November 24th

After-feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

(NOTE: These 3 stichera [not the verses] are used in "O Lord, I have cried" when this day falls on a Sunday.)

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special Melody: Thou art the joy

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

1) Come, all ye feast-lovers, let us honor with songs and hymns the only Theotokos, the pure Lady and Virgin. Ye virgins, with good cheer and with radiant lamps supplicate with exceeding joy the all immaculate Virgin as she is led in the temple of the Fashioner.

2) O let the gates be thrown open; ye virgins bearing lamps, receive within now in faith her brought into the temple, even the immaculate

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Moth er of God, and the joy of us all; and cry:

Bless ed art thou a mong wom en in ver y truth,

ev er - vir gin The o - to - kos, our hope.

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

3) The The o - to - kos, a ho - ly promise 's
glo rious fruit, is shown to all of man-kind as ex -
al t ed a bove all; and she doth ful - fill what her
par - ents had vowed, as in all god - ly pi - e -
she is es - cort ed now in - to the house of God,
the Di - vine Spir - it pre - serv - ing her.

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