

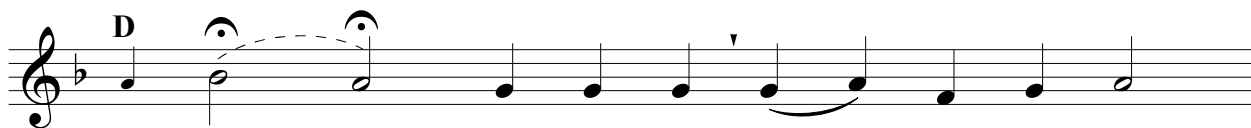
November 21st

# Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

## Stichera at the Aposticha of Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 5  
Special Melody: *Rejoice*

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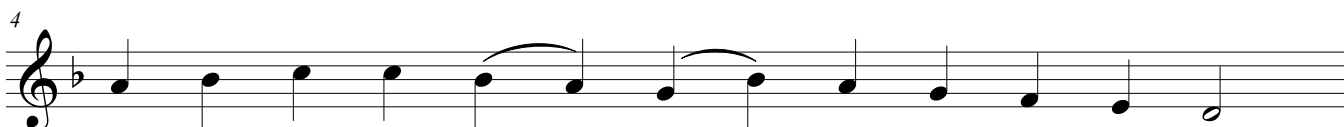
1) Heav - en and earth re - joice to be - hold  
2) *An - na, be - ing the name - sake of grace,*  
3) Lo, now, with - in the tem - ple of God



thē on - ly Vir - gin who is whol - ly be - yond re - proach,  
*doth lead the pure and Ev - er - vir - gin, the Full of Grace,*  
is ded - i - cat - ed the pure tem - ple con - tain - ing God,



the pure and spir - i - tual heav - en, as she doth en - ter God's house,  
*with glad - ness in - to God's tem - ple, and she doth bid her young maids*  
the pure and all - ho - ly Vir - gin, while youth - ful maid - ens pre - cede,



to be brought up sa - cred - ly in ho - li - ness.  
*that they go be - fore with lamps; and she doth say:*  
bear - ing shin - ing torch - es, lead - ing her there - in.




As - ton - ished and full of awe, Zach - a - ri - as cried un - to her:  
*De - part child, and be thou His Who hath giv - en thee un - to me;*  
Thē ex - cel - lent cou - ple of her au - gust par - ents skip for joy:



To thee, the Lord's Gate, do I o - pen the tem - ple's gates;  
*be - come a gift and an ob - la - tion made un - to Him,*  
wise Jo - a - chim and An - na dance, for they have brought forth


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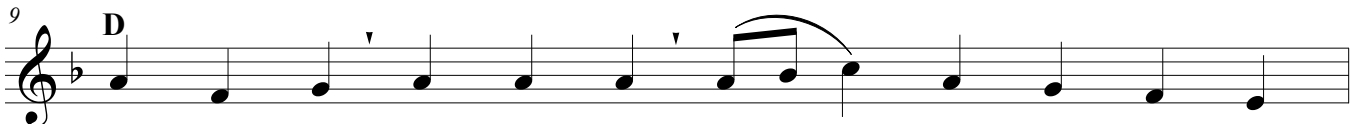
glad - ly en - ter in, dance for joy — there - in round - a - bout.  
and the pleas - ant smell of sweet in - cense un - to the Lord.  
her that hath con - ceived the Cre - a - tor and God of all.

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For I — be - lieve and tru - ly know that Is - ra - el's ran - som - ing  
En - ter — thē in - most sanc - tu - ar - y; learn thou its mys - ter - ies;  
She doth her - self ex - ult in the di - vine tab - er - na - cle now,

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shall straight - way come man - i - fest - ly, and that from  
en - ter and make thy - self read - y to be the  
and by an An - gel is nour - ished she who is

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thee — shall the Word of God be tru - ly be - got - ten,  
fair — and de - light - ful house and dwell - ing of Je - sus,  
whol - ly with - out re - proach, the Moth - er of Christ — God,

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e - ven He that grant - eth peace and great mer - cy to the world.  
Who doth gra - cious - ly be - stow — His great mer - cy on the world.  
e - ven Him that grant - eth peace and great mer - cy to the world.