

November 20th

## Forefeast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple Stichera on the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 1  
Special Melody: Thou art the joy

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1) With songs and hymns, O ye faith - ful, come let us  
2) *As it were pluck - ing all man - ner of flow - ers*  
3) Now let the gates of the tem - ple of God the

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gath - er to praise her that was won - drous - ly born from a  
*on — this day from the no - et - ic mead - ows of the*  
Lord be pre - pared, and let them be — thrown o - pen and re -

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moth - er once bar - ren: The Moth - er of the Mak - er, the pure Bride of God;  
*words of the Spir - it, let us weave the Vir - gin fair gar - lands of song,*  
- ceive with re - joic - ing her that is the house of the glo - ry of God

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and with vir - gins and shin - ing lamps, let us go  
*as we all — praise her joy - ous - ly; and as is*  
and a - lone — hath most won - drous - ly be - come more

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in - to the tem - ple to meet her now,  
*meet, let us of - fer them un - to her*  
high than the Heav - ens be - yond all thought;

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as she en - ter - eth the Ho - lies with - in.  
*as a gift for the Pre - fes - ti - val.*  
and let Christ the Sav - ior be — ex - tolled.

Verses:

1) The virgins that follow after her shall be brought unto the King, those near her shall be brought unto Thee.

2) They shall be brought with gladness and rejoicing, they shall be brought into the temple of the King.