The death of Mary, compared to the death of other people, was calm and joyful, free from pain and suffering. Why did this happen? Why is the celebration of this event so joyful?

Mary left this visible world and stood next to God himself, together with her Son, Jesus Christ. Her soul received the greatest joy and happiness from this direct examination of God. Mary, being near God Himself, got the opportunity to help us better. Having such spiritual help from the Mother of God, people rejoice for their eternal happiness. This joy is manifested in the extremely solemn celebration of the feast of the Assumption or Dormition of the Virgin.

In the Assumption, the Lord rewarded Mary in a special way for her faithful and selfless service to God, taking her body and soul to heaven. Mary participated in the work of salvation by giving birth to Jesus, so now she participates in His glory. The Feast of the Assumption reveals to us the special holiness of the Mother of God. The Mother of God caused the salvation of people by giving birth to Christ the Savior, therefore she wants everyone to be in heaven with her. This is a manifestation of her holiness, which is perfect love for God and for people. Out of gratitude for this holiness, Christians especially honor Mary on the day of her Assumption.

The Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of God teaches us that the main goal of devotion to the Theotokos is not only the successful solution of human problems, but to reach eternal joy and happiness, that is, to be close to God, like Mary. Sister Mary from today's Gospel best reflects the person of the Mother of God and the meaning of the holy day which is to be together with God. Mary preferred to sit at the foot of Jesus and listen to the words of his teachings, for which she received praise from Jesus, in contrast to her sister Martha, who tried to treat Christ with delicious dishes.

Let us not forget to ask Mary for spiritual gifts in our prayers, especially for trust in God, full hope in God, and readiness for eternal happiness. So let's not stop repeating prayers to Mary often, and love and honor her with all our hearts. Then we will be happy in life now and at the hour of our death. Amen.