

November 21: The Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple
Stichera of the Praises (on Sunday)
Tone 1, Special Melody, "Joy of the ranks of heaven..."
 Seven Lakes Hermitage Melody

Stichos: Praise Him with timbrel and dance,

I-descant

II-chant
melody

Praise Him with strings and flute.

The virgins bearing lamps, who with their light accompany the ever

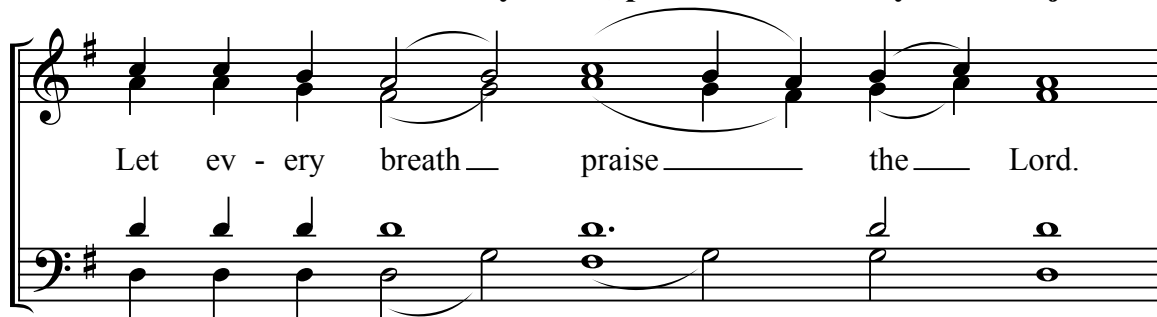
Virgin, verily prophesy the future in Spirit.

for the Temple of God, the Theotokos, enters with
virginal glory

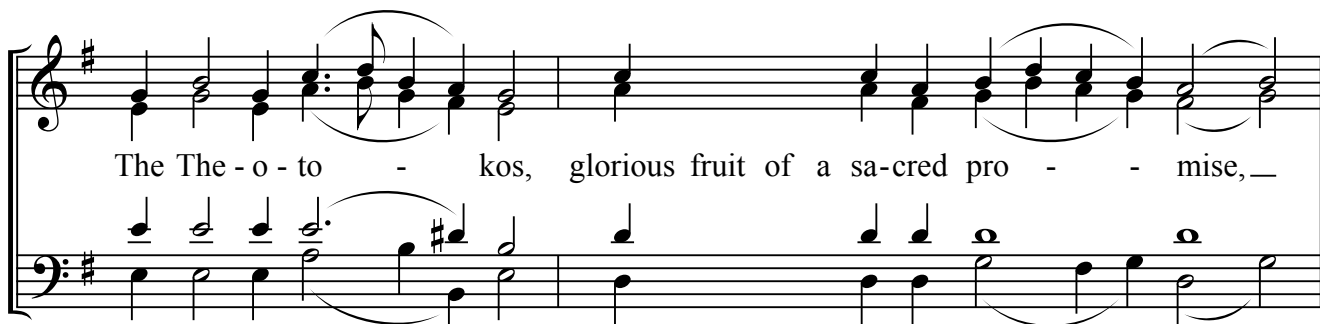


vir - gin - al glo - - - ry as a little child into the tem - ple.

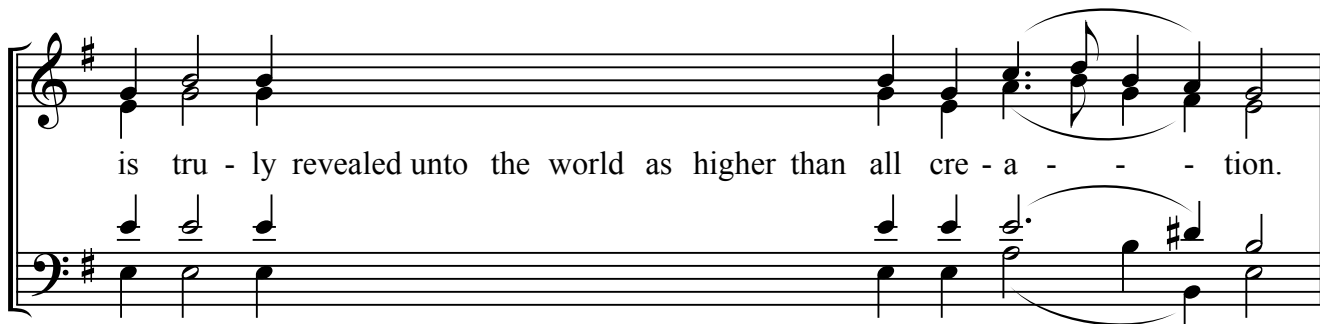
***Stichos:* Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation.**



Let ev - ery breath — praise — the — Lord.



The The - o - to - kos, glorious fruit of a sa - cred pro - - - mise, —



is tru - ly revealed unto the world as higher than all cre - a - - - tion.

Pi-ously led into the house of God, she fulfills the vow of her

par - - - ents and she is preserved by the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

Stichos: The virgins that follow after her shall be brought unto the King,

Those near her shall be brought un - to the King.

O Vir - gin, fed in faith by heavenly bread in the tem - ple of the Lord,

thou hast brought forth un - to the world_ the Bread of life that

is_ the Word; and as His chosen temple with-out - - - spot, _

thou wast betrothed mystically through the Spi - - - rit,

to be the Bride of God the Fa - ther.

Stichos: They shall be brought with gladness and rejoicing,

They shall be brought in - to the tem - ple of ___ the ___ King.

Let the gate of the tem - ple wherein God dwells be o - - - pened:

for Jo - achim brings within today in glo - - - - ry

the Temple and Throne of the King _____ of all, _____

and he con - se - crates as an of - fer - ing to God

her whom the Lord has chosen to be His Mo - ther.

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