November 21
THE ENTRANCE
OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY INTO THE TEMPLE

Hymn

melody: Pod tvoj pokrov / We Hasten to Your Patronage

1. Come, all you lovers of the feasts: with joy now greet the day.

2. Today the temple of our God receives the perfect Ark.

When Joachim and Anna came up o'er the mountain way.
Prepared beforehand to receive the Law's fulfillment, Christ.

They journeyed on to keep a vow made to our God, the Lord;
For this glad feast of Entrance now we sing with praises meet.

They brought their only child to Him, best gift they could afford.
With Mary, to the Father, Son, and to the Paraclete.
To-day is the prelude of God's benevolence and the herald of our salvation; for the Virgin openly appears in the temple of God and foretells Christ to all. Let us also with full voice exclaim to her:

Rejoice, fulfillment of the Creator's plan.

Cantor

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Kontakion - Tone 4

The most pure Temple of the Saviour, the most precious Bridal Chamber and Virgin, the Treasury of the glory of God, is led today into the house of the Lord, bringing grace in the Spirit of God.
God's angels praise her in song; she is the Heavenly Ark.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant; from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.

Verse: The rich among the people will seek your favor.

Let us who mystically represent the cherubim and sing the thrice-holy hymn to the life-creating, life-creating Trinity now set aside all earthly cares.

Prokeimenon - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):

Alleluia - Tone 8 (Psalm 44:11,13):

Cherubic Hymn based on "O, kto, kto"
After the commemorations:

Amen. That we may receive the King of all, invisibly escorted by angelic hosts. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Al - le - lu - ia.

Anamnesis Acclamation

We praise you, we bless you, we thank you, thank you, O Lord, and we pray to you, our God, and we pray to you, our God.

Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”

Magnification:

The angels were struck with amazement, beholding the entrance of the Most Pure; seeing how the Virgin entered into the
Irmos:  

Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting

Let no uninitiated hand touch the living Ark of God; but let faithful lips, singing without ceasing the words of the angel to the Theotokos, cry aloud in great joy: O pure Virgin, you are truly exalted over all.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):

I shall take the chalice of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hymn for the Entrance

text: John Kahanick

1. See-ing Mar-ty come this day to the Temple of the Lord,
   An-gels mar-velled with great joy, sing-ing all in one ac-cord.
   Came this young child, on-ly three, Moth-er of our God to be.

2. To the Temple brought was she, In-stru-ment of God to be.
   all be-cause of Ad-am's fall, came to bring forth Christ for all.
   Hail to the Cre-a-tor's plan for sal-va-tion of man.

3. Child of beau-ty to be-hold, by the Proph-ets was fore-told.
   To the Temple came to stay, in God's ser-vice there to pray.

4. Mar-ty, Vir-gin full of Grace, cho-sen from the hu-man race,
   To the Temple came to live, there to Gd her life to give.

5. To the Ho-ly of Ho-lies came this maid-en free from sin,
   Brought by Jo-a-chim and Anne, there her new life to be-gin.