

**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 lov-ers of the feasts: with joy now greet the day  
2. To - day the tem-ple of our God re - ceives the per - fect Ark



When Jo - a - chim and An-na came up o'er the moun - tain way.  
Pre - pared a - fore-hand to re - ceive the Law's ful - fill - ment, Christ.

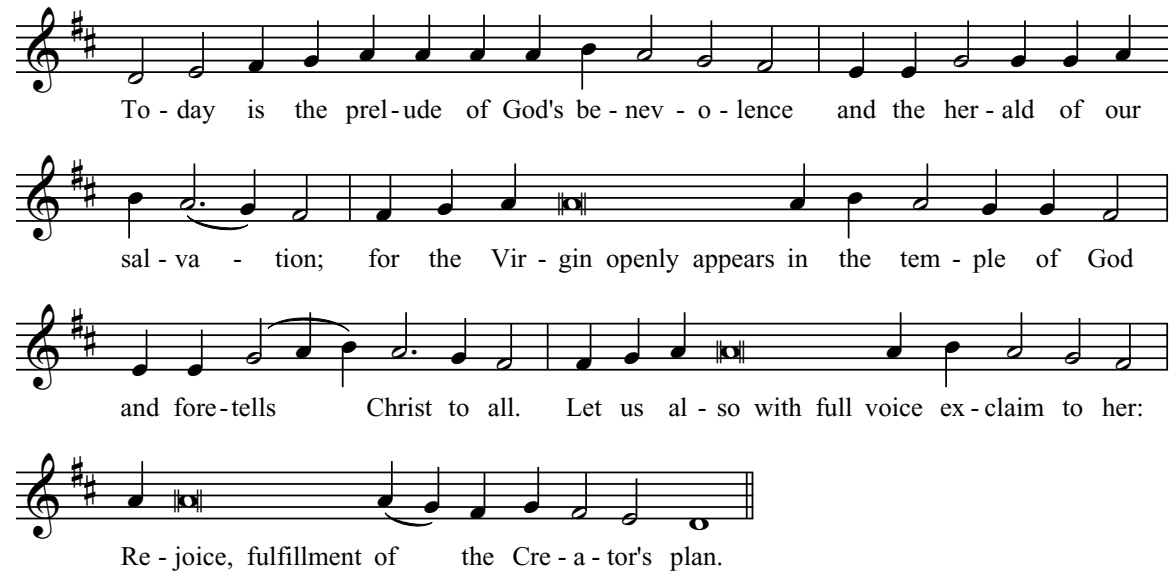


They jour-neyed on to keep a vow made to our God, the Lord;  
For this glad feast of En - trance now we sing with prais - es meet



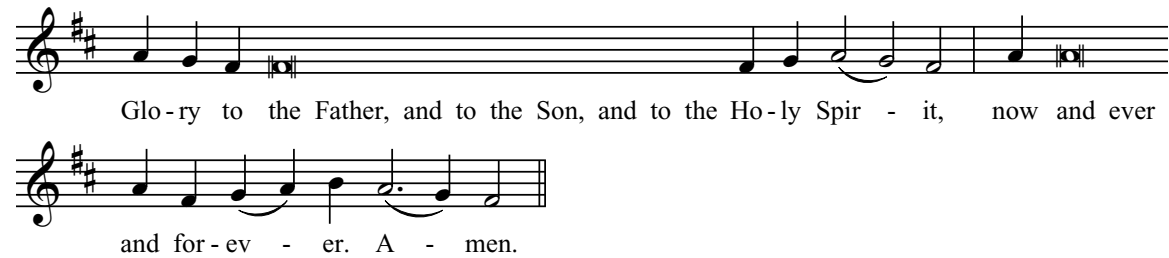
They brought their on - ly child to Him, best gift they could af - ford.  
With Mar - y, to the Fa - ther, Son, and to the Par - a - clete.

**Troparion - Tone 4**



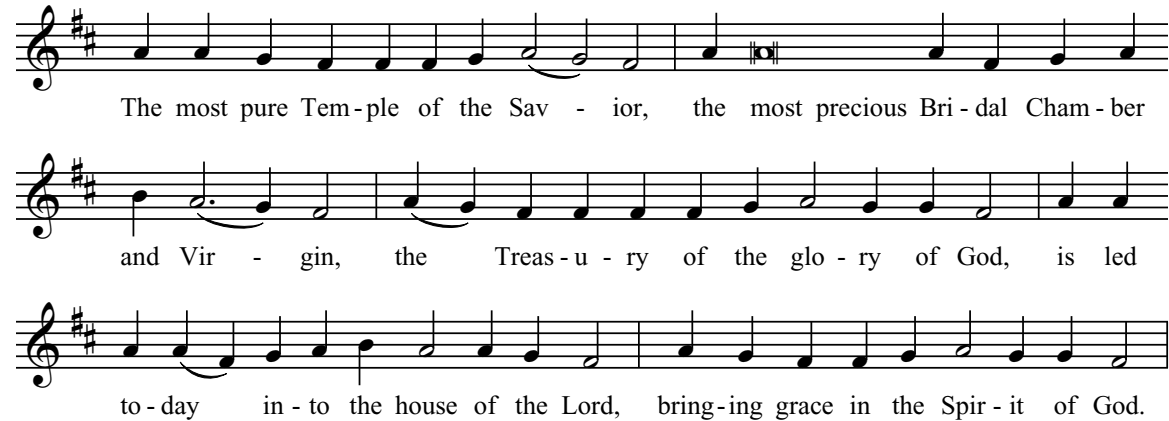
To - day is the pre - lude of God's be - nev - o - lence and the her - ald of our  
sal - va - tion; for the Vir - gin openly appears in the tem - ple of God  
and fore - tells Christ to all. Let us al - so with full voice ex - claim to her:  
Re - jice, fulfillment of the Cre - a - tor's plan.

*Cantor*



Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, now and ever  
and for - ev - er. A - men.

**Kontakion - Tone 4**



The most pure Tem - ple of the Sav - ior, the most precious Bri - dal Cham - ber  
and Vir - gin, the Treas - u - ry of the glo - ry of God, is led  
to - day in - to the house of the Lord, bring - ing grace in the Spir - it of God.

## Hymn for the Entrance

text: John Kahanick



1. See - ing Mar - y come this day to the Tem - ple of the Lord,
2. To the Tem - ple brought was she, In - stru - ment of God to be.
3. Child of beau - ty to be - hold, by the Proph - ets was fore - told.
4. Mar - y, Vir - gin full of Grace, cho - sen from the hu - man race,
5. To the Ho - ly of Ho - lies came this maid - en free from sin,



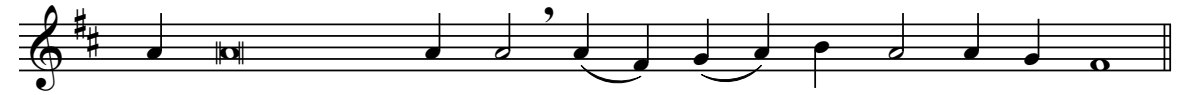
An - gels mar - velled with great joy, sing - ing all in one ac - cord.  
all be - cause of Ad - am's fall, came to bring forth Christ for all.  
To the Tem - ple came to stay, in God's ser - vice there to pray.  
To the Tem - ple came to live, there to Gd her life to give.  
Brought by Jo - a - chim and Anne, there her new life to be - gin.



Came this young child, on - ly three, Moth - er of our God to be.



Hail to the Cre - a - tor's plan for sal - va - tion of man.



God's angels praise her in song; she is the Heav - en - ly Ark.

## 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.

## Cherubic Hymn

based on "O, kto, kto"



Let us who mys - tic - 'ly rep - re - sent the cher - u - bim and sing the



thrice - ho - ly hymn to the life - cre - at - ing, life - cre - at - ing Trin - i - ty



now set a - side all earth - ly cares.

After the commemorations:

A - men. That we may re-ceive the King of all, in - vis - i - bly es -  
 cort - ed by an - gel - ic hosts. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 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,  
 and we pray to you, our God.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

**Magnification:**

The an - gels were struck with a - maze - ment, be - hold - ing the en - trance  
 of the Most Pure; see - ing how the Vir - gin en - tered in - to the

Ho - ly of Ho - lies.

**Irmos:**

*Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting*

Let no un - in - i - ti - at - ed hand touch the liv - ing Ark of God;  
 but let faith - ful lips, sing - ing with - out ceas - ing the words of  
 the angel to the The - o - to - kos, cry a - loud in great joy: O pure  
 Vir - gin, you are tru - ly ex - alt - ed o - ver all.

**Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):**

I shall take the chal - ice of sal - va - tion, and call up - on the name of the Lord.

*Refrain*

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