

November 20th

# Forefeast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple

## Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 1  
Special Melody: Thou art the joy

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1) With songs and hymns, O ye faith - ful, come let us  
gath - er to praise her that was won - drous - ly born from a  
moth - er once bar - ren: The Moth - er of the Mak - er, the pure Bride of God;  
and with vir - gins and shin - ing lamps, let us go  
in - to the tem - ple to meet her now,  
as she en - ter - eth the Ho - lies with - in.

*Verse:* The virgins that follow after her shall be brought unto the King, those near her shall be brought unto Thee.

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2) As it were pluck - ing all man - ner of flow - ers  
on this day from the no - et - ic mead - ows of the  
words of the Spir - it, let us weave the Vir - gin fair gar - lands of song,

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as we all praise her joy - ous - ly; and as is  
meet, let us of - fer them un - to her  
as a gift for the Pre - fes - ti - val.

*Verse:* They shall be brought with gladness and rejoicing, they shall be brought into the temple of the King.

3) Now let the gates of the tem - ple of God the  
Lord be pre - pared, and let them be thrown o - pen and re -  
-ceive with re - joic - ing her that is the house of the glo - ry of God  
and a - lone hath most won - drous - ly be - come more  
high than the Heav - ens be - yond all thought;  
and let Christ the Sav - ior be ex - tolled.