

11/21 The Entry of the Mother of God into the Temple

*On “Lord, I have cried”
“Glory”-“Both now” in the 8th tone*

After thy nativity, O Mistress, **B**ride of God, /
thou didst go into *the temple* of the Lord / to be
reared in the **H**oly of **H**o_lies / as a consecrated
maid_en. / Then was Gabriel sent to *bring food*
unto thee, / the **all**_ *immaculate* one. / All the
heavenly **p**owers were *amazed,* / beholding the Holy
Spi_.**rit**_ / *abiding within*_ thee. / Wherefore, O
all pure and undefiled **M**other of God, / glorified *in*
heaven *and* on earth, // save **thou** thy race.

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1st Sticheron of the Litya in the 1st tone

Let **heav_**en rejoice *today* from *on high*, / and
let the clouds drop *down* **glad_**ness / at the
excellent, most glorious and mighty **works** of our
God! / For lo! the **portal** which **faceth** east, / who was
born_ of a barren **wo_**man / according to *God's*
pro_mise, / and **became** a dwelling place **sanctified**
for God, / is brought forth as an **unblemished**
offering. / Let **Dav_**id **rejoice**, striking *his* harp! /
For he said, "The virgins that *follow* **after** her / shall
be **brought before** the King / those near her shall be
brought into the **tabernacle** of God, / **in_**to His
sanctuary, to be reared in *the* **dwelling** place of Him /
who for the *salvation* of our souls, // was
incorruptibly begotten of the Father before **time**
began.

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After the Gospel and Psalm 50

in the 2nd tone

Glo_ry to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy **Spi_rit_**. / Today the animate temple of the **great_ King** / **entereth** the temple to *prepare* herself / as a divine dwelling **place** for Him. // Be glad, O *ye* **peo_ple_._._**.

Both **now_**, and ever and unto the ages of **a_ges**. Amen_. / Today the animate temple of the **great_ King** / **entereth** the temple to *prepare* herself / as a divine dwelling **place** for Him. // Be glad, O *ye* **peo_ple_._._**.

in the 6th tone

Have mercy on **me**, O God, / according to Thy great **mer_cy**, / and according to the multitude of Thy **compas_._._sions**, // blot out my *transgres_._._sion*.

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Continuing after the Gospel and Psalm 50

and, in the 4th tone

Today the Theotokos, / the temple who
contained God, / *was led* into the **temple** of the
Lord, / and Zachariah **received**_ her. / Today the
Holy of holies **rejoi**_. _ . _ . _ ceth, / and the choir of
angels doth keep *mystic* **festival**. / And with them we
also, **celebrating** today, / cry out with Gabriel:
Rejoice, O thou full of grace, // with thee is the Lord
who hath great **mer**_cy.