Divine Liturgy Variables on November 21
Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God and in His holy mountain. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

God is known in her palaces for a refuge. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God. (***Refrain***)

Glory… Both now… (***Refrain***)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, who art wondrous in the saints, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall enter in thereat. (***Refrain***)

Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteousness. (***Refrain***)

Glory… Both now… O, only begotten Son and Word of God…

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor. The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. Virgins shall be brought to the King after her: her companions shall be brought unto Thee.

- *During the little entrance, after the verses of the third antiphon, chant the apolytikion of the Entrance of the Theotokos. The eisodikon (entrance hymn) is "Come, let us worship… save us, O Son of God, who art wondrous in the saints…" After the little entrance, chant these hymns in the following order:*

APOLYTIKION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR
(CHANT) (CHORAL)

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying: Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

- *Do NOT sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*

KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR
(***Thou Who wast raised up***) (CHANT) (CHORAL)

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

THE EPISTLE

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.

The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)

Brethren, the first tabernacle had ordinances of the divine services and an earthly sanctuary. For the first tabernacle was prepared, in which were the candlestick, and the table, and the bread of the offering, which is called the Sanctuary. And behind the second veil stood the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies; having a golden altar of incense, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, which contained a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the two tablets of the covenant; and above it the two Cherubim of glory overshadowing the Ark's lid; of these things, we cannot now speak in particular. Now these things having been thus prepared, the priests go in continually into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the divine services; but into the second the high priest enters alone, once in the year, not without blood, which he offers for himself, and for the ignorances of the people.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:38-42; 11:27-28)

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Him and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As He said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that Thou didst suck!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

MEGALYNARION OF THE ENTRANCE IN TONE FOUR (**CHANT**) (**CHORAL**)

Beholding the Entry of the all-pure one, the angels' hosts were sore amazed, how the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies.
Let the hand of the uninitiated in no wise touch the living ark of God; and let the lips of the faithful chant unceasingly to the Theotokos with the voice of the Angel; and let them shout in gladness: Truly thou art more exalted than all things, O pure Virgin.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THE ENTRANCE IN TONE EIGHT

I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

- *Post-Communion Hymn: "We have seen the true light."*

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother—whose Entrance into the Holy of Holies we celebrate—by the might of the precious and life-giving cross; by the protection of the honorable bodiless powers of heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, whose Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of the holy, glorious and right-

victorious martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing fathers; of Saint N. (*patron saint of the church*); of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as he is good and loveth mankind.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

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