

November 21st

# Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple

## Stichera on "O Lord, I have cried" - 2nd Set

Byzantine Mode 4  
Special Melody: *As one valiant*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) In that ho - li - est place of all, the most ho - ly and

blame-less Maid, in the Ho - ly Spir - it, doth come to dwell there-in;

and by an An - gel is fed she who is tru - ly the

ho - li - est tem - ple of our ho - ly God, who by dwell - ing Him -

- self in her cleansed and sanc - ti - fied all cre - a - tion, and He hath

de - i - fied the ver - y na - ture of us mor - tals,

though it had fal - len a - way from Him.

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**E** **Un.**  
2) The young maid - ens re - joice to - day, and while bear - ing their

**E**  
shin - ing lamps, they go on be - fore\_ the no - et - ic lamp of light;

in - to the Ho - ly of Ho - lies, they es - cort\_ her most

sa - cred - ly and thus clear - ly sig - ni - fy that in - ef - fa - ble

ra - di - ance soon a - bout to shine forth from her\_ to en - light - en

**G**  
by the Spir - it all those sit - ting in the dark - ness

**E**  
of gloom - y er - - - ror and ig - nor - ance.

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**E** Un.

3) All-famed An - na cried out in joy: Zach - a - ri - as, do

**E**

thou re-ceive her whom in the Spir - it God's Proph-ets have pro-claimed;

and lead her in - to the Lord's most ho - ly tem - ple to

dwell there-in, that she might most sa-cred-ly be brought up to be -

-come the couch, pal - ace and a - bode, and di - vine throne and res - ting -

**G**

-place and bright - ly shin - ing house and hab - i - ta - tion

**E**

of God, the Mas - ter and King of all.