory, on the throne at the right hand of her divine Son.

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