November 27: The Kursk-Root Icon of the Theotokos
Exapostilarion

Znamenny Chant

O Virgin Theotokos, thou most radiant sun,
kindle in our land the inextinguishable beacon of the faith of

Christ by thy grace, that there-by light may

be cast upon darkness and the hearts of the faithful
Rejoice therein, giving thanks to Christ, Who loveth mankind, and granting to all great mercy.
Another Exapostilarion

By my sins have I put off the robe of baptism.

How can I enter into the banquet of the Lord lacking a wedding garment, if thou, O Theotokos, dost not cover me with thy mantle and utter a word to the King of glory.
in behalf of me wretch that I am? Wherefore placing my

hope on thee a-lone, I stretch forth my hands to thee:

Do thou hearken, protect and help me.

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