

For All Feasts of the Theotokos

Gospel according to Luke, Pericope 54.

At that time, Jesus entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to Him, and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me." And Jesus answered and said unto her, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." And it came to pass, as He spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto Him, "Blessèd is the womb that bare Thee, and the paps which Thou hast sucked." But He said, "Yea rather, blessèd are they that hear the word of God, and keep it."

