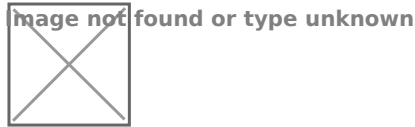


## **15 Patriarch Daniel quotes on the Mother of God: A model of humble obedience for angels and humans**



The Dormition Fast is a favourable time for prayer, especially to the Mother of God, who is “a merciful intercessor and mediatrix for mankind.”

Basilca.ro offers you a collection of 15 quotes about the Mother of God selected from the sermons of Patriarch Daniel:

1. The Mother of God is the one from whom the eternal Son of God is born as a Man on earth through the work of the Holy Spirit. So, by her life and holiness, she became the patroness of the ecclesiastical year that begins on September 1 and ends on August 31.
2. The ecclesiastical year is under the protection of the Mother of God because she is the living icon of the Church. The Mother of God is the enlivened Church and a spiritual paradise.
3. The Mother of God is always presented together with the Saviour Christ, with one exception, namely, when she prays, she does not carry Him in her arms but has her hands raised to heaven, and on her chest is the face of the blessing Christ, as a grown man. He offers His blessing as an answer to the prayers of the Theotokos.
4. The Church lives mainly by the Mother of God's prayers and Christ's blessing. That is why the Virgin Mary was called the unshamable, unrejected and permanent intercessor, and her icon in which she has her hands raised in prayer is called Virgin Orans – the Praying Theotokos.
5. The Virgin Mary did not remain with the simple preparation of all the other girls. She prepared herself for a holy mission, namely, to become the Tabernacle or Church of the Word of God, the eternal Son of God, the Messiah.
6. In her spiritual preparation at the temple, the Mother of God offered her virginity as a sacrifice to God and sanctified herself through almost unceasing prayer; she leaned over the words of Scripture and meditated on them.
7. The Mother of God is the living icon of the Church because she carries Christ and shows Him to the world.

8. The Mother of God shows us the icon of the humble Christian, who is obedient and works together with God.
9. The Mother of God is blessed among women being the most obedient and humble.
10. The Mother of God, translated to eternal life, is for us a prophetic icon and shows that the purpose of our earthly life is to prepare ourselves for the translation into the kingdom, light, glory and love of the Most Holy Trinity.
11. The Mother of God is a fervent intercessor, a merciful, tender mother loving with humility for those no one loves anymore.
12. The Mother of God is a model of humble obedience for angels and humans.
13. The Mother of God is a merciful intercessor and metiatress for people, especially in difficult situations.
14. Being the Mother of the crucified Lord, she is a mother of sorrows, of pain. That is why she understands and feels every suffering and every pain in the family, every suffering of the parents who raise their children and care for them, as she also feels the joys of those who receive God's help.
15. The Theotokos' honour and glory come from her quality as Mother of Christ, the Mother of God.

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