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

Stichos: Praise Him for His mighty acts,

Praise Him according to the multitude of His greatness.

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

I-desc.

II-chant melody

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

Stichos: Praise Him with the sound of trumpet,

Praise Him with psalter y and harp.

The The-o-tokos, glorious fruit of a sacred pro-mise,

is truly 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 parents and she is preserved by the Holy Spirit.

Stichos: Praise Him with timbrel and dance,

Praise Him with strings and flute.

O Virgin, fed in faith by heavenly bread in the temple of the Lord,
thou hast brought forth unto the world the Bread of life that is the Word; and as His chosen temple without spot,
thou wast betrothed mystically through the Spirit, to be the Bride of God the Father.
Stichos: Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation.

Let every breath praise the Lord.

Let the gate of the temple wherein God dwells be opened: for Jo-achim brings within today in glory the Temple and Throne of the King of all, and he consecrates...
as an offering to God her whom the Lord has chosen to be His Mother.

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