

November 22nd

After-Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: *O strange wonder*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih
from various sources

1) O strange won - der, great and mar - vel - ous! To - day by
vis - i - ble signs are pre - fig - ured things
spir - i - tual, e - ven that in - ef - fa - ble
thing that soon shall be brought to _____ pass. For she who
shone _____ the di - vine Light on the world
un - to God's tem - ple is now led as a bride.
Her _____ let us loud - ly praise as the won - drous, ho - ly,
Un. ev - er - lu - mi - nous tem - ple of the God - head
of the Light - be - stow - er, _____ Christ.

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2) Now wise Jo - a - chim and An - na bring a first - fruit
 pleas - ing in truth un - to Him Who had
 gra - cious - ly thought it good to give to them,
 as di - vine fruit, the Child of God, the Maid - en
 Mar - y, through whom the pen - al - ty
 of sor - row lev - ied up - on us was an - nulled.
 Her let us praise in song pi - ous - ly with glad - ness;
 Un. for she is be - come thē au - gust pro - vid - er
 of great joy for all the world.

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3) Come, let us all gath - er mys - ti - c'ly; come, let us

strike up a song, and il - lu - mined with

G↓ C G↓

lamps of faith, let us sing the Vir - gin's praise

C

and her prog - ress in maj - es - ty. En - t'ring God's

G↓

tem - ple with glo - ry and with lights,

C

she is be - trothed by the Spir - it won - drous - ly.

Let us now cel - e - brate her de - light - ful fes - ti -

Un. G↓

- val with god - ly joy, rev - el - ing up - on her

C

En - try in the tem - ple to - day.