

November 21st

# Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple

## Stichera on Lord I have cried

Byzantine Chant Tone 1

Special Melody: *O strange wonder*



1) Come let us the faith - ful dance for joy on this day, while sing - ing  
2) *In the tem - ple of the Law to - day is the liv - ing tem - ple*  
3) Thou, O Vir - gin Moth - er of our God, art the proph - ets' preach - ing,



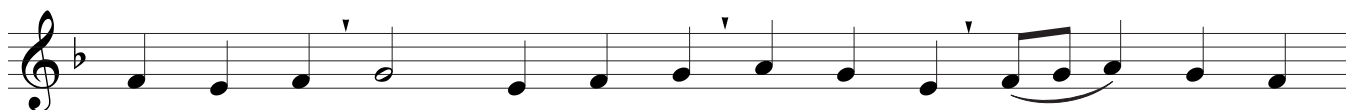
songs and hymns un - to the Lord, to hon - or the tab - er - na - cle  
*of the ho - ly maj - es - ty and glo - ry of Christ our God brought*  
and the boast of mar - tyred saints, the glo - ry of thē a - pos - tles



He hath sanc - ti - fied, the ra - tion - al liv - ing ark,  
*forth to dwell with - in the Ho - lies in sanc - ti - ty,*  
and re - new - al of all them that are born of earth;



which hath con - tained God the Word un - con - tain - a - ble; for as a  
*thē on - ly blest a - mong wom - en, the Maid most pure. In spir - it*  
for we through thee have been re - con - ciled un - to God. And there - fore,



child in the flesh, she is now won - drous - ly of - fered un -  
*both Jo - a - chim and An - na al - so re - joice with her*  
we all re - vere thy pro - gress in - to the tem - ple of



-to our God. And the ho - ly Zach - a - ri - as, the great High Priest  
*on this day; and the choirs of ho - ly vir - gins chant with psalms un -*  
God to - day; and with psalms we join thē An - gel, cry - ing out: Re -



of the Lord, doth re - ceive her with glad - ness as the  
*-to the Lord, while they hon - or His Moth - er with all*  
-joice, to thee, thē all - ven' - ra - ble Vir - gin, by whose



dwell - ing and a - bode of God.  
*rev - er - ance and pi - e - ty.*  
in - ter - ces - sion we are saved.

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## Second set of Stichera on Lord I have cried

Byzantine Mode 4  
Special Melody: As one valiant

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1) In that ho - li - est place of all, the most ho - ly and  
2) *The young maid-ens re - joice to - day, and while bear - ing their*  
3) All-famed An - na cried out in joy: Zach - a - ri - as, do

<sup>2</sup>



D E

blame-less Maid, in the Ho-ly Spir - it, doth come to dwell there - in;  
*shin - ing lamps, they go on be-fore the no - et - ic lamp of light;*  
thou re - ceive her whom in the Spir - it God's Proph-ets have pro - claimed;


<sup>3</sup>



D E

and by an An - gel is fed she who is tru - ly the  
*in - to the Ho - ly of Ho - lies, they es - cort her most*  
and lead her in - to the Lord's most ho - ly tem - ple to

<sup>4</sup>



ho - li - est tem-ple of our ho - ly God, who by dwell-ing Him-  
*sa - cred-ly and thus clear - ly sig - ni - fy that in - ef - fa - ble*  
dwell there-in, that she might most sa-cred - ly be brought up\_\_ to be -

<sup>5</sup>



D E

-self in her cleansed and sanc-ti - fied all cre - a - tion, and He hath  
*ra - di - ance soon a - bout to shine forth from her to en - light - en*  
-come the couch, pal - ace and a - bode, and di - vine throne and res - ting -

<sup>6</sup>



G

de - i - fied the ver - y na - ture of us mor - tals,  
*by the Spir - it all those sit - ting in the dark - ness*  
-place and bright - ly shin - ing house and hab - t - ta - tion

<sup>7</sup>



D E

though it had fal - len a - way from Him.  
*of gloom - y er - ror and ig - nor - ance.*  
of God, the Mas - ter and King of all.