November 27: The Kursk-Root Icon of the Theotokos
Sticheron of "Lord I have cried" (on a Sunday)
Tone 3, Kievan Chant

(1) Reader: In the 3rd Tone - For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,

And the truth of the Lord abideth forever.

O all ye generations of the earth, bless Mary the Theotokos:

ye righteous and sinners, form one choir for her;

ye virgins, hymn the ever-Virgin, the boast of virginity;

ye mothers, praise the Mother of our Creator and God;

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ye elders, bow down before her who gave flesh to the Ancient of Days;

ye babes, glorify her who holdeth the pre- eternal Infant in her arms;

ye poor, magnify her who doth possess a wealth of mercy and grace;

ye kings, exalt the Queen of heaven and earth; and kissing her precious image,

let us cry out: Rejoice, O inexhaustible joy and salvation of our souls.

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