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

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1) O strange wonder, great and marvelous! Today by visible signs are prefigured things spiritual, even that ineffable thing that soon shall be brought to pass. For she who shone the divine Light on the world unto God's temple is now led as a bride.

Her let us loudly praise as the wondrous, holy, everluminous temple of the Godhead of the Light be stower, Christ.
2) Now wise Jo-a-chim and An- na bring a first-fruit pleasing in truth un- to Him Who had graciously 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; for she is be- come the au- gust pro- vid- er of great joy for all the world.
3) Come, let us all gather mystically; come, let us strike up a song, and illumined with lamps of faith, let us sing the Virgin's praise and her progress in majesty. Entering God's temple with glory and with lights, she is betrothed by the Spirit wonderfully.

Let us now celebrate her delightful festival with godly joy, reveling upon her Entry in the temple today.