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

1) With songs and hymns, O ye faithful, come let us gather to praise her that was wonderfully born from a mother once barren: The Mother of the Maker, the pure Bride of God; words of the Spirit, let us weave the Virgin fair garlands of song, receive with rejoicing her that is the house of the glory of God and with virgins and shining lamps, let us go as we all praise her joyously; and as is and alone hath most wonderfully become more

2) As it were plucking all manner of flowers
3) Now let the gates of the temple of God the Lord be prepared, and let them be thrown open and received once again:

4) and with virgins and shining lamps, let us go as we all praise her joyously; and as is and alone hath most wonderfully become more

5) in to the temple to meet her now, meet, let us offer them unto her high than the Heavens beyond all thought;

6) as she entereth the Holy places within.

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.