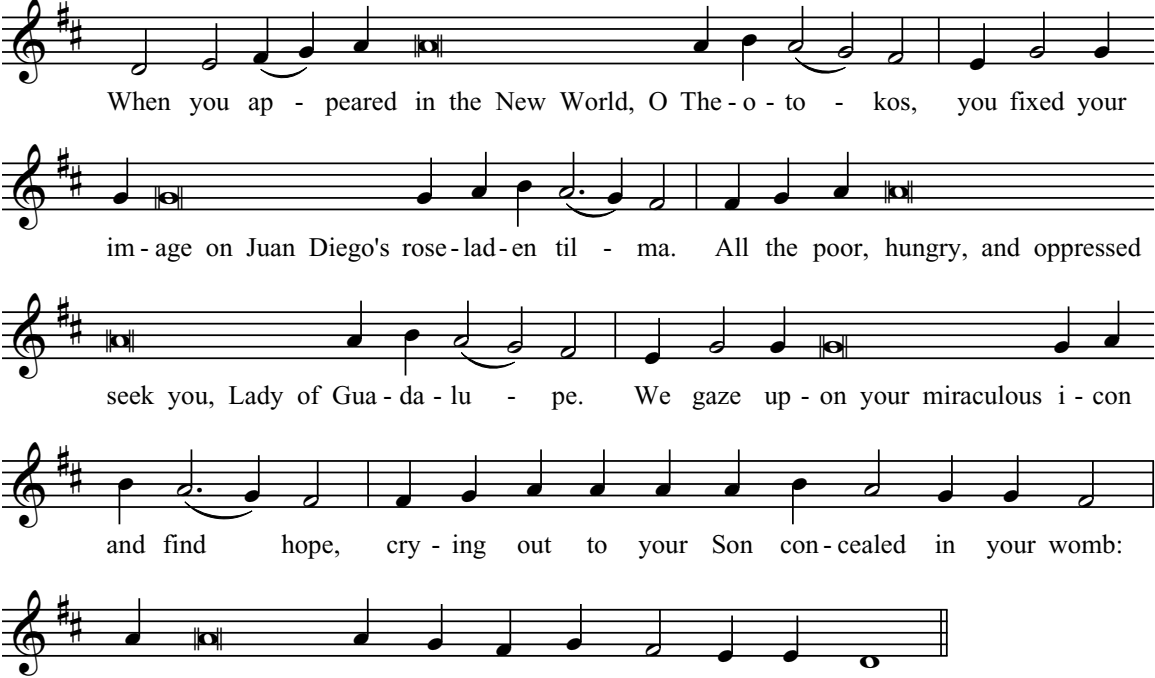


Divine Liturgy Propers, December 12

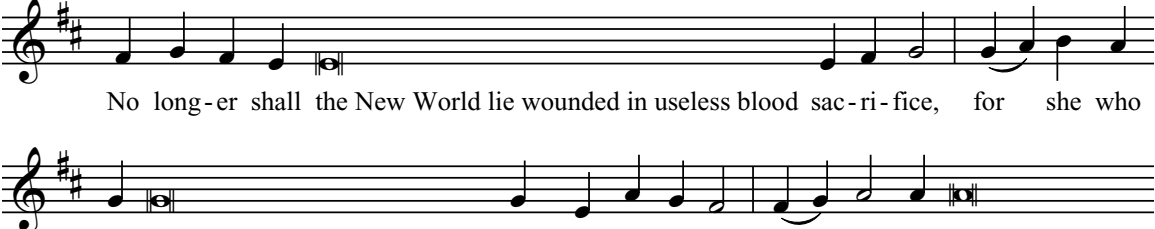
The Theotokos of Guadalupe, who first appeared on Dec. 9, 1531 in Mexico to St. Juan Diego, bestowing on him an icon “not made with human hands,” requesting that a church be built in her honor on that mountain. Her shrine there is one of the most celebrated places of pilgrimage in the Americas. Pope John Paul II named her the Patroness of the Americas.

Troparion - *Tone 4*



When you ap - peared in the New World, O The - o - to - kos, you fixed your
im - age on Juan Diego's rose-lad-en til - ma. All the poor, hungry, and oppressed
seek you, Lady of Gua - da - lu - pe. We gaze up - on your miraculous i - con
and find hope, cry - ing out to your Son con-cealed in your womb:
Hear our plea for jus - tice, O most mer - ci - ful Lord.

Kontakion - *Tone 7*



No long-er shall the New World lie wounded in useless blood sac-ri-fice, for she who
is clothed with the sun has re-vealed the Son to us. O Moth-er of the Americas,



imprint his name upon our hearts, just as you wove your im-age in-to the cac-tus cloth.



Teach your chil-dren to cry out: O Christ God, our hope, glo-ry to you!

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



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spir-it re-joic-es



in God my Sav- - - ior.

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

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



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.
Verse: The rich among the people will seek your favor.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):

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I shall take the chal - - ice, the chal - ice of sal - va - tion,



and call up - on the name, the name of the Lord.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!