Research on the feasts of the Transfiguration of Christ (August 6) and the Dormition of the Theotokos (August 15) in the Christian East remains embryonic, despite these celebrations being amongst the most important in the annual sanctoral cycle. This workshop gathers scholars currently engaged in research on the history of these feasts, the books that transmit the liturgical materials pertaining to them, and related liturgical genres and book types. While the workshop will focus on the development of the August Mēnaion (in Greek and early Slavonic examples), which contains the developed Byzantine rites for the feasts, it will also examine the history of the feasts through sources including the Armenian and Georgian Lectionaries of Jerusalem, the Georgian Old Iadgari, the Greek New Tropologion, the Armenian Sharaknoc’, and the Kanonarion-Synaxarion of the Great Church of Constantinople. The workshop aims to familiarise scholars currently working in diverse institutional contexts not only with the state of the question as published but also with the precise contours of ongoing projects and as yet unpublished research.

Sunday 20th November
Arrivals, hotel check-in
17:30 Agrypnia (Vespers, Matins & Divine Liturgy) for the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple (Verklärungskapelle, Wollwirkergasse 25) ~ optional

Monday 21st November
09:00 Arrivals, organisation, IT setup
09:15 Gregory Tucker, Hymns for the Transfiguration in the Greek Tropologion & Early Mēnaia
10:45 Coffee
11:15 Alexandra Nikiforova, The August Menaion Sinai Greek 631: In Search of its Liturgical Tradition
12:45 Lunch
14:30 Roman Krivko, The Reception of the Byzantine August Mēnaion Among the Slavs
16:00 Coffee
16:30 Evan Freeman, The Transfiguration & Dormition in Early Byzantine Art
19:30 Dinner

Tuesday 22nd November
09:15 Gregory Tucker, Transfiguration & Dormition in Early Constantinopolitan Sources
10:45 Coffee
11:15 Plenary discussion (Respondent/Moderator: Cosmin Pricop)
12:45 End/lunch, departures

Those wishing to participate in person should register by email (gregory.tucker@ur.de) by 5pm (CET) on Friday, 11th November. Online participation is not possible.

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