

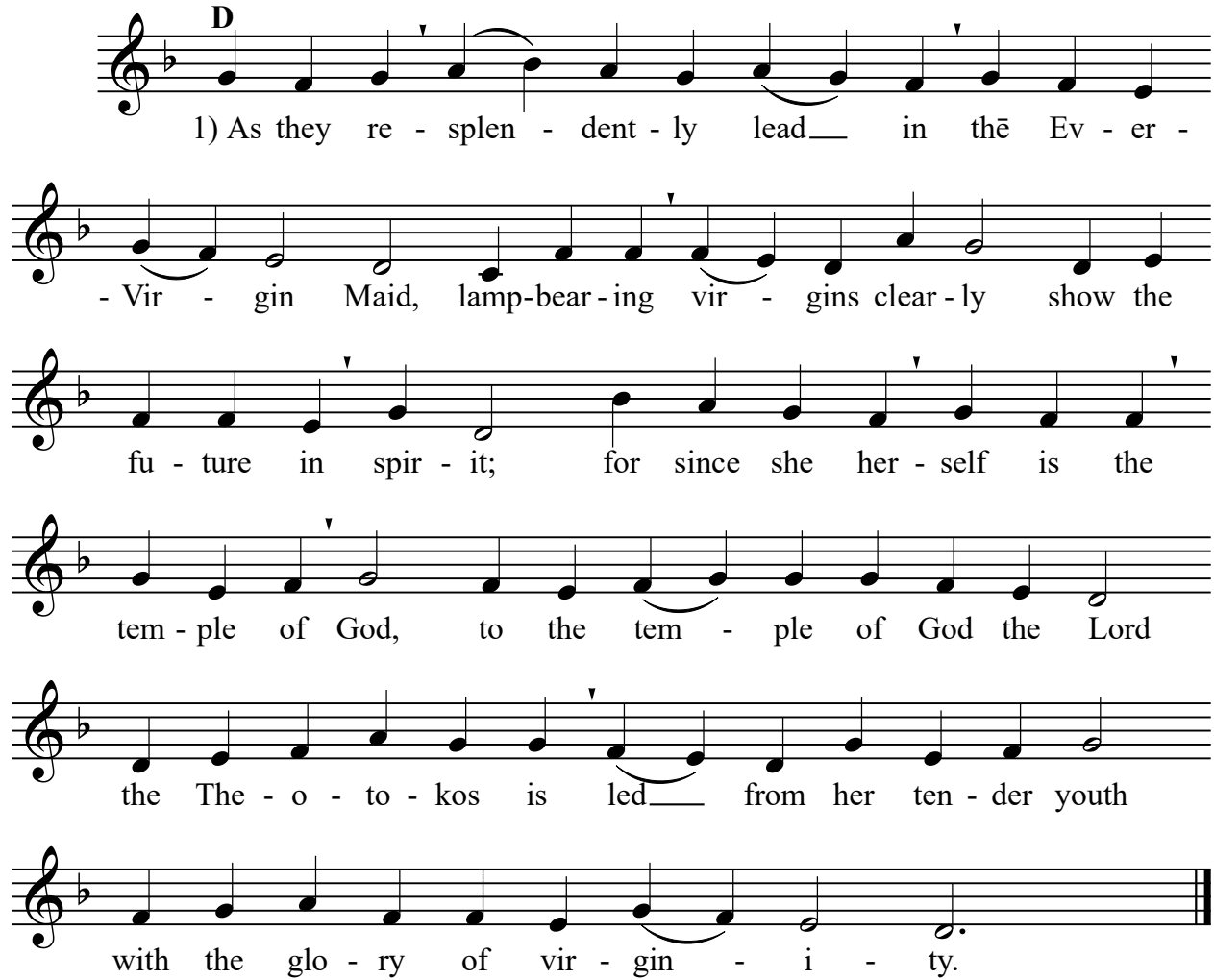
November 21st

The Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple

Stichera on the Praises

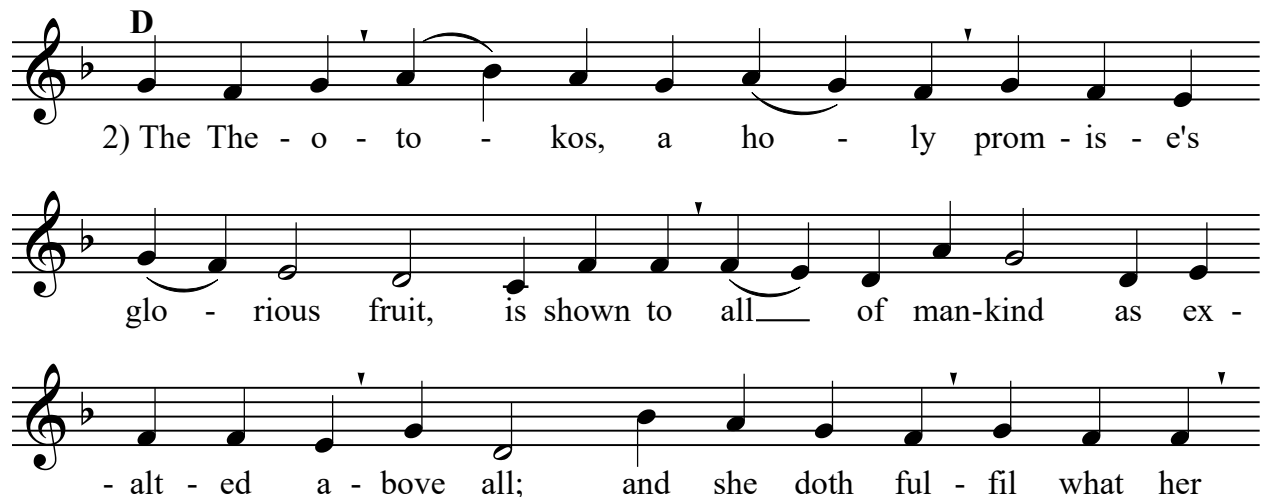
Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special Melody: Thou art the joy

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1) As they re - splen - dent - ly lead in the Ev - er -
- Vir - gin Maid, lamp-bear - ing vir - gins clear - ly show the
fu - ture in spir - it; for since she her - self is the
tem - ple of God, to the tem - ple of God the Lord
the The - o - to - kos is led from her ten - der youth
with the glo - ry of vir - gin - i - ty.

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2) The The - o - to - kos, a ho - ly prom - is - e's
glo - rious fruit, is shown to all of man-kind as ex -
- alt - ed a - bove all; and she doth ful - fil what her

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par - ents had vowed, as in all — god - ly pi - e - ty
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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3) In the Lord's tem - ple with faith — thou wast raised on
heav'n - ly bread, where - af - ter thou, O Vir - gin, didst con -
- ceive for the whole world the Word, the Bread of Life, to Whom
thou wast be - trothed as a tem - ple e - lect and pure
by the Di - vine Spir - it mys - ti - c'lly, and wast wed
un - to God the Fa - ther blame - less - ly.

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4) Now let the gate of the temple of God be
opened wide; for she who is the temple and throne
of the King of all today is brought in glory by
Joachim, who consecrates her to the Lord,
Who had Himself truly chosen her out of all
to become His Mother in the flesh.