November 21: The Entry of the Theotokos
Stichera on "Lord I have cried" (for a Sunday)
Tone 1, Special Melody, "O wondrous marvel..."
Kiev Caves Lavra Chant

(6) Reader: If Thou shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is forgiveness.

Today let us the faithful, dance for joy,

singing to the Lord, with psalms and hymns,

venerating His hallowed tabernacle, the living Ark,

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that contained the Word, Who cannot be contained.

For she, a young child in the flesh, is offered in wondrous fashion to the Lord, and with rejoicing Zacharias as the great High Priest receiveth her.
as the dwelling place of God.

(5) Reader: For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee,
O Lord, my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,

My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Today the living Temple of the holy glory of Christ our God, she who alone
among women is pure and blessed, is offered in the temple of the Law, that she may make her dwelling in the sanctuary. Joachim and Anna rejoice with her in spirit, and choirs of virgins
sing to the Lord, chanting psalms

and honoring His Mother.

(4) Reader: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch,

Let Israel hope in the Lord.

Thou, O Virgin Mother of God, art she, whom the
Prophets proclaimed. Thou art the glory of the apostles and the pride of the martyrs, the restoration of all who dwell on earth:

For through thee are we reconciled to God.

Therefore we honor thy coming into the temple of the Lord;
and saved by thine intercession, we all cry to thee:

with the angel: Rejoice! Most Holy.

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