

Stichera at the Litya

Entrance into the Temple - November 21

Common Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Tone 1

Soprano
Alto

To - day, let heav - en a - bove re - joice, and let the clouds

Tenor
Bass

rain down glad - ness at the migh - ty and exceeding marvel - ous

works of our God. For behold, the Gate that looks t'wards the east,

who was born from a barren and childless woman according to the

prom - ise and dedicated to God as His dwell - ing place,

is to - day brought to the Temple as an offering with - out blem -

ish. Let David be glad— strik - ing his harp. For he says:

"Virgins shall be brought to the King af - ter her, her companions will

be brought to Him"; that she may be raised within God's tabernacle,

His place of a - tone - ment, to become the dwelling of Him

who was begotten of the Father with - out change be - fore the

a - ges, for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Tone 4

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Today the Theotokos, the Temple that is to hold God,

is brought into the Tem - ple of the Lord and Zach - a - ri - ah

re - ceives her. Today the Holy of Ho - lies is glad, and the choir

of An - gels mys - tic - 'ly keeps the feast. With them let us celebrate

the feast to - day, and with Gabriel let us cry a - loud: "Rejoice, O full

of grace, the Lord is with you, He Who has great mer - cy!"

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Come, all peo - ples, let us praise her who alone is without

blem - ish, who was pro - claimed by the Prophets and now is

offered in the Tem - ple; the Mother foreordained before the

a - ges, who in the last days has been shown forth as

The - o - to - - - kos. By her in - ter - ces - sions, O Lord,

grant us Your peace and great mer - cy!

*In the 5th tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Tone 5

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

The day of joy has dawned and the feast worthy of all

rev' - rence: for today, she who was a Virgin before giving birth

and remained a Virgin after bear - ing a child, is brought in - to

the Tem - ple. The a - ged Zach - a - ri - ah, fa - ther of the

Fore - run - ner, rejoices and cries out in glad - ness: "The Ex - pec - ta -

tion of those in af - flic - tion has come!" She, who is ho - ly, has

come to the holy Tem - ple, there to be consecrated as the dwelling-

place of the Lord of all! Let Jo - achim, the forefather, be glad

and let An - na re - joice! For they have of - fered to God

the Lady without blem - ish, like a heifer three years old.

Re - joice with them, O moth - ers; leap for joy, you vir - gins;

join them in the dance, you barren wom - en, for the King - dom

of Heaven has been opened to us, by her who is foreordained

the Queen of all. Re - joice and be glad O peo - ples!